

Final Report: Customer Segmentation for a Retail Store

Executive Summary

This project aimed to segment customers of a retail store based on their purchasing behavior using the Mall Customers dataset. By employing K-Means clustering, we identified distinct customer segments, which provided insights into their demographics and spending patterns. The findings will inform targeted marketing strategies to enhance customer engagement and drive sales.

Introduction

The retail industry faces challenges in understanding diverse customer profiles, leading to untargeted marketing strategies. This project seeks to address this issue by analyzing customer data to identify distinct segments based on purchasing behavior, ultimately improving customer satisfaction and sales.

Methodology

The project involved several key steps:

- 1. Data Collection and Cleaning:** The Mall Customers dataset was loaded, cleaned for missing values, and categorical variables were encoded.
- 2. Exploratory Data Analysis (EDA):** Descriptive statistics and visualizations were generated to understand customer demographics and spending behavior.
- 3. Customer Segmentation:** K-Means clustering was applied to segment customers into six distinct groups based on age, annual income, and spending score.
- 4. Visualization:** Results were visualized using Matplotlib to present the customer segments effectively.

Results

The analysis revealed six customer segments:

- Cluster 0: Low to moderate spending middle-class males.
- Cluster 1: Low spending rich males.
- Cluster 2: High spending young males.
- Cluster 3: Moderate to high spending rich adults.
- Cluster 4: Young middle-class females with moderate to high spending.
- Cluster 5: Low to moderate spending older females.

Each cluster exhibited unique characteristics in terms of demographics and spending behavior, providing actionable insights for marketing strategies.

Conclusion

The segmentation analysis provides valuable insights into customer behavior, enabling the retail store to tailor its marketing strategies effectively. Recommendations include targeted promotions for different segments, personalized marketing campaigns, and the development of loyalty programs to enhance customer satisfaction and drive sales growth.

Appendices

- Charts: Visual representations of customer segments and spending behavior.
- Code Snippets: Key code used for data cleaning, EDA, and clustering.
- References: Sources and datasets utilized in the project.

This report serves as a comprehensive overview of the customer segmentation project, summarizing key findings and recommendations for future marketing strategies.