Summary Of Task 1 (Data Cleaning And Preparation)

■ Software Used = Jupyter Notebook

Step 1: Load the Dataset

- Used pandas to load the CSV file into a DataFrame.
- Previewed the top rows to understand the structure.

Step 2: Understand the Dataset

- Checked the shape (9800 rows × 18 columns).
- Inspected column names, data types, and summary statistics.
- Identified the presence of missing values and data types (numeric, text, dates, etc.).

Step 3: Handle Missing Values

- Found that only postal_code had missing values.
- Filled missing values in postal_code with the most frequent value (mode).
- Verified there were no missing values left using .isnull().sum().

Step 4: Remove Duplicates

- Checked for duplicate rows using df.duplicated().sum().
- Removed all duplicates with drop_duplicates().

Step 5: Clean Text Columns

- Replaced spaces with underscores in string columns for consistency.
- Cleaned column headers: made lowercase and replaced spaces with underscores.

Step 6: Convert Data Types

- Converted order_date and ship_date to datetime format.
- Converted postal_code to integer after filling missing values.
- Converted categorical columns like segment, category, region, etc. to category dtype for better performance.

Step 7: Handle Outliers

- Detected outliers in the sales column using the IQR method.
- Removed rows with sales values outside the range of 1.5 × IQR.
- Created a new cleaned dataset df cleaned.

Step 8: Encode Categorical Variables

- Identified text-based columns and applied One-Hot Encoding using pd.get_dummies().
- This converted categorical columns to numeric format suitable for ML models.

Step 9: Normalize Numerical Columns

- Selected numeric columns and applied Standard Scaling using StandardScaler.
- This gave all numeric columns a mean of 0 and standard deviation of 1.

Final Result:

- Cleaned and prepared dataset with:
- No missing or duplicate values
- All columns correctly typed
- No outliers in sales
- All categorical data encoded
- All numerical data scaled

CODE

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## Step 1: Import Required Libraries
""python
import pandas as pd
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Step 2: Load the Dataset

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df = pd.read_csv('path/to/train.csv')
df.head() # Preview the data
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Step 3: Basic Exploration

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# Shape of the dataset print("Shape:", df.shape)
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Data types and column info df.info()

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# Summary statistics
df.describe(include='all')
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Step 4: Missing Values Analysis

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missing = df.isnull().sum()
missing_percent = (missing / len(df)) * 100
missing_data = pd.DataFrame({'Missing Values': missing, 'Percent (%)': missing_percent})
missing_data = missing_data[missing_data["Missing Values"] > 0]
missing_data.sort_values(by='Percent (%)', ascending=False)
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## Step 5: Fill Missing Values in 'postal_code'
mode_postal = df['Postal Code'].mode()[0]
df['Postal Code'] = df['Postal Code'].fillna(mode_postal)
## Step 6: Remove Duplicate Rows
df.drop_duplicates(inplace=True)
## Step 7: Clean Text Columns and Column Headers
# Replace spaces in string values with underscores
text_cols = df.select_dtypes(include='object').columns
for col in text_cols:
  df[col] = df[col].str.replace(" ", "_", regex=False)
# Clean column names
df.columns = df.columns.str.lower().str.strip().str.replace('', '_')
## Step 8: Convert Data Types
# Convert date columns
df['order date'] = pd.to datetime(df['order date'], errors='coerce')
df['ship_date'] = pd.to_datetime(df['ship_date'], errors='coerce')
# Convert postal code to integer
df['postal_code'] = df['postal_code'].astype(int)
# Convert selected columns to category dtype
cat_cols = ['ship_mode', 'segment', 'country', 'city', 'state', 'region', 'category', 'sub-category']
for col in cat cols:
 df[col] = df[col].astype('category')
## Step 9: Handle Outliers in 'sales'
Q1 = df['sales'].quantile(0.25)
Q3 = df['sales'].quantile(0.75)
IQR = Q3 - Q1
lower bound = Q1 - 1.5 * IQR
upper_bound = Q3 + 1.5 * IQR
# Remove outliers
df_cleaned = df[(df['sales'] >= lower_bound) & (df['sales'] <= upper_bound)]</pre>
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Step 10: Encode Categorical Variables (One-Hot Encoding)

 $categorical_cols = df_cleaned.select_dtypes (include='object'). columns \\ df_encoded = pd.get_dummies (df_cleaned, columns=categorical_cols, drop_first=True) \\$

Step 11: Feature Scaling

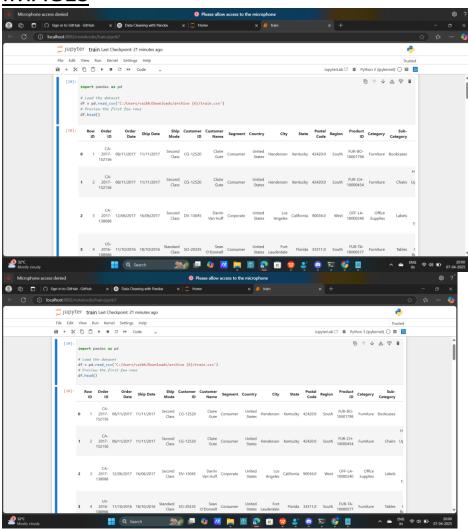
 $from \ sklearn.preprocessing \ import \ Standard Scaler$

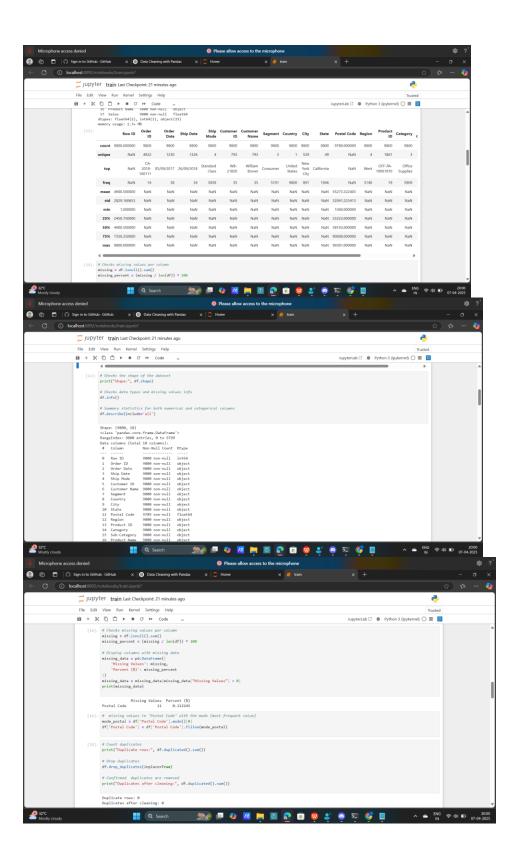
numeric_cols = df_encoded.select_dtypes(include=['float64', 'int64']).columns scaler = StandardScaler()

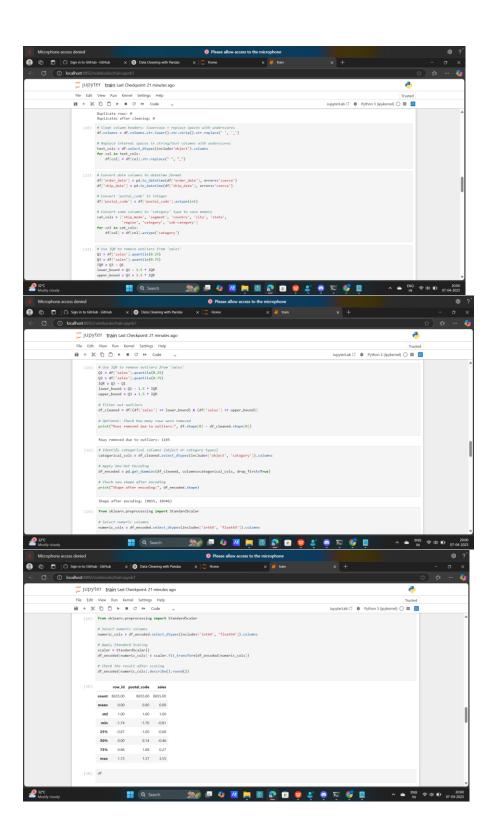
df_encoded[numeric_cols] = scaler.fit_transform(df_encoded[numeric_cols])

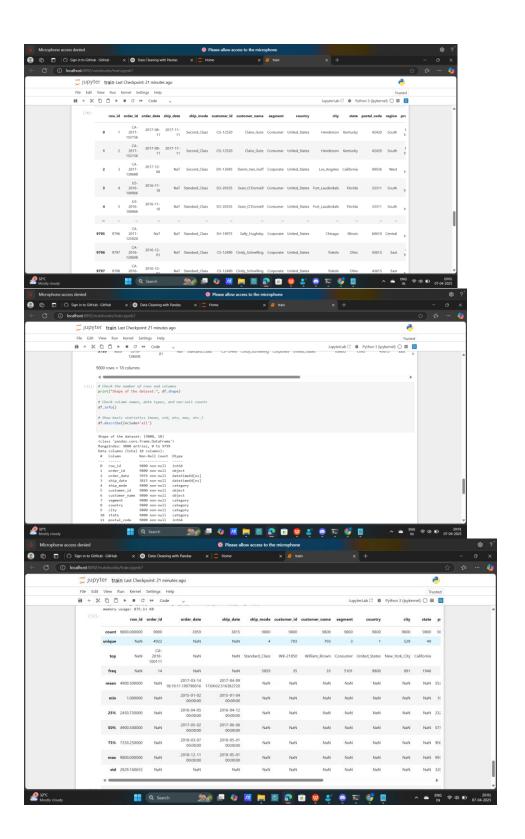
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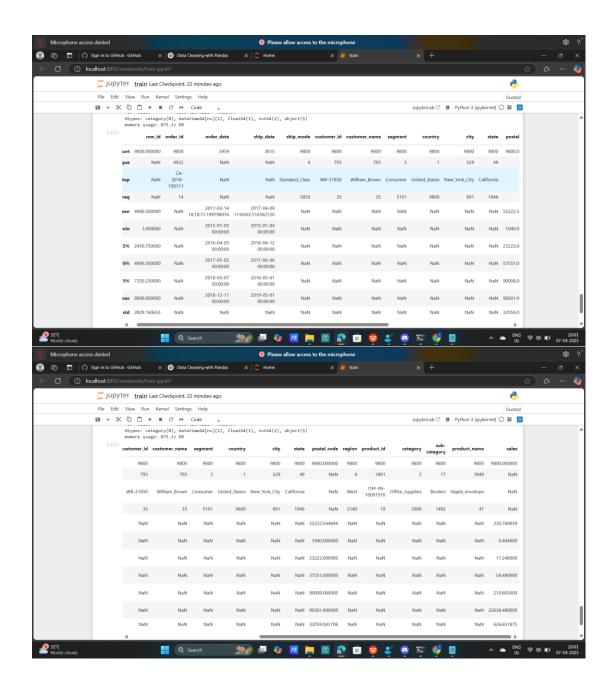
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