

DATA ANALYSIS

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Online Retail project

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INTRODUCTION

Online retail datasets are collections of transactional data generated by e-commerce platforms. This dataset captures a wide range of information related to customer purchases, product details, and sales trends. They serve as valuable resources for analyzing consumer behaviour and informing business strategies.

OBJECTIVE

The primary goal of market basket analysis is to identify associations between products to optimize marketing strategies, enhance cross-selling opportunities, and improve inventory management.

DATA PREPARATION

There are important steps to clean and prepare a retail dataset for analysis. Here's a clear explanation about what we did:

Dataset info: first examined the dataset to understand its structure, including the number of entries and the types of information available.

Column Renaming: rename the columns to make them clearer. For instance, changed 'StockCod' to 'product_code' and 'UnitPrice' to 'price_per_unit'.

Whitespace Removal: cleaned up the 'product_description' column by removing any extra spaces at the beginning or end of the text. This ensures that all descriptions are formatted consistently.

Duplicate Removal: eliminated duplicate entries from the dataset, ensuring that each transaction is represented only once.

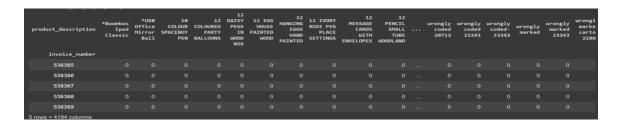
Missing Value Handling: removed any rows that had missing values in the 'invoice_number' column. Since this field is essential for identifying transactions, it's important to have complete data here.

Data Type Conversion: changed the 'invoice_number' column to a string format. This is typically done to treat these identifiers correctly, as they are not used for mathematical operations.

Filtering Records: filtered out any transactions that had an 'invoice_number' containing the letter 'C', which likely indicates canceled transactions. This helps in focusing on valid transactions only.

MARKET BASKET ANALYSIS





This Groupby line groups the retail DataFrame by two columns: invoice_number and product_description.

It sums the quantity_sold for each combination of invoice number and product description. This step aggregates the sales data so that if multiple quantities of a product were sold in a single invoice, they are combined.

The unstack() method pivots the DataFrame, converting the unique product descriptions into columns.

This resets the index of the DataFrame, converting the current index (which is now just invoice_number) back into a regular column. This makes it easier to work with the data in subsequent steps.

Filling NaN Values

This replaces any NaN values in the DataFrame with 0

Setting the Index

This line sets the invoice_number column as the new index of the DataFrame

Converting to Integer Type

Applying a Lambda Function

This applies a function to every element of the DataFrame. If the quantity sold is greater than 0, it replaces it with 1 (indicating that the product was purchased in that transaction); otherwise, it replaces it with 0 (indicating that the product was not purchased).

Frequent item sets

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[ ] from mlxtend.frequent_patterns import fpgrowth, association_rules
    frequent_itemsets = fpgrowth(basket, min_support=0.01, use_colnames=True).sort_values("support",ascending=False)
    frequent_itemsets.head(10)
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warnings.warn(
	support	itemsets
0	0.109661	(WHITE HANGING HEART T-LIGHT HOLDER)
92	0.101509	(JUMBO BAG RED RETROSPOT)
294	0.096511	(REGENCY CAKESTAND 3 TIER)
574	0.081809	(PARTY BUNTING)
42	0.075889	(LUNCH BAG RED RETROSPOT)
7	0.070600	(ASSORTED COLOUR BIRD ORNAMENT)
603	0.067204	(SET OF 3 CAKE TINS PANTRY DESIGN)
43	0.064050	(PACK OF 72 RETROSPOT CAKE CASES)
172	0.061769	(LUNCH BAG BLACK SKULL.)
79	0.060605	(NATURAL SLATE HEART CHALKBOARD)

applies the fpgrowth algorithm to the basket DataFrame

min_support=0.01 means that only itemsets that appear in at least 1% of the transactions will be considered. This threshold helps to focus on itemsets that are common enough to be significant.

use_colnames=True ensures that the output will show the actual product names instead of numerical indices.

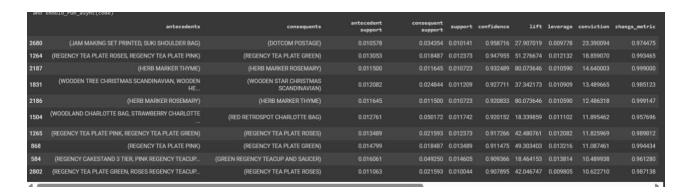
sort_values this sorts the resulting frequent itemsets by their support values in descending order. By sorting, the most common itemsets will appear first.

The itemset with the highest support is:

(WHITE HANGING HEART T-LIGHT HOLDER) with a support value of 0.109661. This means that this item appears in approximately 10.97% of all transactions.

Association rules

[] rules = association_rules(frequent_itemsets, metric="lift", min_threshold=1).sort_values("confidence",ascending=False) rules.head(10)



applies the association_rules function to the frequent_itemsets DataFrame

Metric: The metric="lift" parameter specifies that the rules should be evaluated based on "lift." Lift measures how much more likely two items are to be purchased together than would be expected if they were independent. A lift greater than 1 indicates a positive association between the items.

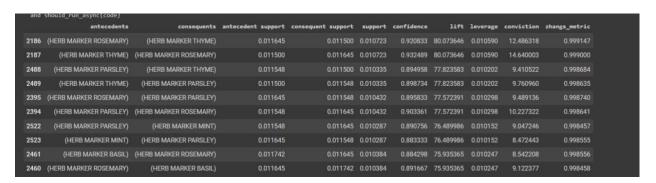
Min Threshold: The min_threshold=1 means that only rules with a lift value of 1 or higher will be included.

This sorts the resulting rules by their confidence values in descending order. Confidence is the proportion of the times the rule's consequent (the item being predicted) appears when the antecedent (the item being observed) is present. A higher confidence indicates a stronger rule.

The rule with the highest confidence is:

(JAM MAKING SET PRINTED, SUKI SHOULDER BAG) → (DOTCOM POSTAGE) with a confidence of 0.958716 this means that when customers purchase the "JAM MAKING SET PRINTED" and "SUKI SHOULDER BAG," there is a 95.87% chance that they will also purchase "DOTCOM POSTAGE."

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[] from mlxtend.frequent_patterns import association_rules
rules = association_rules(frequent_itemsets, metric="lift", min_threshold=1)
rules_sorted = rules.sort_values("antecedent support", ascending=False)
rules_sorted = rules.sort_values("consequent support", ascending=False)
rules_sorted = rules.sort_values("support", ascending=False)
rules_sorted = rules.sort_values("confidence", ascending=False)
rules_sorted = rules.sort_values("conviction", ascending=False)
rules_sorted = rules.sort_values("zhangs_metric", ascending=False)
rules_sorted = rules.sort_values("leverage", ascending=False)
rules_sorted = rules.sort_values("lift", ascending=False)
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rules_sorted.head(10)
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Generates rules using "lift" as the primary metric, with a minimum threshold of 1, indicating only rules with a meaningful association are considered

Sorts the rules multiple times based on different metrics, including:

- Antecedent support
- Consequent support
- Overall support
- Confidence
- Conviction
- Zhang's metric
- Leverage
- Finally, by lift

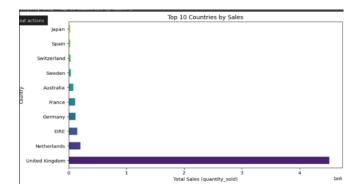
Displays the top 10 rules based on the highest lift values, which helps identify the strongest associations between items

The ultimate goal is to uncover meaningful relationships between items in the dataset, enabling businesses to make informed decisions about marketing, product placement, and promotions based on customer purchasing behavior.

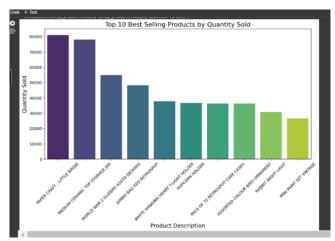
VISUALISATION



It shows the sales over time (month), the highest sales were in November.



It shows the top 10 country by sales, and the best-selling country was United Kingdom.



It shows the top 10 selling products by quantity sold, the most selling product was paper craft, little bride.