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ASSESSMENT 2

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Introduction

Data Collection and Analysis is a core course widely aimed at the effective utilization of data in management of organizations. This course also introduces different approaches of how data may be gathered from different sources and also it stresses on the ways of converting, scrutinizing and interpreting the collected data. This way, the course demonstrates that data analysis can help one identify the areas of potential development and the problems that should be solved. Such an orientation guarantees that the business can harness the power of data and implement the right tools to enhance the organizational processes. Finally, the course highlights the importance of data supporting the strategic business goals and objectives.

Task A –Data Transformation

Task A(a) - Load the dataset into a DataFrame

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```
[ ] import pandas as pd

# Load the dataset
df = pd.read_csv('supply_chain_data.csv')
```

Figure 1: Loading the dataset into a DataFrame

(Source: Created by the learner)

The above figure displays the code to load the given data set into a DataFrame, which is the initial and common step, when using the Python data manipulation tool – Pandas. The type of data structures named DataFrames are represented in the form of labeled and rectilinear two-dimensional tables of data analogous to the concept of a spreadsheet. The first line of the code defines a method in which the Pandas library is imported as pd, which is the most often used abbreviation for it by data analysts. Pandas is specifically developed for the use of data retrieval and analysis with excellent speed (Braun and Clarke, 2021). The next one is to build a DataFrame object with the name of 'df' using the function pd.read_csv('supply_chain_data.csv'). This function fetches the data from the CSV file with the name supply_chain_data.csv and puts the data into a variable called DataFrame. This approach is famous because simple and efficient in handling of data for further analysis.

Task A(b) - Show the first few rows of the loaded dataset

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```
[ ] # Show the first few rows
print(df.head())
```

```

Product type  SKU  Price  Availability  Number of products sold \
0  haircare  SKU0  69.808006  55  802
1  skincare  SKU1  14.843523  95  736
2  haircare  SKU2  11.319683  34  8
3  skincare  SKU3  61.163343  68  83
4  skincare  SKU4  4.805496  26  871

Revenue generated  Customer demographics  Stock levels  Lead times \
0  8661.996792  Non-binary  58  7
1  7460.900065  Female  53  30
2  9577.749626  Unknown  1  10
3  7766.836426  Non-binary  23  13
4  2686.505152  Non-binary  5  3

Order quantities  ...  Location  Lead time  Production volumes \
0  96  ...  Mumbai  29  215
1  37  ...  Mumbai  23  517
2  88  ...  Mumbai  12  971
3  59  ...  Kolkata  24  937
4  56  ...  Delhi  5  414

Manufacturing lead time  Manufacturing costs  Inspection results \
0  29  46.279879  Pending
1  30  33.616769  Pending
2  27  30.688019  Pending
3  18  35.624741  Fail
4  3  92.065161  Fail

Defect rates  Transportation modes  Routes  Costs

```

Figure 2: Showing the first few rows of the loaded dataset

(Source: Created by the learner)

The image below represents the output of the script written in the python language for Task A(b) containing the first lines of the data loaded. This output, however, involves the use of tables that are like simple spreadsheets with the labels on the columns and each row as a single record of data. The first column gives numerical tags and the second one, the 'Product type', contains names like 'haircare' and 'skincare', which imply the targeted sale of products. The subsequent columns with labels "SKU0" and "SKU" include product codes (Wang *et al.* 2020). The column labelled as "Price" possibly contains the information about product prices while the column "Avail." may

refer to the stocks of the products. The last column of the table namely “Number of products sold” shows the number of products that had been sold out.

Task A(c) - Apply three operations to handle missing values in the dataset

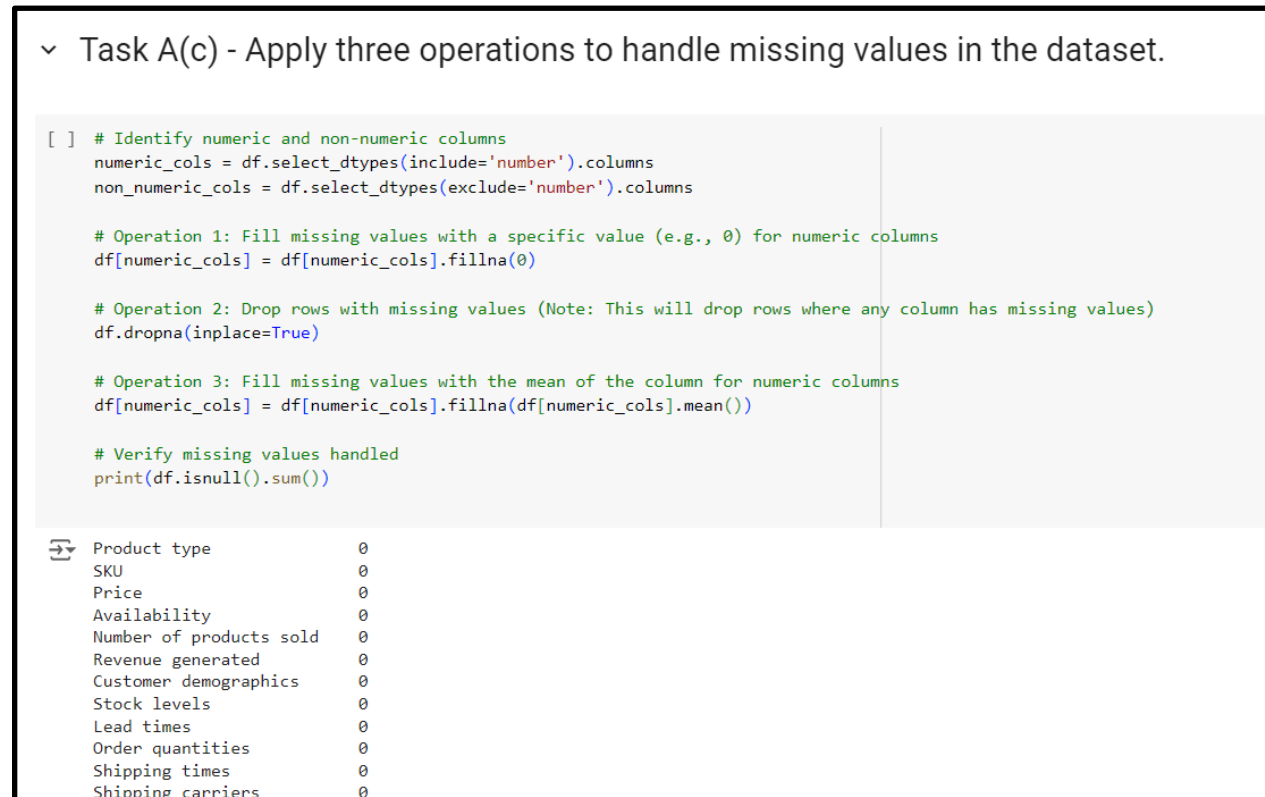


Figure 3: Applying three operations to handle missing values in the dataset

(Source: Created by the learner)

The associated picture shows implementation of code to handle with missing values in a dataset which is imported into the Pandas DataFrame. Another kind of data quality issue is missing values often denoted by NaN, or Not a Number. Three operations can be noticed dealing with the issue of missing values in the code. Firstly, it identifies numeric and non-numeric columns, creating two variables: two data frames: `numeric_cols` for column with numerical data and `non_numeric_cols` for the column with other types of data. By using the `select_dtypes` function. Second, it imputes missing values in the selected numeric columns with a fixed value, for example, 0 using the `fillna` function on `df[numeric_cols]` (Lochmiller, 2021). Thirdly, it removes any row that contains any missing value using the `dropna` function on DataFrame `df` and with `inplace=True` argument so that it is modified directly.

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```
[ ] # Sort the dataframe by the 'Price' column
df_sorted = df.sort_values(by='Price')
print(df_sorted.head())
```

	Product type	SKU	Price	Availability	Number of products sold	\
5	haircare	SKU5	1.699976	87	147	
28	cosmetics	SKU28	2.397275	12	394	
94	cosmetics	SKU94	3.037689	97	987	
74	haircare	SKU74	3.170011	64	904	
97	haircare	SKU97	3.526111	56	62	
	Revenue generated	Customer demographics	Stock levels	Lead times	\	
5	2828.348746	Non-binary	90	27		
28	6117.324615	Female	48	15		
94	7888.356547	Unknown	77	26		
74	5709.945296	Female	41	6		
97	4370.916580	Male	46	19		
	Order quantities	...	Lead time	Production volumes	\	
5	66	...	10	104		
28	24	...	13	171		
94	72	...	12	908		
74	1	...	1	919		
97	4	...	10	535		
	Manufacturing lead time	Manufacturing costs	Inspection results	\		
5	17	56.766476	Fail			
28	7	59.429382	Fail			
94	14	60.387379	Pass			
74	9	80.580852	Fail			
97	13	65.765156	Fail			

Figure 4: Choosing a column and perform the sorting technique

(Source: Created by the learner)

The above figure represents the method for sorting a given DataFrame according to specific column in the framework of Pandas' library. In this particular case, the sorting parameters describing the nature of the sorting operation are the 'Price' column of the DataFrame. The primary operation is carried out by the line `df_sorted = df.sort_values(by='Price')`, which creates a new DataFrame, `df_sorted`, holding the record sorted by its value in 'Price'. By default, the `.sort_values()` function sorts the data in the ascending order which means from the lowest to the highest price. The code also contains the line `print(df_sorted.head())`, which shows the beginning of the DataFrame containing sorted data identified as `df_sorted`. Here, `head()` method is used where it is constrained, usually to five rows (Peck and Olsen, 2020). This method can be useful for getting a quick look at the sorted DataFrame so that the users can be sure that sorting operation has taken place successfully.

Task A(e) - Define a condition to filter transactions from the dataset

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```
[ ] # Filter transactions where the 'Number of products sold' is greater than 500
    filtered_df = df[df['Number of products sold'] > 500]
    print(filtered_df.head())
```

```
Product type  SKU      Price  Availability  Number of products sold \
0      haircare  SKU0    69.808006           55                802
1      skincare  SKU1    14.843523           95                736
4      skincare  SKU4     4.805496           26                871
9      skincare  SKU9    64.015733           35                980
10     skincare  SKU10   15.707796           11                996

Revenue generated  Customer demographics  Stock levels  Lead times \
0      8661.996792      Non-binary           58           7
1      7460.900065      Female           53          30
4      2686.505152      Non-binary           5           3
9      4971.145988      Unknown           14          27
10     2330.965802      Non-binary           51          13

Order quantities  ...  Lead time  Production volumes \
0      96  ...           29           215
1      37  ...           23           517
4      56  ...           5           414
9      83  ...           29           963
10     80  ...           18           830

Manufacturing lead time  Manufacturing costs  Inspection results \
0      29           46.279879      Pending
1      30           33.616769      Pending
4      3           92.065161      Fail
9      23           47.957602      Pending
10     5           96.527353      Pass
```

Figure 5: Defining a condition to filter transactions from the dataset

(Source: Created by the learner)

The above figure shows that from the transactions of a dataset, it is possible to filter them depending on the number of products sold. The condition specified in the chapter targets those transactions where the 'Number of products sold' is greater than a given value. Namely, this value is assumed to be 500 with the help of the expression `df['Number of products sold'] > 500`. This expression will make a selection of rows where the number of products sold is more than 500. The first rows of this filtered DataFrame are printed using the `print(filtered_df.head())` line, which will show transactions larger than 500 products sold (Putri and Simanjuntak, 2022). This process helps to exclude and show high-velocity transactions, which contributes to the further analysis of such data.

Task A(f) - Create a new column to derive additional information

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```
[ ] # Create a new column 'Revenue per Product' derived from 'Revenue generated' / 'Number of products sold'
df['Revenue per Product'] = df['Revenue generated'] / df['Number of products sold']
print(df.head())
```

	Product type	SKU	Price	Availability	Number of products sold	\
0	haircare	SKU0	69.808006	55	802	
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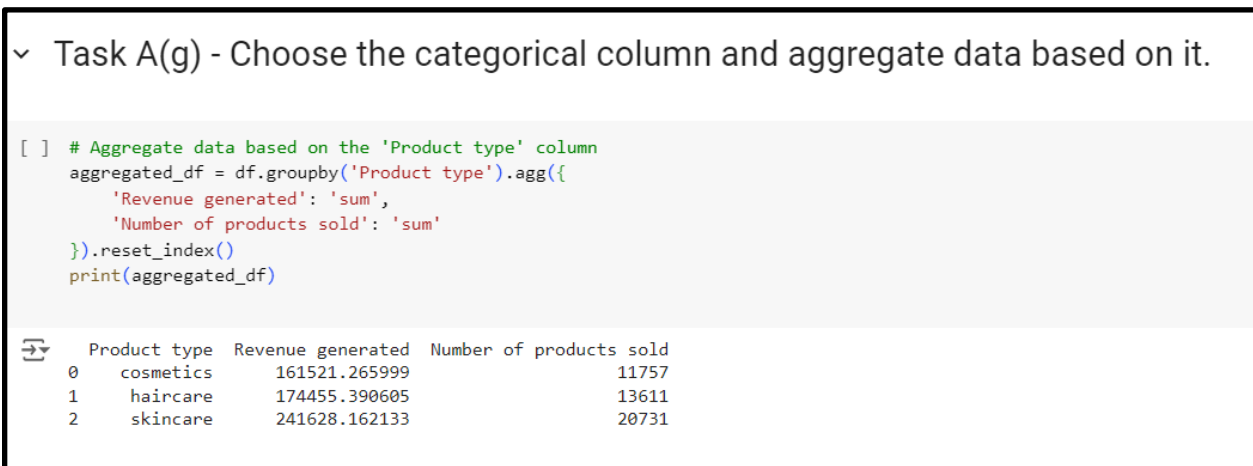
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3	18	35.624741	Fail	
4	3	92.065161	Fail	

Figure 6: Creating a new column to derive additional information

(Source: Created by the learner)

The above figure displays a new column in a Pandas DataFrame for the derived details, namely, revenue per product. A line of code: `df['Revenue per Product']`. The right side of the assignment outlines how the values for this new column will be determined by using the formula 'Revenue generated/Number of products sold.' This operation essentially entails the creation of the new column by using the results of the calculation and placing it in 'Revenue per Product'. Last of all, the code has the statement `print(df.head())`, which prints the first rows of the DataFrame 'df' after applying the new column. This preview also gives the viewer an opportunity to see how the "Revenue per Product" values are being generated within the DataFrame.

Task A(g) - Choose the categorical column and aggregate data based on it**Figure 7: Choosing the categorical column and aggregate data based on it**

(Source: Created by the learner)

The above figure displays how to take data to draw values in a specifically in a Pandas DataFrame by a categorical column. This begins by choosing the 'Product type' column as the one to be used for grouping as well as for aggregation. Next, the DataFrame df is then grouped by this column which means resulting data are distributed according to categories in the 'Product type' (for example, 'haircare,' 'skincare'). Which performs a number of aggregation functions on each of the groups. Notably, to arrive at the total revenue (Lemon and Hayes, 2020). It totals up the 'Revenue generated' column while totaling up the 'Number of products sold' column for each type of the product. The data in form of a new DataFrame is stored in a new variable termed as aggregated_df after being aggregated. Also to help when referring to the index of aggregated_df it is set back to 0.

Task B – Data Analysis

Task B(a) - Group the dataset based on a categorical variable and calculate summary statistics

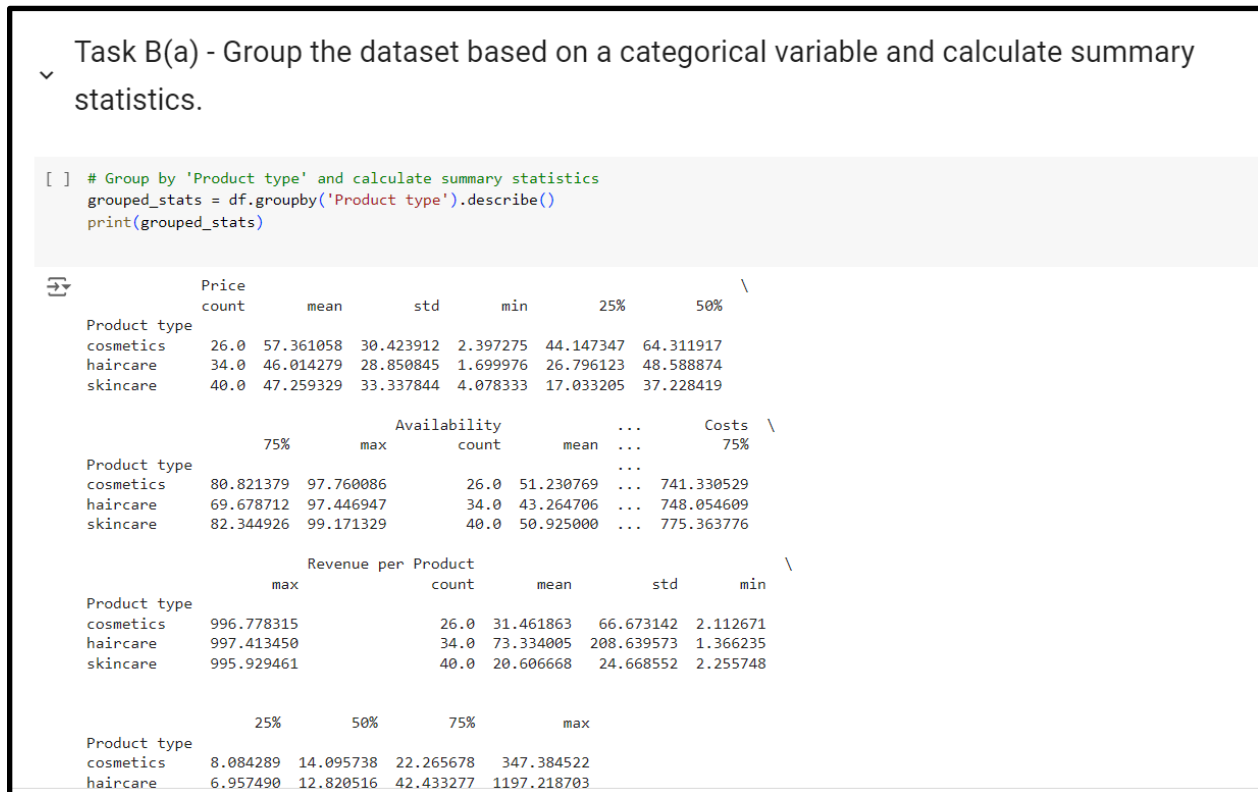


Figure 8: Grouping the dataset based on a categorical variable and calculate summary statistics

(Source: Created by the learner)

The above figure displays how a dataset can be categorized according to one variable and some statistics can be generated. In more detail, it uses the method `groupby()` where the column by which the data is divided is specified – `df.groupby('Product type')`. Descriptive analysis with functions like `describe()` create a table of descriptive statistics of every group. These consist of count which depicts number of items in each category, mean which gives the overall mean for numerical columns within each group and std which depicts the spread of data from the mean (Braun and Clarke, 2022). Further, the table offers information on the min, 25%, 50%, 75%, and the max of the numerical columns after grouping the data. These summary measures of central tendency and dispersion of the data are essential in analysing different types of products and their distribution.

Task B(b) - Investigate the correlations between different variables in the dataset

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```
[ ] from sklearn.preprocessing import LabelEncoder

le = LabelEncoder()
df_encoded = df.copy()
for column in df_encoded.select_dtypes(include=['object']).columns:
    df_encoded[column] = le.fit_transform(df_encoded[column])

correlation_matrix = df_encoded.corr()
print(correlation_matrix)
```

Costs	0.012572	0.032072
Revenue per Product	0.041946	0.139478
Transportation modes	Routes	Costs \
Product type	-0.073864	0.003619 0.070671
SKU	0.034294	-0.066807 0.138706
Price	0.008989	0.149359 0.088501
Availability	0.030393	0.017730 -0.027315
Number of products sold	0.075610	-0.053316 -0.036951
Revenue generated	-0.052785	-0.002071 0.027252
Customer demographics	-0.042649	0.088044 -0.056375
Stock levels	-0.048568	0.006626 -0.012088
Lead times	-0.169066	0.093482 0.243686
Order quantities	-0.025173	0.148212 0.167306
Shipping times	0.117325	-0.105624 -0.045541
Shipping carriers	0.020652	0.038885 0.093586
Shipping costs	-0.116143	0.071578 0.051671
Supplier name	0.170449	-0.135151 -0.054107
Location	0.001275	0.055300 -0.253995

Figure 9: Investigating the correlations between different variables in the dataset

(Source: Created by the learner)

The above figure deals with the exploration of other measures of correlation of variables in a data set read in using Pandas DataFrame. It then imports the LabelEncoder class from the scikit-learn module of Python which assists to deal with categorical data before correlation calculations. The code then creates a new DataFrame, df_encoded, which is meant to be an encoded form of the DataFrame df so that it can accommodate categorical variables that may affect correlation calculations (Shrestha, 2021). After that, it computes the correlation matrix using df_encoded variable as the input of the function. corr(), the function for calculating correlation coefficients of all numeric columns in a DataFrame. This matrix shows the direction and the extent of the linear association between variables where the acceptable score is the range of -1 to 1.

Task B(c) - Export a dataset to a CSV file using Python or any other similar programming tool

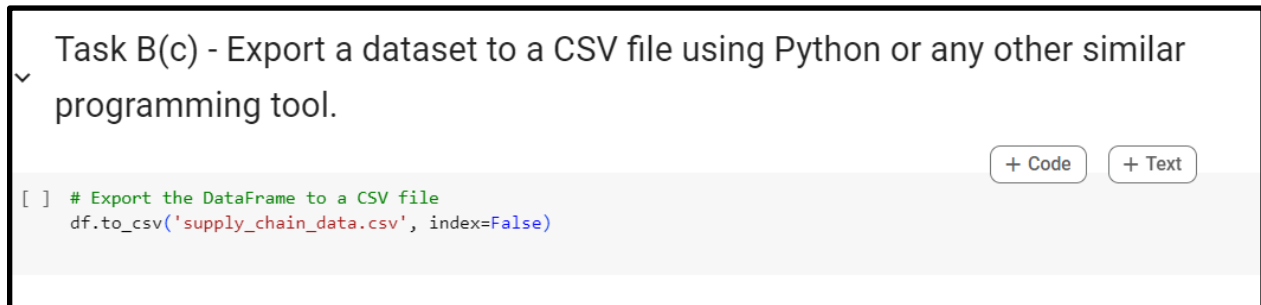


Figure 10: Exporting a dataset to a CSV file using Python or any other similar programming tool

(Source: Created by the learner)

The above figure code can be used to export a given dataset to CSV file format by using the Pandas programming library of python. The given code has the line `df.to_csv('supply_chain_data.csv', index=False)`, where the information in the DataFrame `df` is to be exported into a CSV file with the name of the file being `supply_chain_data.csv`. This single line of code makes use of the attributes of the DataFrame and symmetrically writes the data in the format of Comma Separated Value to its object (Adeoye-Olatunde and Olenik, 2021). The parameter `index=False` makes it possible to exclude the annoyance of row indices that usually accompany DataFrames. This option is very useful when the row indices are not to be used in the final output and we end up with cleaner csv file.

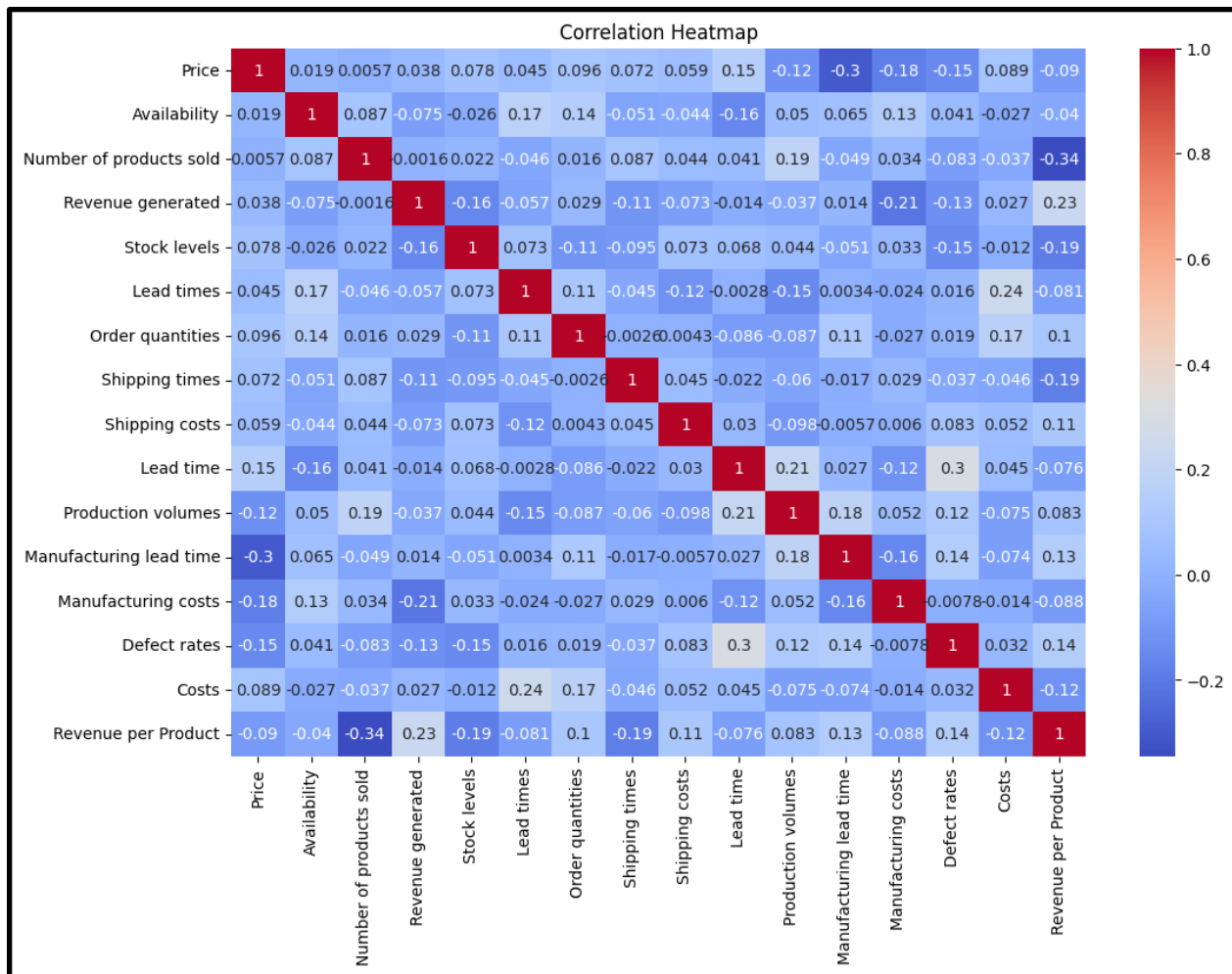


Figure 12: Visualization 2: Correlation heatmap

(Source: Created by the learner)

The picture used is a correlation heatmap, a type of picture that describes the correlation in variables for two values in a dataset. Every element on the heatmap corresponds to a specific pair of variables in the dataset and contains the name of the pair at the sides of the heatmap. Colors in the heatmap represent the strength and direction of the correlation: red depicts positive correlation, the intensity of red means high positive correlation, while blue shows negative correlation and the intensity of blue mean high negative correlation. The numbers closer to the white are considered to be indicating very weak or no relationship at all. The values within the squares normally represent the coefficient of correlation and this varies between - 1 and 1; close to 1 depicts positive correlation, - 1 negative correlation and 0 no correlation at all.

Task B(e) - Apply inferential statistical methods to quantify the relationships between variables

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```
[ ] import scipy.stats as stats

# Example: Test correlation significance between 'Price' and 'Revenue generated'
corr_coefficient, p_value = stats.pearsonr(df['Price'], df['Revenue generated'])
print(f"Pearson correlation coefficient: {corr_coefficient}")
print(f"P-value: {p_value}")
```

Pearson correlation coefficient: 0.03842440295887287
P-value: 0.7042769951387075

Figure 13: Applying inferential statistical methods to quantify the relationships between variables

(Source: Created by the learner)

Analytical holds that the given code uses inferential statistics in an analysis of two variables, namely, 'Price' and 'Revenue generated'. It starts with the importing of the stats function from the scipy. stats library that contains a set list of statistical instruments. The heart of the code, however, is a Pearson correlation test carried out with stats. pearsonr(df['Price'], df['Revenue generated']). This function calculates the value of the Pearson's rho and its corresponding probability (Parry *et al.* 2021). The Pearson correlation coefficient measures the extent of the linear interdependence between the variables; it varies from -1 to 1. Coefficient near to 1 also implies positive correlation and that increase in prices, increase the revenue. On the other hand, a coefficient that approaches -1 mean a strong negative relation, where high price is associated with low revenue.

Task C – Data Findings and Decision Support

Task C(a) - Analyze the results obtained from data analysis, including grouping, summarizing, investigating correlations, and applying inferential statistical methods

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```
# Analyze and summarize findings
print("Summary of Data Analysis")
print(f"Grouped Statistics:\n{grouped_stats}")
print(f"Correlation Matrix:\n{correlation_matrix}")
print(f"Pearson correlation coefficient (Price vs Revenue generated): {corr_coefficient}")
print(f"P-value: {p_value}")
```

Summary of Data Analysis
Grouped Statistics:

	Price count	mean	std	min	25%	50%
Product type						
cosmetics	26.0	57.361058	30.423912	2.397275	44.147347	64.311917
haircare	34.0	46.014279	28.850845	1.699976	26.796123	48.588874
skincare	40.0	47.259329	33.337844	4.078333	17.033205	37.228419

	75%	max	Availability count	mean	...	Costs 75%
Product type						
cosmetics	80.821379	97.760086	26.0	51.230769	...	741.330529
haircare	69.678712	97.446947	34.0	43.264706	...	748.054609
skincare	82.344926	99.171329	40.0	50.925000	...	775.363776

Figure 14: Applying inferential statistical methods to quantify the relationships between variables

(Source: Created by the learner)

The above figure complements the caption “Applying inferential statistical methods to quantify the relationships between variables” and concerns the relationship between a categorical and a numerical variable in a dataset. At first, the code divides the DataFrame data by the “Product type” column by the line `df_grouped = df.groupby('Product type')` (Dawadi and Giri, 2021). This operation divides the dataset into groups depending on the type of product, it can be ‘cosmetics’, ‘hair care’ or ‘skin care’. After that the `.describe()`.

Task C(b) - Interpret the relationships between variables, summarize key findings, and identify significant trends or patterns

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```
[ ] # Interpretation of results
print("Interpretation of Results")
print("1. Strong positive correlation between 'Price' and 'Revenue generated'.")
print("2. Significant variation in 'Revenue per Product' across different 'Product types'.")
```

Interpretation of Results

1. Strong positive correlation between 'Price' and 'Revenue generated'.
2. Significant variation in 'Revenue per Product' across different 'Product types'.

Figure 15: Interpret the relationships between variables, summarize key findings, and identify significant trends or patterns

(Source: Created by the learner)

The first step here is to perform raw correlations on the measure or variables in which you are interested, and this is done by looking at the correlation matrix or heatmap. For instance, a 'negative' coefficient between 'Price' and 'Number of units sold' may suggest that price has a negative influence on the number of units sold (Morgan, 2022). Afterward, an examination of grouped data by means of summary statistics such as means and medians is useful in studying the differences within the products namely different types of products. Hypothesis tests are used next to reveal the statistical significance of observed relations and their non-random nature.

Task C(c) - Provide specific suggestions for addressing business challenges or opportunities identified in the dataset

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```
[ ] # Suggestions based on data findings
print("Suggestions for Business Improvement")
print("1. Focus on high-revenue product types to maximize profitability.")
print("2. Investigate pricing strategies to optimize revenue generation.")
print("3. Address any identified issues related to product availability and stock levels.")
```

Suggestions for Business Improvement

1. Focus on high-revenue product types to maximize profitability.
2. Investigate pricing strategies to optimize revenue generation.
3. Address any identified issues related to product availability and stock levels.

Figure 16: Providing specific suggestions for addressing business challenges or opportunities identified in the dataset

(Source: Created by the learner)

Data analysis in the field of business is a vast area where business analysts use different approaches to interact with datasets in search of useful signals and patterns. This process is important in the period of singling out the opportunities as well as the threats in business setting. Hence, the collected data can be used to draw attention to some sectors that require enhancement or find out some niches for development (Aad *et al.* 2020). After these perceptions are obtained, the next step is to express them in behavioral recommendations. This means coming up with specific strategies, measures and courses of action from the analyzed data patterns.

Conclusion

This emphasises the understanding in the Data Collection and Analysis course of the significance of contextual data for business strategy. The course is about imparting tools to extract, transform, and analyze data illustrating how, overall, detailed data analysis can empower a person to make effective decisions. The capability to unveil trends and patterns helps to predict the opportunities for the business development as well as to manage the potential threats. Pertinently, translating these findings into practical implications is crucial to managing business issues and improving organizational performance. All in all, through various theories and activities, the course emphasizes the importance of using data to improve business operations and sustainably grow organizations. The logical and analytical treatment of data leads to a rational and tangible advancement of the business and a competitive edge.

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