NOVA SCHOOL OF BUSINESS & ECONOMICS

APPLIED BUSINESS ANALYTICS

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Exploratory Data Analysis (EDA) Report Guideline

Introduction:

1. Dataset Description:

- a. Provide a brief overview of the dataset, including the number of observations, variables, and their types (numerical, categorical).
- b. Mention the source of the data and any relevant background information.

2. Data Cleaning:

a. Handling Missing Values:

Describe how missing values were identified and addressed.

Explain the rationale behind the chosen method for handling missing data.

3. Data Types and Conversions:

- a. Outline the types of data (categorical, numerical) and any necessary conversions.
- b. Discuss the reasons for encoding categorical variables if applicable.

Univariate Analysis:

4. Summary Statistics:

- a. Present key summary statistics (mean, median, mode, standard deviation) for numerical variables.
- b. Discuss any notable observations or patterns.

5. Distribution Visualization:

- a. Utilize visualizations (histograms, box plots) to showcase the distribution of numerical variables.
- b. Describe the shape, central tendency, and spread of the distributions.

6. Categorical Variables Exploration:

- a. Use bar charts or pie charts to explore the distribution of categorical variables.
- b. Highlight any dominant categories or patterns.

Bivariate Analysis:

7. Correlation Analysis:

- a. Explore correlations between numerical variables using correlation coefficients or heatmaps.
- b. Discuss the strength and direction of significant correlations.

8. Scatter Plots and Relationships:

a. Create scatter plots to visualize relationships between pairs of numerical variables.

b. Analyze trends and identify potential outliers.

Multivariate Analysis:

9. Multivariate Visualizations:

- a. Utilize tools like pair plots or heatmaps to explore relationships among multiple variables.
- b. Identify patterns or clusters within the data.

Outliers and Anomalies:

10. **Detection and Handling:**

a. Identify outliers through visualizations or statistical methods. - Discuss the rationale for handling or keeping outliers.

Conclusion:

11. Key Findings:

- a. Summarize the main insights gained from the exploratory analysis.
- b. Highlight any unexpected or interesting patterns discovered.

12. Next Steps:

- a. Suggest potential areas for further investigation or analysis.
- b. Discuss the implications of the findings for subsequent modeling or decision-making.

Visualization and Reporting:

13. Clear and Informative Visuals:

- a. Ensure that all visualizations are appropriately labeled and easy to interpret.
- b. Include captions and titles for each visualization.

14. Narrative Flow:

- a. Maintain a logical and clear narrative flow throughout the report.
- b. Use section headings and subheadings to organize the content.