CUSTOMER SEGMENTATION on Online Retail Dataset

Using Python Programming



Use Case Summary

Objective Statement:

- 1. Get business insight about how many product sold every month.
- 2. Get business insight about how much customer spend their money every month.
- 3. Get business insight about how many customers make transactions each month.
- 4. Get business insight about how much is the frequency of transactions in months, days, and hours.
- 5. Get business insight about the most popular products.
- 6. Get business insight about the most consumers by country.
- 7. To reduce risk in deciding where, when, how, and to whom a product, service, or brand will be marketed.
- 8. To increase marketing efficiency by directing effort specifically toward the designated segment in a manner consistent with that segment's characteristics.

Challenges:

- 1. Large size of data, can not maintain by excel spreadsheet.
- Demography data have a lot missing values.

Business Benefit:

- Helping Business Development Team to create product differentiation based on the characteristic for each customer.
- 2. Know how to treat customer with specific criteria.

Expected Outcome:

- Know how many product sold every month.
- 2. Know how much customer spend their money every month.
- Know how many customers make transactions each month.
- 4. Know how much is the frequency of transactions in months, days, and hours.
- 5. Know the most popular products.
- 6. Know the most customer by the country.
- 7. Customer segmentation analysis.
- Recommendation based on customer segmentation.

Business Understanding

Retail is the process of selling consumer goods or services to customers through multiple channels of distribution to earn a profit.

This case has some **business question** using the data:

- How many product sold every month?
- How much customer spend their money every month?
- How many customers make transactions each month?
- How much is the frequency of transactions in months, days, and hours?
- What products are the most popular?
- Most consumers by country?
- How about Customer segmentation analysis?
- How about recommendation based on customer segmentation?



Data Understanding

The data consists of 2 datasets.

Dataset I

- Online Retail Dataset between 01/12/2009 until 09/12/2010.
- The dataset consists of 525461 rows and 8 columns...

Dataset II

- Online Retail Dataset between 01/12/2010 until 09/12/2011.
- The dataset consists of 541910 rows and 8 columns..

Dataset

This Online Retail II data set contains all the transactions occurring for a UK-based and registered, non-store online retail between 01/12/2009 until 09/12/2011. The company mainly sells unique all-occasion gift-ware. Many customers of the company are wholesalers.

Data Dictionary

- Invoice : Invoice number. Nominal. A 6-digit integral number uniquely assigned to each transaction. If this code starts with the letter 'c', it indicates a cancellation.
- StockCode : Product (item) code. Nominal. A 5-digit integral number uniquely assigned to each distinct product.
- Description: Product (item) name. Nominal.
- Quantity: The quantities of each product (item) per transaction. Numeric.
- Invoice Date: Invice date and time. Numeric. The day and time when a transaction was generated.
- Price : Unit price. Numeric. Product price per unit in sterling (A£).
- Customer ID: Customer number. Nominal. A 5-digit integral number uniquely assigned to each customer.
- Country : Country name. Nominal. The name of the country where a customer resides.

Source Data

https://www.kaggle.com/mathchi/online-retail-ii-data-set-from-ml-repository

NUMBER OF PRODUCTS SOLD EACH MONTH IN 2009 - 2010



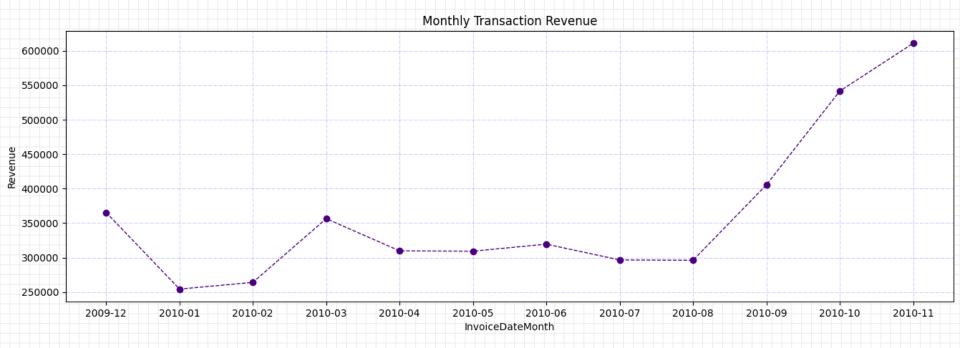
Product sold in November has the highest quantity that has around 13,97% product sold from all transaction along 1 year. Therefore the business team can increase sales in this month such as promoting new products to customers in this month.

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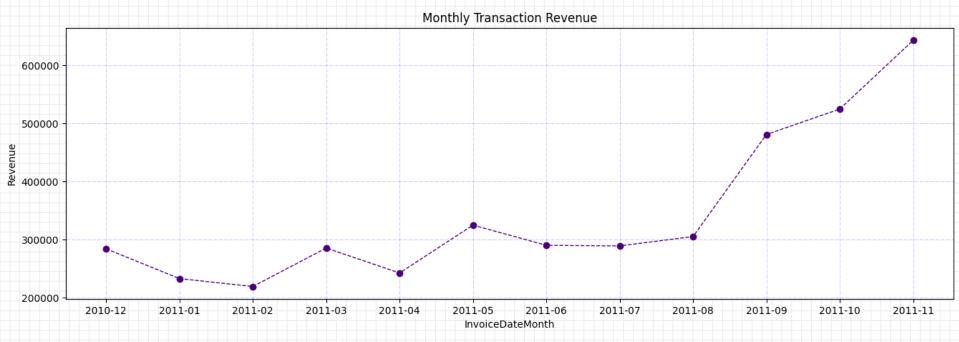
Same as in 2010, product sold in November has the highest quantity that has around 15,42% product sold from all transaction along 1 year. Therefore the business team can increase sales in this month such as promoting new products to customers in this month.

THE AMOUNT OF MONEY THAT CUSTOMERS SPEND ON EACH MONTH IN 2009 - 2010



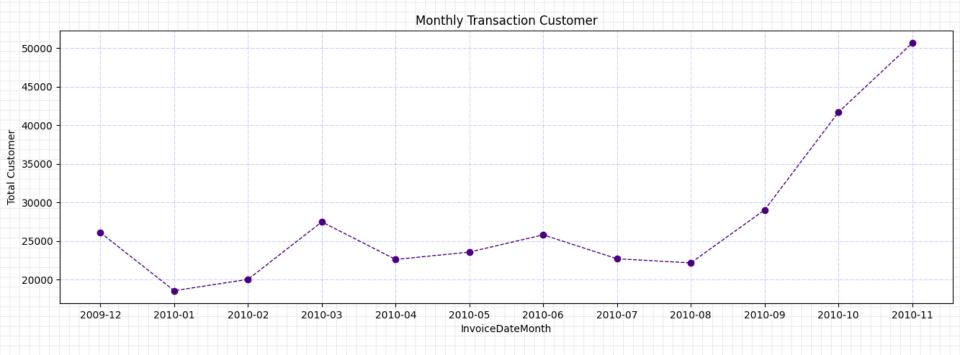
Revenue in November has the highest amount that has around 14,11% revenue from total revenue along 1 year. Therefore the business team can replicate the success of sales strategies in November to be implemented in other months.

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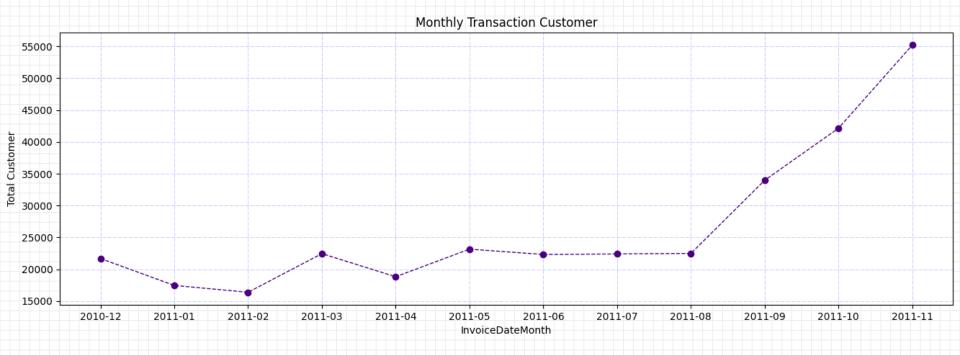
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NUMBER OF CUSTOMERS WHO MAKE TRANSACTIONS EVERY MONTH IN 2009 - 2010



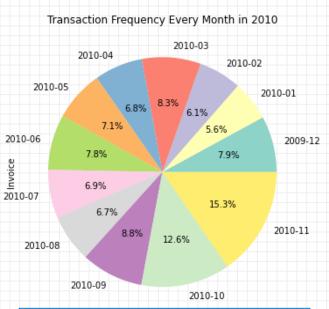
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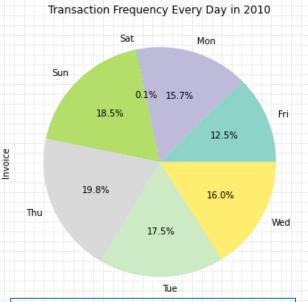


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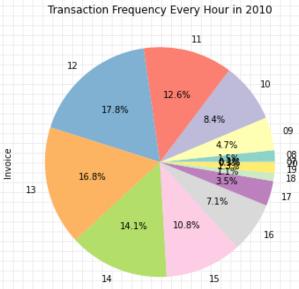
TRANSACTION FREQUENCY EVERY MONTH, DAY, AND HOUR IN 2009 - 2010



The number of customers in November is the highest number of customers that has around 15,3% of the total customers along 1 year. Business teams can increase sales by promoting new products to customers on November.

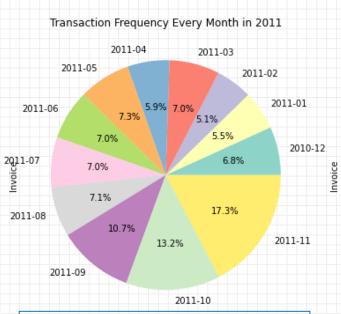


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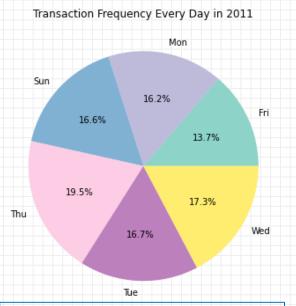


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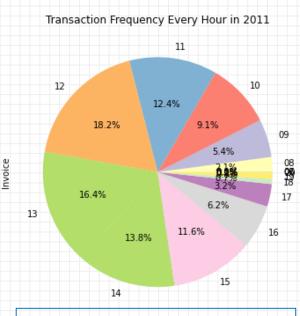
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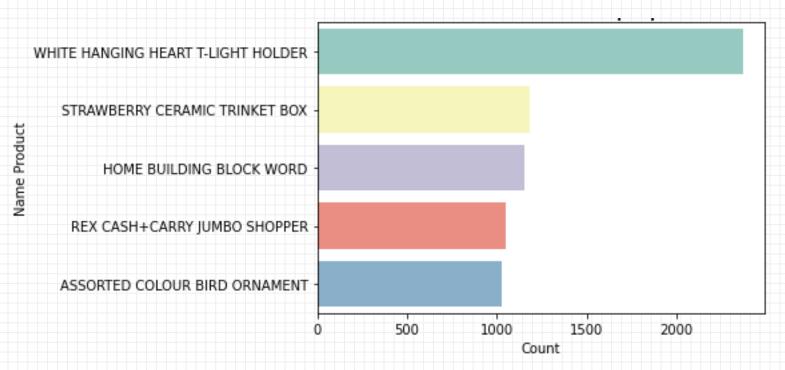


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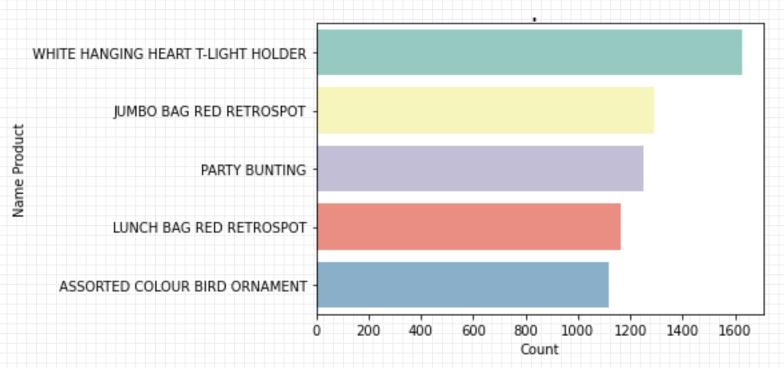
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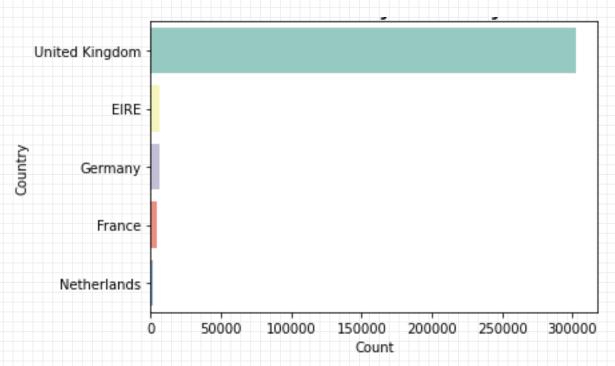
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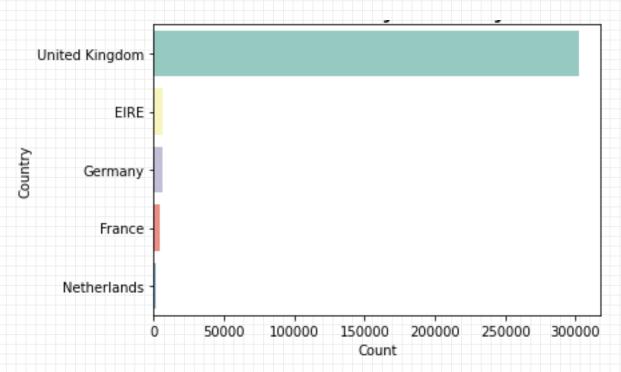
Same as in 2010, White Hanging Heart T-Light Holder became the product that was most in-demand by consumers in 2011. The number of purchases of White Hanging Heart T-Light reached 1625 units in 2011. The business team can provide special discounts from this product to attract more users.

THE MOST CUSTOMERS BY COUNTRY IN 2009 - 2010



The United Kingdom became the city with the highest number of customers in 2010. The total number of customers in United Kingdom reached 302776 (91.71%) customers in 2010. The business team can focus on promotions in the United Kingdom to increase sales.

THE MOST CUSTOMERS BY COUNTRY IN 2010 - 2011



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Recency, Frequency, Monetary Value (RFM) analysis method is a method of customer analysis and segmentation based on customer habits.

The variables used to perform RFM analysis are:

Recency : How recently the customer made a transaction.

Frequency: How often customers make transactions

Monetary : How many transactions the customer has made

In this case, the dataset contains transaction data from 01/12/2009 to 01/12/2011, so the RFM Value is treated as follows:

Recency: The difference between the last day the customer made a transaction and the day he did the analysis. In this case, the day of analysis uses the data of the last day of the transaction.

Frequency: The number of transactions made by customers from 01/12/2009 to 01/12/2011.

Monetary: Total order amount issued by customers from 01/12/2009 to 01/12/2011.

Here are the **steps** in RFM analysis:

1. Calculate RFM Value

	Customer ID	Recency	frequency	monetary
0	13085.0	305	61	1916.40
1	13078.0	0	347	11466.64
2	15362.0	74	31	444.81
3	12682.0	11	400	7977.27
4	18087.0	5	50	1675.26

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	1	13047.0	22	149	2646.26
2	2	12583.0	9	188	4765.36
,	3	14688.0	30	251	3444.50
	4	17809.0	7	27	729.45

RFM Value in 2009 - 2010

RFM Value in 2010 - 2011

2. Calculate RFM Score

The calculation of the individual RFM Score can be done using the Quartile statistical method. The steps is:

- 1. Split the metrics into segments using quantiles.
- 2. Assign a score from 1 to 4 to Recency, Frequency and Monetary.
- 3. Four is the best/highest value, and one is the lowest/worst value.

	Customer ID	Recency	frequency	monetary	R	F	М
0	13085.0	305	61	1916.40	1	3	4
1	13078.0	0	347	11466.64	4	4	4
2	15362.0	74	31	444.81	2	2	2
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RFM Score in 2009 - 2010

RFM Score in 2010 - 2011

3. Calculate the total RFM score

A total RFM score is calculated simply by combining individual RFM score numbers.

In 2009 - 2010

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In 2010-2011

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	Customer ID	Recency	frequency	monetary	R	F	М	RFM_score	RFM_Segment
0	17850.0	363	273	4462.16	1	4	4	9	144
1	13047.0	22	149	2646.26	3	4	4	11	344
2	12583.0	9	188	4765.36	4	4	4	12	444
3	14688.0	30	251	3444.50	3	4	4	11	344
4	17809.0	7	27	729.45	4	2	3	9	423

4. Labelling

Segment	RFM Score Range					
	R	F	М			
Best Customers	4	4	4			
Loyal Customers	3-4	3-4	3-4			
Potential Customers	3-4	1-3	1-3			
Customers Needing Attention	1-2	1-3	1-3			
Cant' Lose Them	1-2	4	4			
At Risk Customers	1-2	2-4	2-4			
Lost Customers	1	1	1			

Labelling in 2009-2010

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4091	17826.0	0	32	125.39	4	2	1	7	421	Potential Costumers
4092	15769.0	0	1	30.60	4	1	1	6	411	Potential Costumers
4093	16473.0	0	10	154.72	4	1	1	6	411	Potential Costumers
4094	17820.0	0	35	106.24	4	2	1	7	421	Potential Costumers
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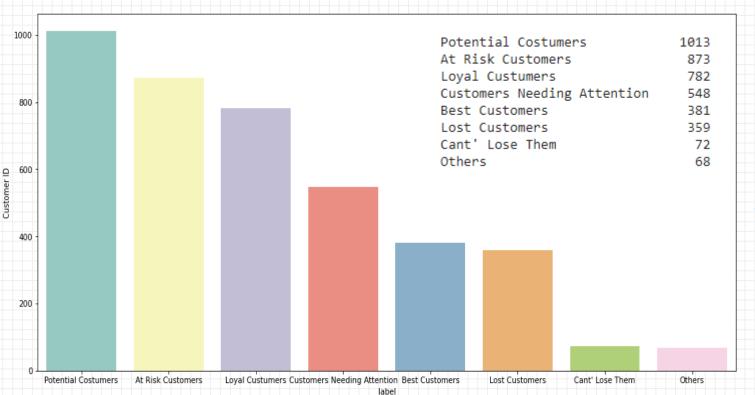
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4149	12953.0	0	10	192.45	4	1	2	7	412	Potential Costume
4150	12966.0	0	9	147.68	4	1	1	6	411	Potential Costume
4151	15060.0	0	105	252.14	4	4	2	10	442	Loyal Custume
4152	17911.0	0	36	294.35	4	3	2	9	432	Potential Costume

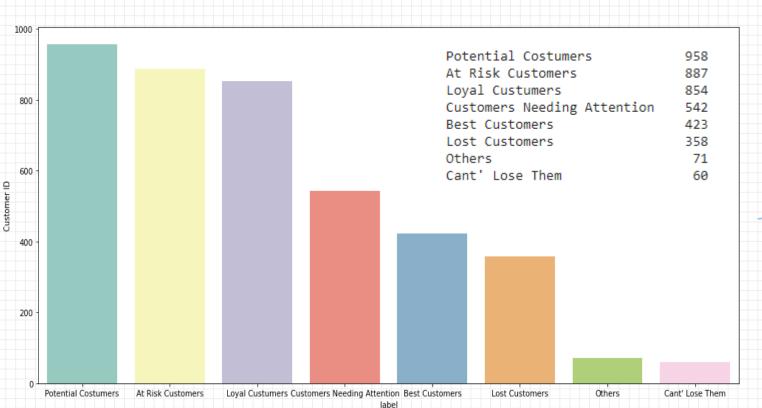
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RFM Analysis in 2009 - 2010





RFM Analysis in 2010 - 2011





K-Means Clustering

We have segmented customers based on RFM values to make a different and optimal approach with the Quantile Method. However, this RFM segmentation process can also be done by scoring or the original value using **Machine Learning techniques**.

Machine learning methods can be used for segmentation and are familiarly known as Unsupervised Machine Learning. The **Unsupervised Machine Learning** approach will study data patterns and then group each data into unique clusters.

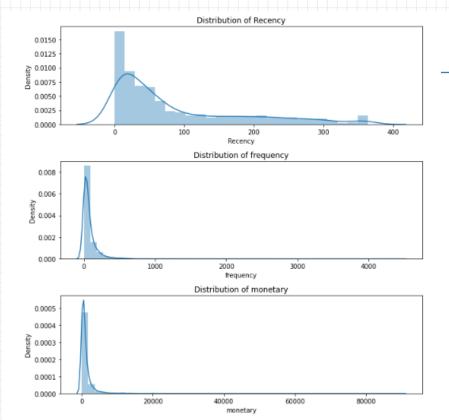
K-Means clustering algorithm is an unsupervised machine learning algorithm that uses multiple iterations to segment the unlabeled data points into K different clusters in a way such that each data point belongs to only a single group that has similar properties.



K-Means Clustering

K-means gives the best result under the following conditions:

1. Data's distribution is not skewed.



The data is highly skewed, therefore we will perform log transformations to reduce the skewness of each variable. I add a small constant as log transformation demands all the values to be positive.

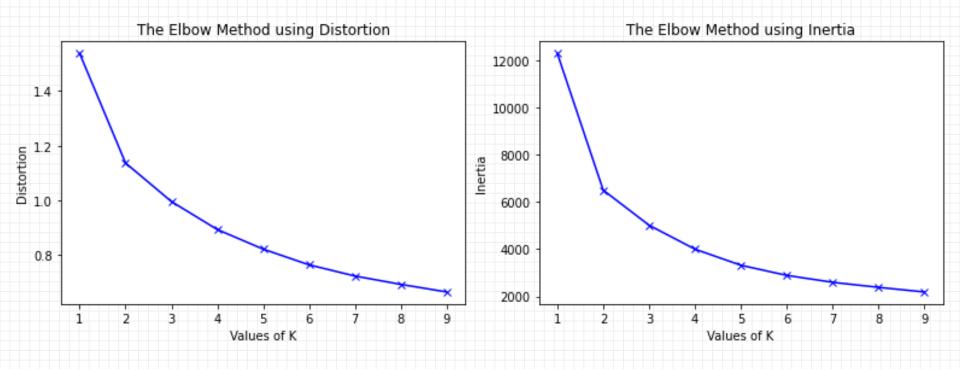
Data is standardised
 (i.e. mean of 0 and standard deviation of 1).

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scaler = StandardScaler()
scaler.fit(df_rfm_log)

RFM_scaled = scaler.transform(df_rfm_log)
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DATASET 1 (2009 – 2010)

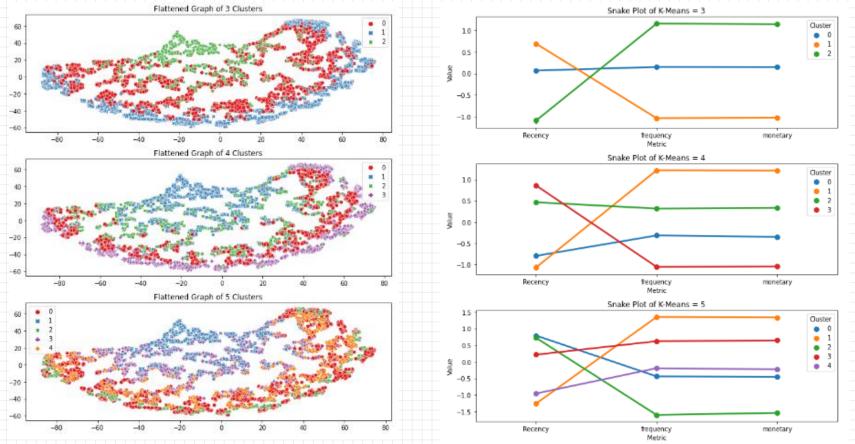
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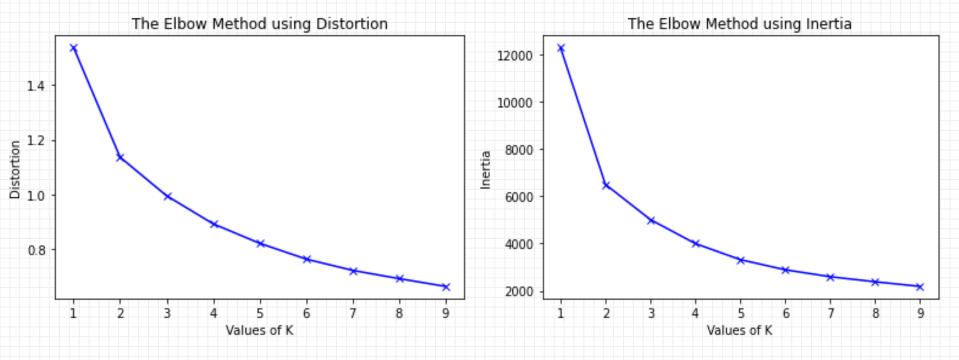
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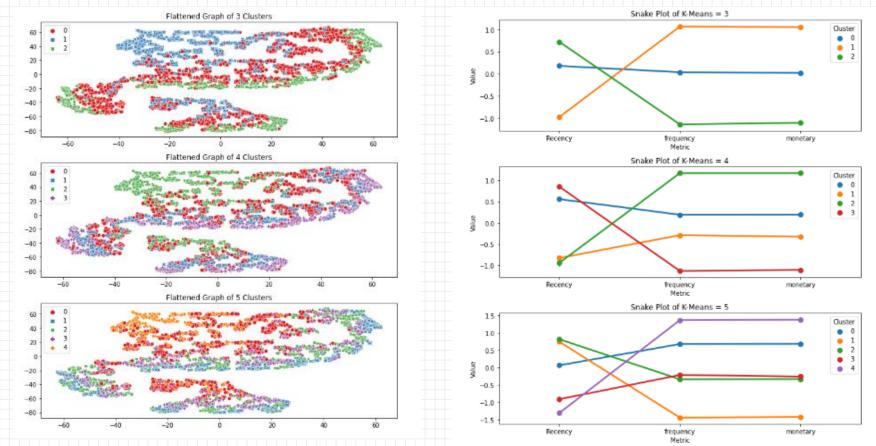
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K-Means Cluster	Davies Bouldin Score
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3	0.302
4	0.3146 (higher)
5	0.30197

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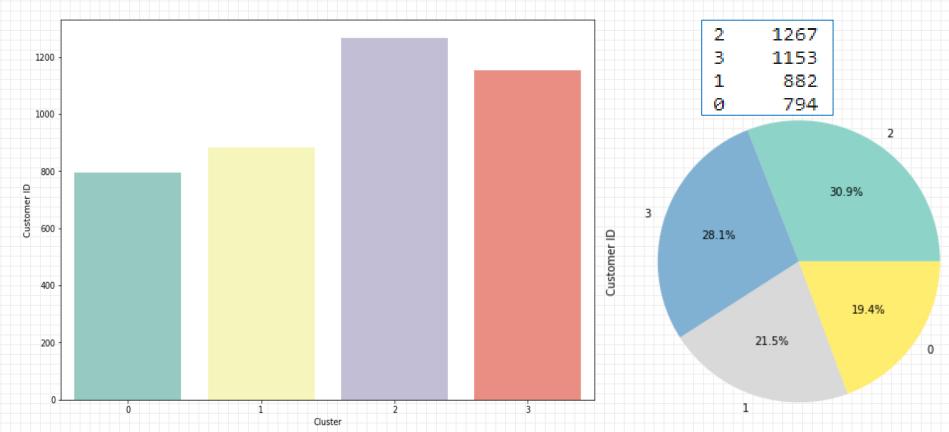
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INTERPRETATION OF THE CLUSTERS FORMED USING K-MEANS

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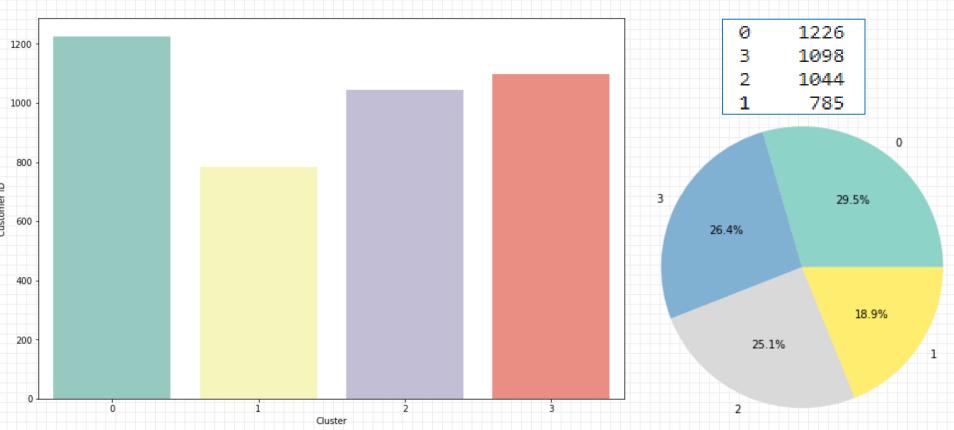
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0	3	2	2	Potential Customers	Recent customers, but spent a good amount and bought more than once.	19.4%
1	4	4	4	Best Customers	Bought recently, buy often and spend the most.	21.5%
2	2	3	3	Customers Needing Attention	Above average recency, frequency and monetary values. May not have bought very recently	30.9%
3	1	1	1	Lost Customers	Last purchase was long back, low spenders and low number of orders.	28.1%

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0	3	4	4	Loyal Customers	Spend good money with us often and responsive to promotions.	29.5%
1	2	3	3	Customers Needing Attention	Above average recency, frequency and monetary values. May not have bought very recently	18.9%
2	4	2	2	Potential Customers	Recent customers, but spent a good amount and bought more than once.	25.1%
3	1	1	1	Lost Customers	Last purchase was long back, low spenders and low number of orders.	26.4%

DATASET 1 (2009 – 2010)

RECOMMENDATION

Based on the 4 clusters, we could formulate marketing strategies relevant to each cluster:

Cluster	Segment	Recommendation
0	Potential Customers	Offer membership / loyalty program and recommend other products.
1	Best Customers	Reward them, can be early adopters for new products. Will promote your brand, and ask for reviews.
2	Customers Needing Attention	Make limited time offers, recommend based on past purchases, share valuable resources, recommend popular products / renewals at discount, and reconnect with them.
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DATASET 2 (2010 - 2011)

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