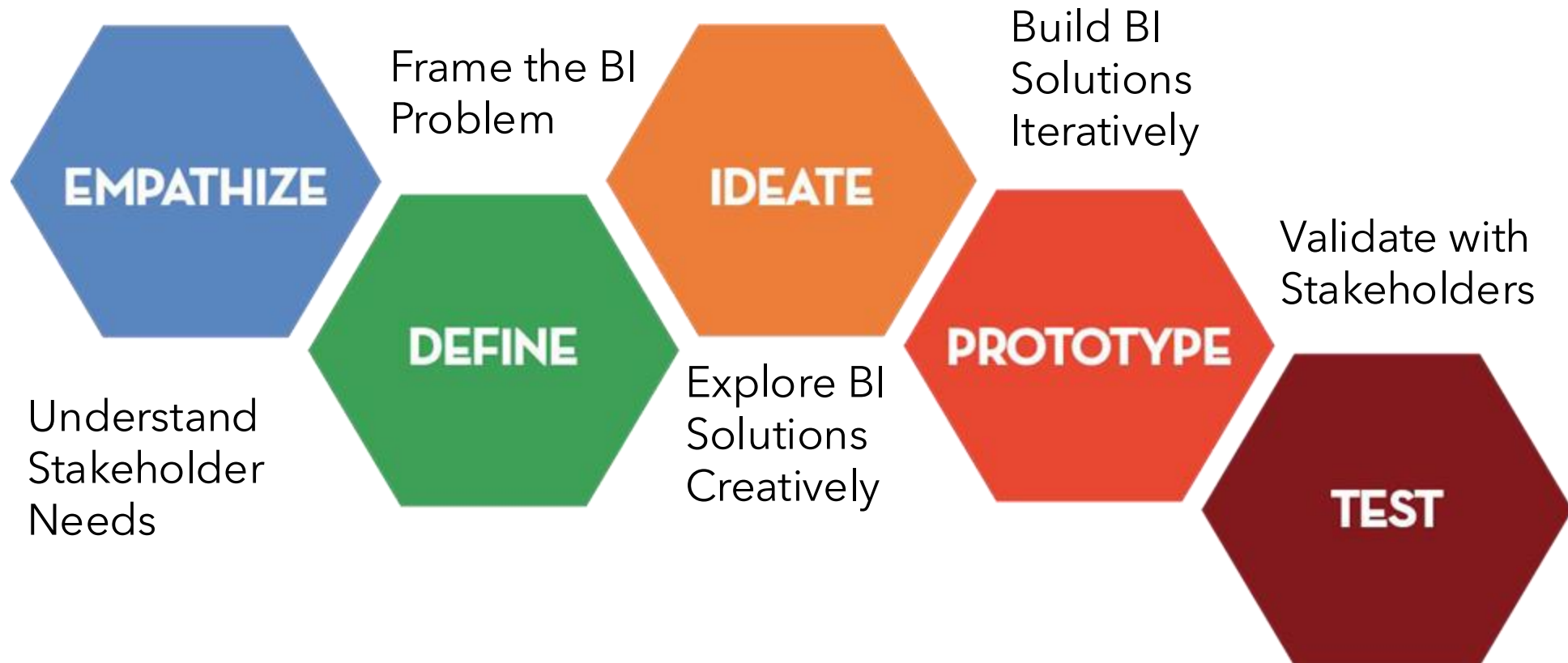


# Supply Chain Case Study

CS 459 Business Intelligence

# DESIGN THINKING in BI

## The framework



# **Empathize**

## Understand Stakeholder Needs

Gather deep insights into business problems from stakeholders.

# Background Data Knowledge

- Gather knowledge about Supply chain from various resources to understand the dataset and its dynamics.
- It is important to understand how supply chain works before you start to conduct analysis.

# Understand what is a Supply Chain? - Different perspectives

- *"Conjures thoughts of purchasing and procurement needed to acquire raw materials for production".*
- *"Warehousing and distribution, transportation and retail channels".*
- *"Sources of capital or human resource"*

# Recall EdPuzzle Video and Questions

# What is Supply Chain Management? - Standard Definitions

- Design and management of value-added process across organizational boundaries to meet customer needs

***Institute for Supply Management***

- Managing supply and demand, sourcing raw materials and parts, manufacturing and assembly, warehousing and inventory tracking, order entry and order management, distribution across all channels, and delivery to the customer

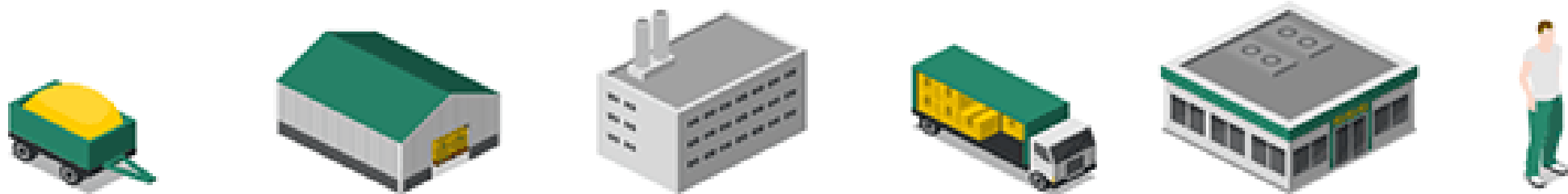
***The Supply Chain Council***

# What is a Supply Chain?

- *All stages involved*, directly or indirectly, in fulfilling a customer request
- Includes manufacturers, suppliers, transporters, warehouses, retailers, and customers
- Within each company, the supply chain *includes all functions involved* in fulfilling a customer request (product development, marketing, operations, distribution, finance, customer service)



# Supply Chain Diagram



Raw Materials → Supplier → Manufacturer → Distributor → Retailer → Consumer

# Fundamentals of the Pharmaceutical Supply Chain

- The pharmaceutical supply chain is complex - address common challenges to provide patients their needed medications efficiently.

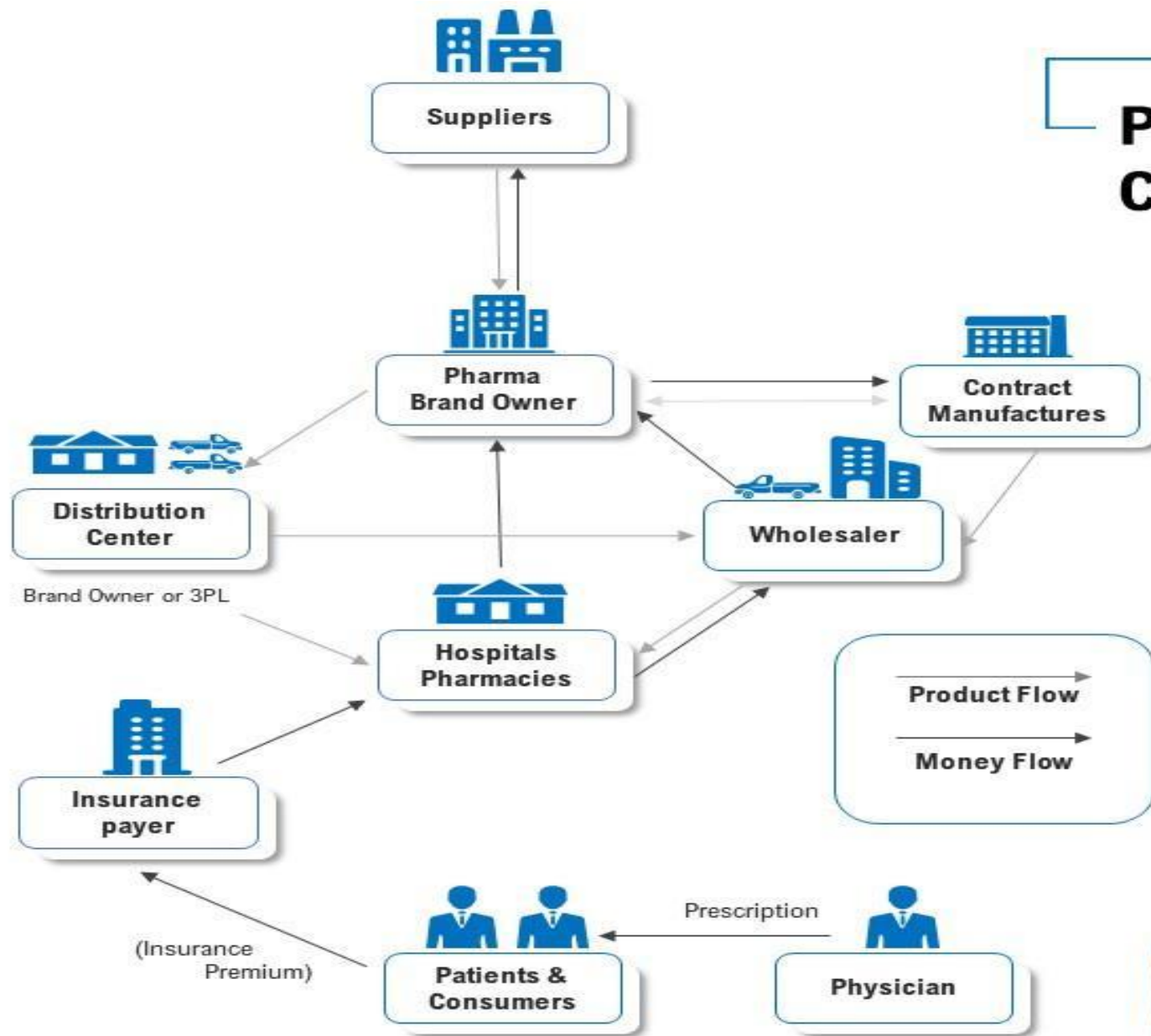
[Fundamentals of the Pharmaceutical SupplyChain\(pharmanewsintel.com\)](http://pharmanewsintel.com)

- At the most basic level, there are five-steps in the pharmaceutical supply chain to ensure that drug inventory is readily available for distribution to providers and patients

# Steps in Pharma Supply Chain

1. Pharmaceuticals originate in manufacturing sites
2. Are transferred to wholesale distributors
3. Stocked at retail, mail-order, and other types of pharmacies
4. Subject to price negotiations and processed through quality and utilization management screens by pharmacy benefit management companies
5. Dispensed by pharmacies; and ultimately delivered to and taken by patients

# Pharmaceutical Supply Chain Flow



# Further background knowledge

- **Competitor Analysis** – Know Your Competitor
- **Interviews** – Get into the Manager's shoes – Know Your Stakeholders
- Excel Analysis
- SQL Analysis

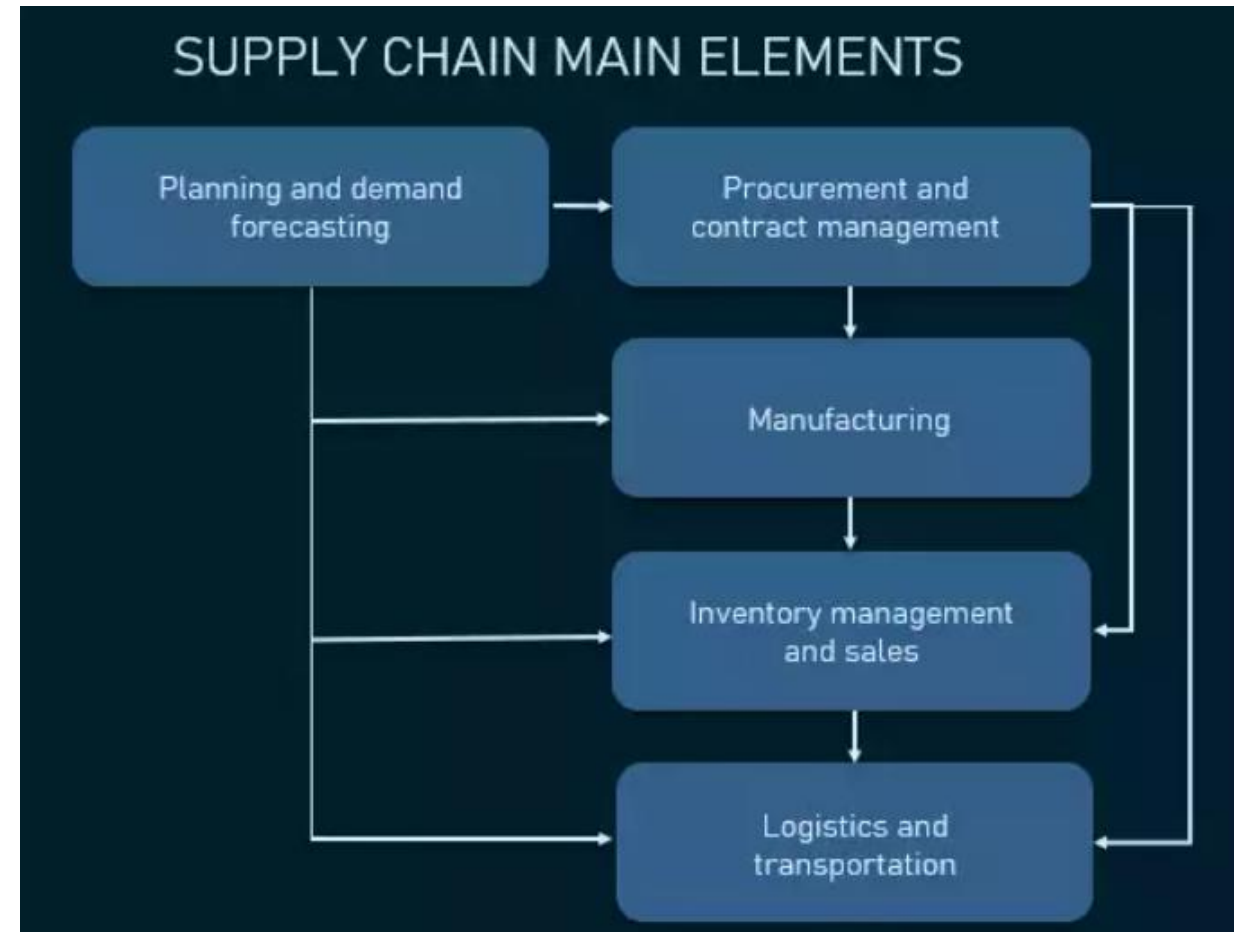
Complete your background knowledge before proceeding.  
Record each step on a provided template.

# Data Knowledge Analysis

- Now that we know how the supply chain works, we will proceed to analyze that information
- The following to be quantified by problem being solved and the performance metrics:
  1. *What are we doing?*
  2. *What the competitors are doing?*
  3. *What is the global perspective?*
- Gauge the performance of the company based on the above and identify the gaps

# Elements of Supply Chain

- **Planning** mostly concerns demand forecasting and resource planning.
- **Procurement** is a set of operations related to choosing vendors, negotiating the terms of cooperation, and buying supplies needed for your business.
- **Manufacturing** deals with production and capacity management.
- **Inventory management** is focused on keeping the optimal stock balance, sales, and warehousing operations.
- **Logistics management** covers order fulfillment and all delivery activities.



# Optimization Opportunities in Supply chain for use of Analytics in general





# Define

Frame the BI  
Problem

# Problem Statement Generation

Supply Chain Case Study

# Problems in Supply Chain Dataset

## Efficiency of supply chain

PQ First Sent to Client Date  
 PO Sent to Vendor Date  
 Scheduled Delivery Date  
 Delivered to Client Date  
 Delivery Recorded Date

Using the dates to compute new variables that tell about the supply chain efficiency.

Can drill down to find orders that took longer than necessary (comparing to a benchmark) - identify delays in delivery

Crucial to see which regions or areas have an underlying problem

**Productivity is the volume of output over a set period.**

**Efficiency refers to the quality of work and how well allocated resources are utilised.**

# Problems in Supply Chain Dataset

## Analysis of Productivity in supply chain

Identify the productivity of VENDORS by generating volume of products delivered by them. (weekly, monthly, annual productivity)

Analysis by Project code and manufacturing site.

Other variables can be used to do the same.

## Freight Cost Analysis - Goal could be to minimize costs

Identify areas of high costs (in this case we have Freight costs only)

Understand which products are causing these costs

## Sales Trends - Demand Forecasting

Understand the sales trends

Time Series Analysis and Forecasting demand in near future

# Problem Statement 1 - Analysis of the Efficiency of Supply Chain

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Using the “How might we...”  
frame for the problem definition

**How might we analyze and improve  
the supply chain efficiency?**

# Fill the Background Data Knowledge Template

Gain better understanding of the business, the problem and the data.

# Data Gathering and Exploration

Gather Data  
and Perform  
EDA



# Generating new columns for Analysis

- **Delivery.Delay = Delivered - Scheduled**

*The delays in supply chain in days*

- NEGATIVE: Early delivery
- ZERO: On-time Delivery
- POSITIVE: Late Delivery

- **Delivery.Time = Delivered - PO sent**

*How long it took from PO sent to vendor to when it was delivered to client*

- **DeliveryDate.Entry.Delay OR DD.Entry.Delay = Recorded - Delivered**

*How long did it take for delivery to be recorded after it was delivered.*

# Data Profile

The dataset contains 4638 rows and 32 columns:

```
#Identifying Rows and Columns in the data
df.shape

(4638, 32)
```

The dataset contains 9 numeric columns and 23 non-numeric

```
columns
df.info()

<class 'pandas.core.frame.DataFrame'>
RangeIndex: 4638 entries, 0 to 4637
Data columns (total 32 columns):
 #   Column                                  Non-Null Count  Dtype  
---  -
 0   Unnamed: 0                             4638 non-null  int64  
 1   Project Code                           4638 non-null  object  
 2   PQ #                                    4638 non-null  object  
 3   PO / SO #                              4638 non-null  object  
 4   Country                                4638 non-null  object  
 5   Managed By                             4638 non-null  object  
 6   Fulfill Via                            4638 non-null  object  
 7   Vendor INCO Term                       4638 non-null  object  
 8   Shipment Mode                          4638 non-null  object  
 9   PQ First Sent to Client Date           4638 non-null  object  
10  PO Sent to Vendor Date                  4638 non-null  object  
11  Scheduled Delivery Date                 4638 non-null  object  
12  Delivered to Client Date                4638 non-null  object  
13  Delivery Recorded Date                  4638 non-null  object  
14  Product Group                           4638 non-null  object  
15  Sub Classification                      4638 non-null  object  
16  Vendor                                  4638 non-null  object  
17  Item Description                        4638 non-null  object  
18  Molecule/Test Type                    4638 non-null  object  
19  Brand                                  4638 non-null  object  
20  Dosage                                  4638 non-null  object  
21  Dosage Form                            4638 non-null  object  
22  Unit of Measure (Per Pack)              4638 non-null  int64  
23  Line Item Quantity                      4638 non-null  int64  
24  Line Item Value                         4638 non-null  float64 
25  Pack Price                             4638 non-null  float64 
26  Unit Price                             4638 non-null  float64 
27  Manufacturing Site                      4638 non-null  object  
28  First Line Designation                  4638 non-null  object  
29  Weight (Kilograms)                     4638 non-null  float64 
30  Freight Cost (USD)                     4638 non-null  float64 
31  Line Item Insurance (USD)               4638 non-null  float64 
dtypes: float64(6), int64(3), object(23)
```

List of numeric columns:

```
#Prints all the numeric columns
numeric_columns = get_num_cols(df)
print(numeric_columns)

['Unnamed: 0', 'Unit of Measure (Per Pack)', 'Line Item Quantity', 'Line Item Value',
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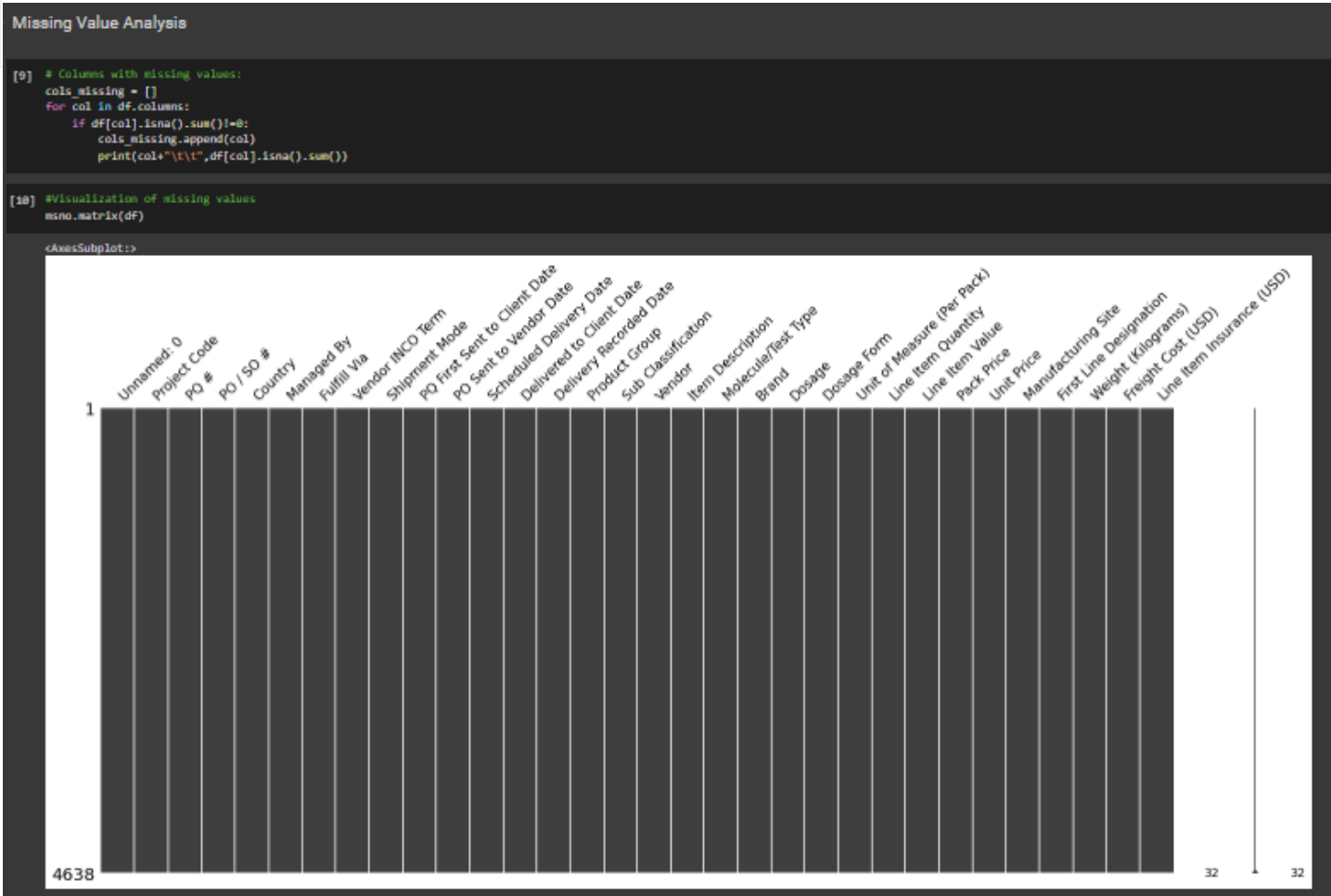
List of non-numeric columns:

```
#Prints all the categorical columns
categorical_columns = get_cat_cols(df)
print(categorical_columns)

['Project Code', 'PQ #', 'PO / SO #', 'Country', 'Managed By', 'Fulfill Via',
'Vendor INCO Term', 'Shipment Mode', 'PQ First Sent to Client Date', 'PO Sent to Vendor Date',
'Scheduled Delivery Date', 'Delivered to Client Date', 'Delivery Recorded Date', 'Product Group',
'Sub Classification', 'Vendor', 'Item Description', 'Molecule/Test Type', 'Brand',
'Dosage', 'Dosage Form', 'Manufacturing Site', 'First Line Designation']
```



# Missing Values and Duplicates



The dataset seems to contain no missing values

The dataset seems to contain no duplicate records

```
df.duplicated().value_counts()

False      4638
dtype: int64
```

# Descriptive Statistics

Numeric Data:

Total categories in each non-numeric column:

Summary of Numerical Data

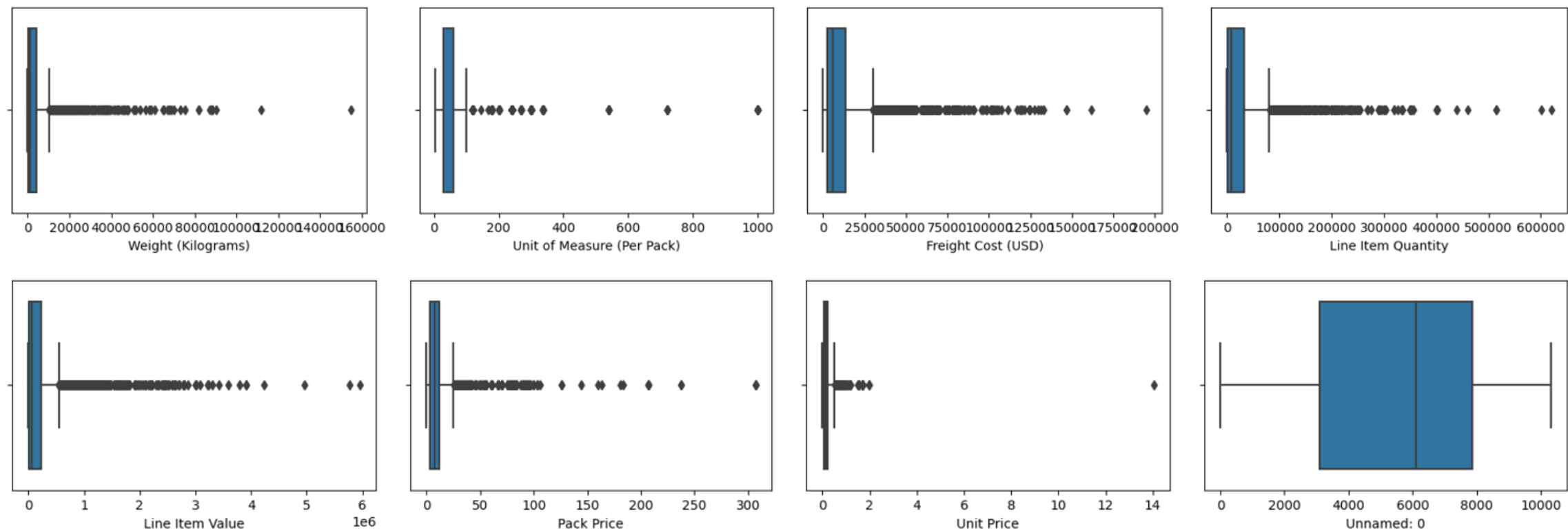
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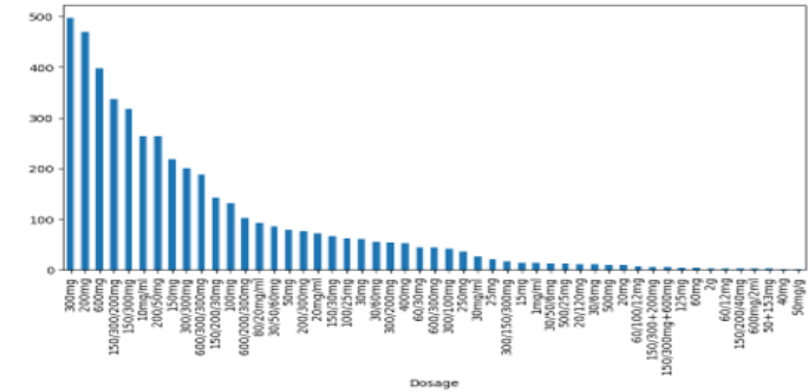
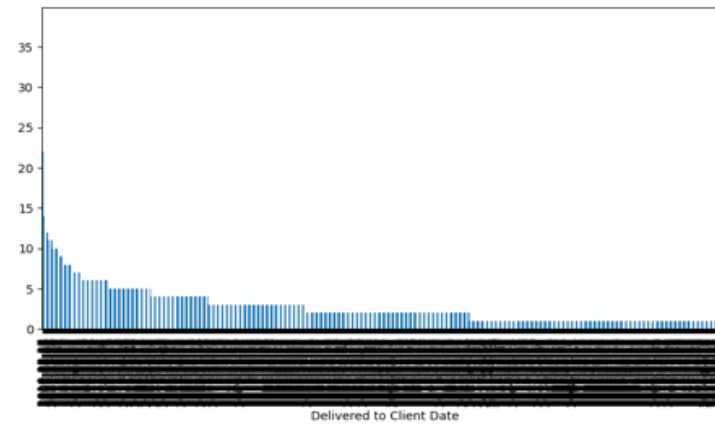
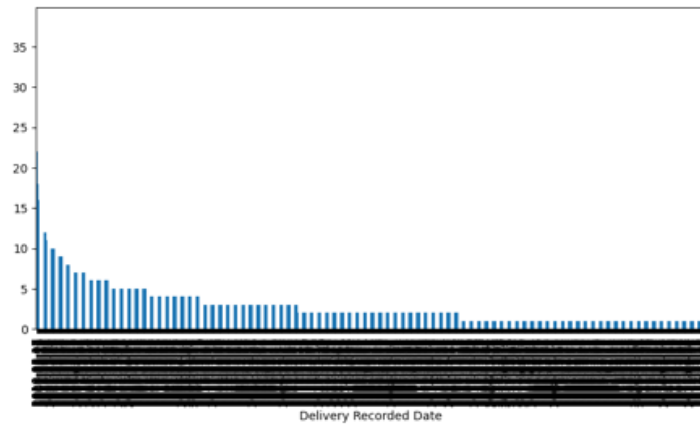
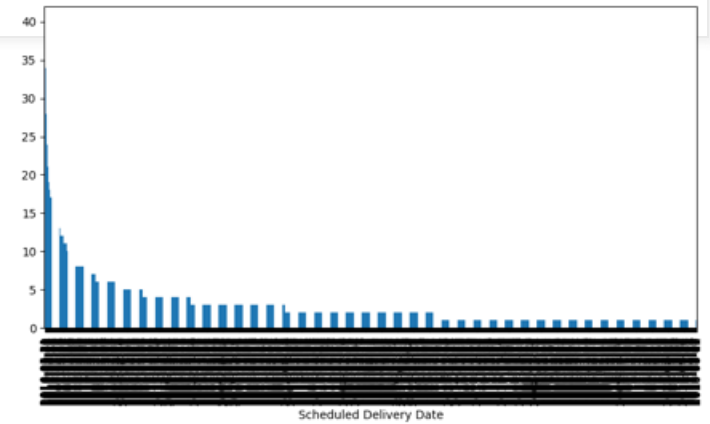
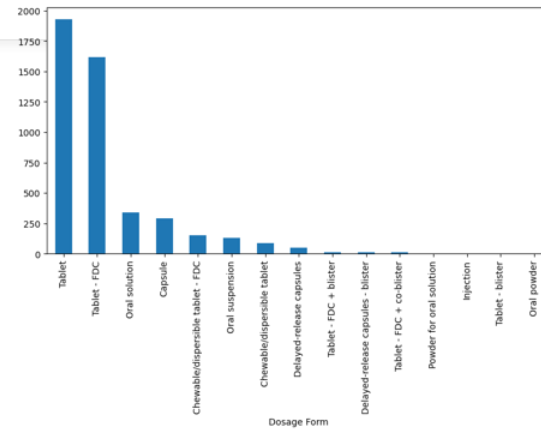
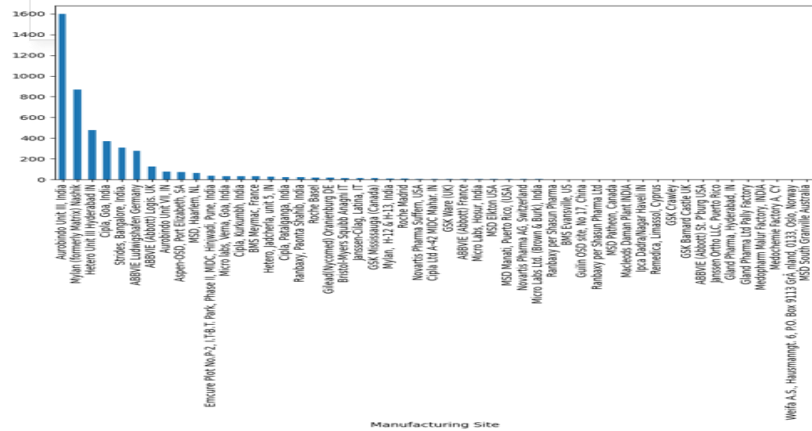
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Unit of Measure (Per Pack)	4638.0	81.035144	86.592105	5.00	30.0000	60.000	60.000	1000.00
Line Item Quantity	4638.0	27065.223588	47838.896882	1.00	1500.0000	8341.000	33129.500	619999.00
Line Item Value	4638.0	206221.628648	409749.149714	0.00	10503.0000	58085.700	223776.885	5951990.40
Pack Price	4638.0	12.469987	18.945518	0.00	3.4000	7.400	12.110	306.88
Unit Price	4638.0	0.201419	0.291985	0.00	0.0600	0.140	0.240	14.04
Weight (Kilograms)	4638.0	3865.767141	7831.314758	1.00	263.0000	1308.000	4234.500	154780.00
Freight Cost (USD)	4638.0	10744.380509	15203.464191	14.36	2267.1350	5803.415	13398.060	194623.44
Line Item Insurance (USD)	4638.0	309.154254	591.001517	0.00	16.6625	79.385	329.555	7005.49

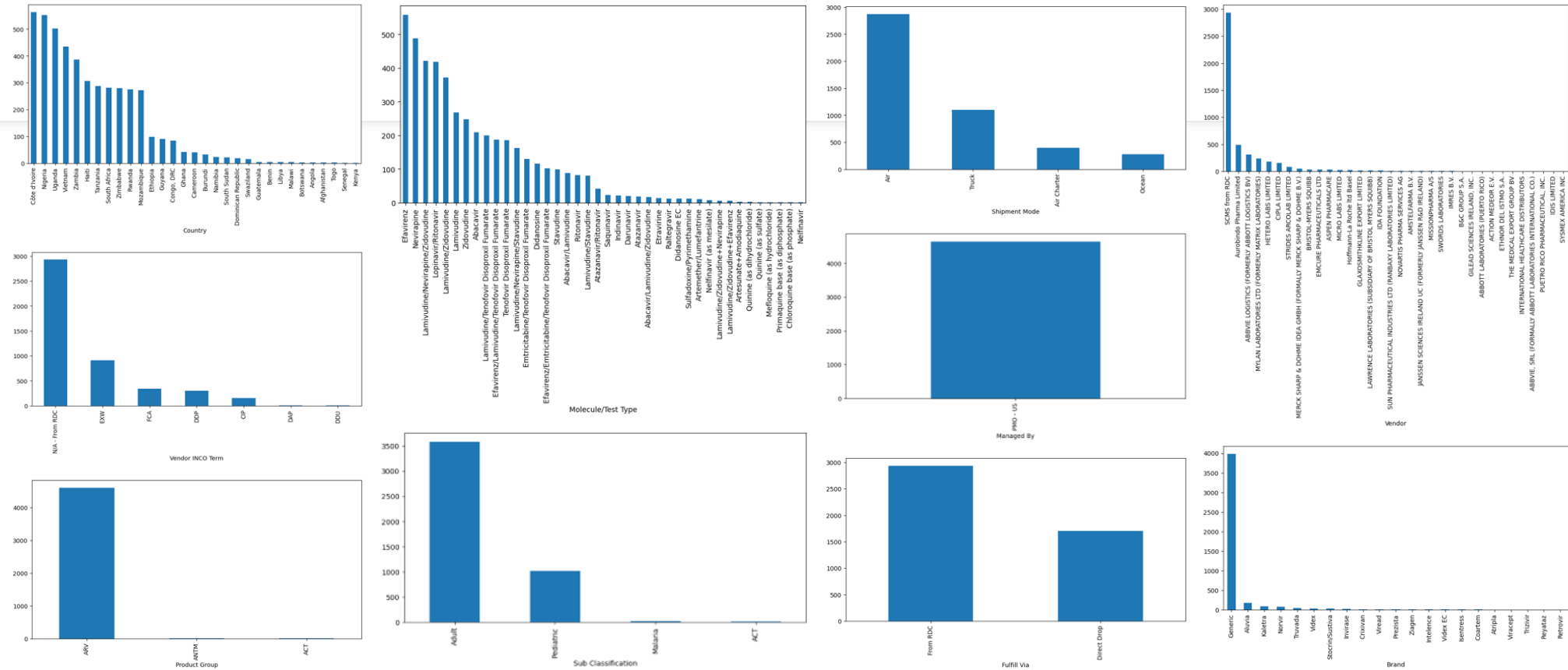
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for cat in categorical_columns:
    print(cat, ":", df[cat].nunique())
```

Project Code : 82  
PQ # : 815  
PO / SO # : 4291  
Country : 31  
Managed By : 1  
Fulfill Via : 2  
Vendor INCO Term : 7  
Shipment Mode : 4  
PQ First Sent to Client Date : 546  
PO Sent to Vendor Date : 493  
Scheduled Delivery Date : 1591  
Delivered to Client Date : 1703  
Delivery Recorded Date : 1638  
Product Group : 3  
Sub Classification : 4  
Vendor : 34  
Item Description : 114  
Molecule/Test Type : 40  
Brand : 21  
Dosage : 51  
Dosage Form : 15  
Manufacturing Site : 51  
First Line Designation : 1

# Outlier Analysis







**Notice that majority of the graphs are POSITIVELY/RIGHT SKEWED**

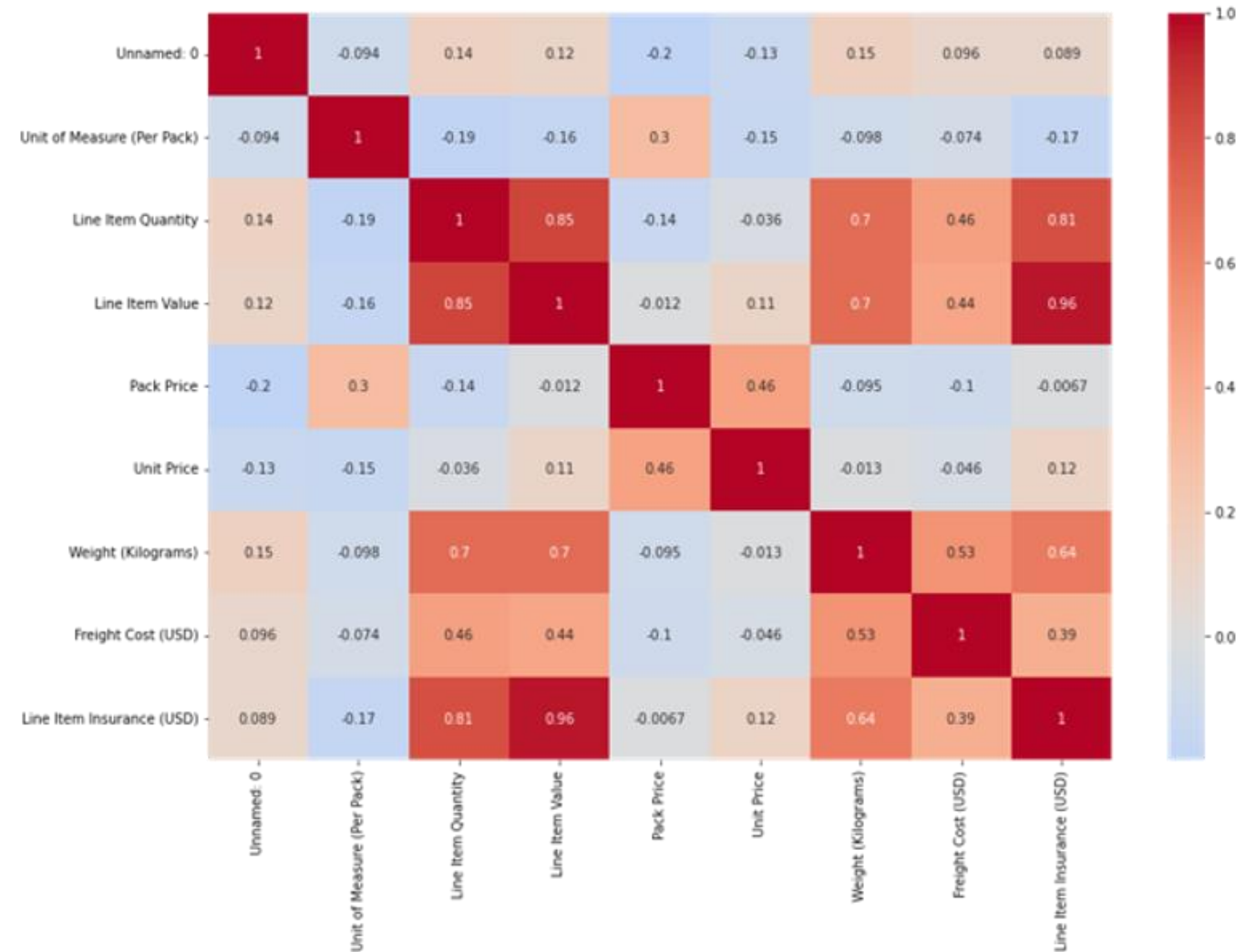
# Statistical Testing





# Correlation

- *Strong positive correlation* between Line Item Value with Line Item Quantity and Line Item Insurance.
- *Strong positive correlation* between Weight and Line Item Quantity.
- Other relations exist but are relatively weaker.



# Anova Test

- Delivery Delay (Fact) against Categorical Variables (Dimensional attributes)

Feature	P-Value
Vendor	4.136564e-31
Brand	0.084145
Product Group	0.334551
Sub-Classification	0.223597
Item Description	0.002792
Dosage Form	0.000043
Dosage	8.413971e-07
Molecule Test-Type	0.000528
Manufacturing Country	0.000003
Delivery Country	7.293645e-49

- P-value < 0.05  
Reject H0
- Null hypothesis:  
*H0 : All Delivery delay means are equal across selected feature for e.g. Vendor*

# Ideate

Explore BI  
Solutions  
Creatively

# How might we analyze and improve the supply chain efficiency?

- Come up with ideas of different charts and dashboard and pen them down
- Once you learn all the charts you will be in better shape to suggest different BI solutions.

Dashboard with some KPIs like delay and value

Area chart for time series

Find a link with freight cost, countries and delays

Use Map and Sankey chart to show movement of goods

# Prototype

Build BI  
Solutions  
Iteratively

# BI Analysis

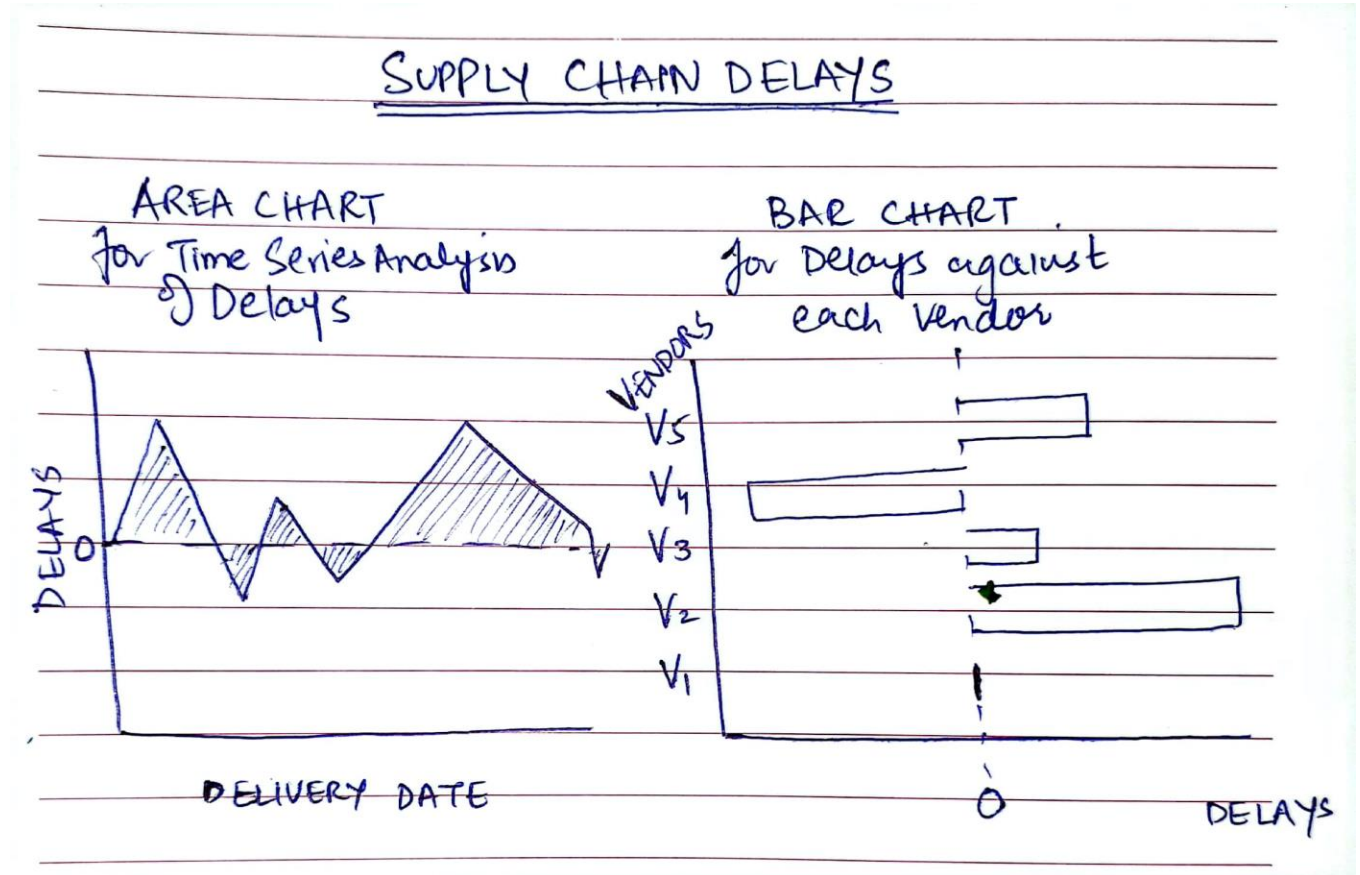


Storytelling  
on paper

Using the Tool  
for Analysis

Dashboards

# Storytelling on Paper



# Transform Data in Power BI

Several Options - Some examples

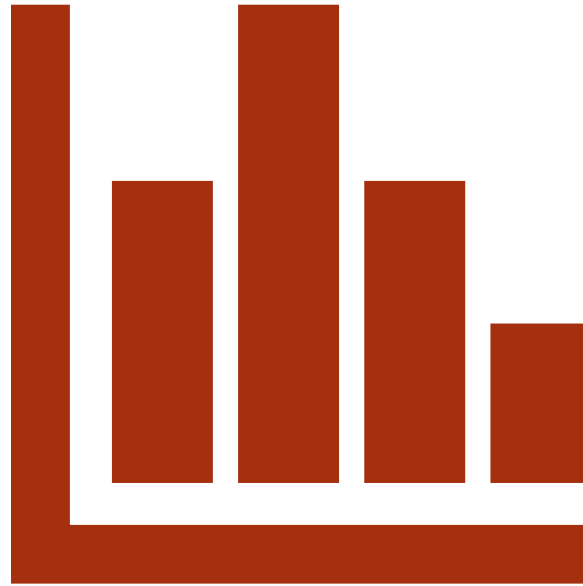
- Remove irrelevant columns
  - Column1,
  - Managed by, First Line Designation (same value, not useful for analysis)
- Change column names as needed - for better readability on charts and better understanding
- Create columns as required
  - E.g Create a manufacturing country column using the existing columns.



# Identified Hierarchies

Create hierarchies in Power BI for easier accessibility for analysis.

H1	H2	H3	H4
Project code PQ# PO/SO#	Vendor Delivery Country Manuf. Country	Vendor Brand Product Group Sub classification Item Description	Dosage Form Dosage Molecule Test Type



# Begin Creating a Dashboard on Power BI



# Test

Validate with  
Stakeholders

# Transformations made

- Deleted useless columns 1,2,3
- Rename columns:
  - Delivered to Client Date → Delivery Date
  - Item Description → Item Desc
  - Others as required
- Full Via Replace "From RDC" to "RDC"
- Trimmed the text in Manuf. Country column

