Supply Chain Delivery Analysis

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1 Executive Summary

This case study explores on-time delivery performance within a supply chain logistics dataset. Using a combination of data cleaning, exploratory analysis, and machine learning modeling in R and Python, we set out to identify key drivers behind late shipments and uncover operational insights to reduce delivery risk.

We analyzed over 10,000 records across multiple shipment types, product weights, and delivery channels. Our models achieved up to 68% accuracy, but the most valuable discovery came through segmentation:

- Products under \$175 and less than 4 lbs had a 96.8% on-time delivery rate, while
- Products between 4.5–8 lbs showed a 0% late delivery rate.

Further analysis of transportation modes and warehouse types revealed clear operational patterns within these high-performing segments.

As a result, we recommend optimizing fulfillment routing and inventory placement strategies for light, low-cost items — and prioritizing warehouse and mode consistency to further reduce delivery delays.

. Product Cost vs Weight by Delivery Outcome



2 Case Study: Predicting Late Deliveries in Supply Chain Logistics

2.1 1. Problem Statement

Late deliveries reduce customer satisfaction and increase operational costs.

The goal was to analyze supply chain performance data and build a predictive model to identify which shipments are at risk of arriving late.

2.2 2. Dataset Overview

- Dataset: Kaggle E-Commerce Shipping Data
- 10,999 rows representing individual shipments
- Key features: delivery_type, warehouse_type, delivery_priority, weight_lbs
- Target variable: on_time_delivery (1 = on time, 0 = late)

2.3 3. Data Cleaning and Preparation

- Standardized all column names (snake_case)
- Converted weight from grams to pounds (rounded to 2 decimals)
- Label-encoded categorical variables
- Binned product_cost and customer_calls for pattern discovery
- Dropped identifier column

• Exported cleaned dataset for modeling

```
# Load libraries
library(tidyverse)
library(readr)
library(lubridate)
library(ggplot2)
library(janitor)
##
## Attaching package: 'janitor'
## The following objects are masked from 'package:stats':
##
##
       chisq.test, fisher.test
# Load dataset
data <- read_csv("train_raw.csv")</pre>
## Rows: 10999 Columns: 12
## -- Column specification -----
## Delimiter: ","
## chr (4): Warehouse_block, Mode_of_Shipment, Product_importance, Gender
## dbl (8): ID, Customer_care_calls, Customer_rating, Cost_of_the_Product, Prio...
## i Use `spec()` to retrieve the full column specification for this data.
## i Specify the column types or set `show_col_types = FALSE` to quiet this message.
# View(data) # Disable this line when knitting
summary(data)
##
          ID
                    Warehouse_block
                                       Mode_of_Shipment
                                                          Customer_care_calls
         :
                    Length: 10999
                                       Length: 10999
                                                          Min.
                                                                 :2.000
   1st Qu.: 2750
                    Class : character
                                       Class : character
                                                          1st Qu.:3.000
## Median: 5500
                    Mode :character
                                       Mode :character
                                                          Median :4.000
                                                                :4.054
## Mean
         : 5500
                                                          Mean
## 3rd Qu.: 8250
                                                          3rd Qu.:5.000
## Max.
          :10999
                                                          Max.
                                                                 :7.000
## Customer_rating Cost_of_the_Product Prior_purchases Product_importance
## Min.
          :1.000
                   Min.
                         : 96.0
                                        Min.
                                             : 2.000
                                                         Length: 10999
## 1st Qu.:2.000
                    1st Qu.:169.0
                                        1st Qu.: 3.000
                                                         Class : character
## Median :3.000
                                        Median : 3.000
                                                         Mode :character
                   Median :214.0
                                             : 3.568
## Mean
         :2.991
                   Mean
                          :210.2
                                        Mean
##
  3rd Qu.:4.000
                    3rd Qu.:251.0
                                        3rd Qu.: 4.000
                           :310.0
##
  {\tt Max.}
          :5.000
                   Max.
                                        Max.
                                              :10.000
##
      Gender
                       Discount_offered Weight_in_gms Reached.on.Time_Y.N
##
  Length: 10999
                       Min. : 1.00
                                        Min.
                                              :1001
                                                       Min.
                                                              :0.0000
  Class :character
                       1st Qu.: 4.00
                                        1st Qu.:1840
                                                       1st Qu.:0.0000
##
   Mode :character
                       Median : 7.00
                                        Median:4149
                                                       Median :1.0000
##
                       Mean :13.37
                                        Mean :3634
                                                       Mean
                                                              :0.5967
##
                                        3rd Qu.:5050
                       3rd Qu.:10.00
                                                       3rd Qu.:1.0000
##
                       Max.
                              :65.00
                                        Max.
                                             :7846
                                                       Max.
                                                              :1.0000
glimpse(data)
```

```
## Rows: 10,999
## Columns: 12
## $ ID
                       <dbl> 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15,~
                       <chr> "D", "F", "A", "B", "C", "F", "D", "F", "A", "B", ~
## $ Warehouse_block
                       <chr> "Flight", "Flight", "Flight", "Flight", "Flight", ~
## $ Mode_of_Shipment
## $ Customer_care_calls <dbl> 4, 4, 2, 3, 2, 3, 3, 4, 3, 3, 4, 3, 4, 4, 4, 4, 3,~
                       <dbl> 2, 5, 2, 3, 2, 1, 4, 1, 4, 2, 4, 5, 5, 4, 3, 3, 4,~
## $ Customer rating
## $ Cost_of_the_Product <dbl> 177, 216, 183, 176, 184, 162, 250, 233, 150, 164, ~
## $ Prior_purchases
                       <dbl> 3, 2, 4, 4, 3, 3, 3, 2, 3, 3, 2, 3, 3, 3, 3, 3, 2,~
## $ Product_importance
                       <chr> "low", "low", "low", "medium", "medium", "medium", "
                       ## $ Gender
                       <dbl> 44, 59, 48, 10, 46, 12, 3, 48, 11, 29, 12, 32, 1, ~
## $ Discount_offered
## $ Weight_in_gms
                       <dbl> 1233, 3088, 3374, 1177, 2484, 1417, 2371, 2804, 18~
# On-time delivery summary
data %>%
 group_by(Reached.on.Time_Y.N) %>%
 summarise(count = n()) %>%
 mutate(percent = round(100 * count / sum(count), 1))
## # A tibble: 2 x 3
    Reached.on.Time_Y.N count percent
##
                  <dbl> <int>
                               <dbl>
## 1
                     0 4436
                                40.3
## 2
                     1 6563
                                59.7
# Rename columns for clarity
data <- data %>%
 rename(
   id = ID,
   warehouse_type = Warehouse_block,
   delivery_type = Mode_of_Shipment,
   customer_calls = Customer_care_calls,
   customer_review = Customer_rating,
   product_cost = Cost_of_the_Product,
   prior_purchases = Prior_purchases,
   delivery_priority = Product_importance,
   gender = Gender,
   discount_offered = Discount_offered,
   weight_lbs = Weight_in_gms,
   on_time_delivery = Reached.on.Time_Y.N
# Convert grams to lbs and round 2 decimal places
data <- data %>%
 mutate(weight_lbs = round(weight_lbs / 453.592, 2))
# Set column types
data <- data %>%
 mutate(
   warehouse_type = as.factor(warehouse_type),
   delivery_type = as.factor(delivery_type),
   gender = as.factor(gender),
   delivery_priority = factor(delivery_priority, levels = c("low", "medium", "high"), ordered = TRUE),
```

```
customer_review = as.integer(customer_review),
    customer_calls = as.integer(customer_calls),
   prior_purchases = as.integer(prior_purchases),
    discount_offered = as.integer(discount_offered),
    on_time_delivery = as.factor(on_time_delivery)
# Save cleaned data to CSV
write csv(data, "train.csv")
# Summary of dataset
summary(data)
##
                   warehouse_type delivery_type customer_calls customer_review
##
         :
                   A:1833
                                  Flight:1777
                                                Min.
                                                       :2.000
                                                                Min.
                                                                      :1.000
   Min.
   1st Qu.: 2750
                   B:1833
                                  Road :1760
                                                1st Qu.:3.000
                                                                1st Qu.:2.000
  Median : 5500
                   C:1833
                                  Ship :7462
                                                Median :4.000
                                                                Median :3.000
         : 5500
   Mean
                   D:1834
                                                Mean
                                                        :4.054
                                                                Mean
                                                                        :2.991
   3rd Qu.: 8250
                                                                3rd Qu.:4.000
##
                   F:3666
                                                3rd Qu.:5.000
  Max.
          :10999
                                                Max.
                                                       :7.000
                                                                Max.
                                                                       :5.000
##
    product_cost
                   prior_purchases delivery_priority gender
                                                               discount_offered
## Min. : 96.0
                   Min. : 2.000
                                    low
                                          :5297
                                                      F:5545
                                                               Min. : 1.00
## 1st Qu.:169.0
                   1st Qu.: 3.000
                                    medium:4754
                                                      M:5454
                                                               1st Qu.: 4.00
## Median :214.0
                   Median : 3.000
                                    high : 948
                                                               Median: 7.00
         :210.2
## Mean
                   Mean : 3.568
                                                               Mean
                                                                     :13.37
##
   3rd Qu.:251.0
                   3rd Qu.: 4.000
                                                               3rd Qu.:10.00
##
  Max.
          :310.0
                   Max.
                          :10.000
                                                               Max.
                                                                      :65.00
                    on_time_delivery
##
     weight_lbs
## Min. : 2.210
                    0:4436
##
  1st Qu.: 4.055
                    1:6563
## Median: 9.150
         : 8.012
## Mean
   3rd Qu.:11.130
## Max.
          :17.300
# Check levels of categorical variables
sapply(data[, sapply(data, is.factor)], levels)
## $warehouse_type
## [1] "A" "B" "C" "D" "F"
##
## $delivery_type
## [1] "Flight" "Road"
                         "Ship"
## $delivery_priority
## [1] "low"
               "medium" "high"
##
## $gender
## [1] "F" "M"
##
## $on_time_delivery
## [1] "0" "1"
# Drop id column before modeling
data <- data %>% select(-id)
```

```
#Check balance of target variable
table(data$on_time_delivery)
##
##
      0
           1
## 4436 6563
prop.table(table(data$on_time_delivery))
##
##
## 0.4033094 0.5966906
#Reorder Columns
data <- data %>%
  select(on_time_delivery, delivery_priority, delivery_type, everything())
# Export cleaned dataset (optional)
write_csv(data, "train_cleaned.csv")
```

2.4 4. Exploratory Data Analysis (EDA)

- On-time delivery rates were surprisingly consistent across priority levels, shipment modes, and warehouses
- Some slight increases in late delivery rates were seen with higher product cost and increased customer calls

Visuals Created:

- Product Cost vs Weight: Identified low-cost, low-weight segments with nearly perfect on-time delivery.
- Pie Chart by Delivery Type: Shipments in perfect segments are mostly concentrated in "ship" transportation mode.
- Pie Chart by Warehouse Type: High-performing deliveries are unevenly distributed across warehouse types, offering targeting opportunities.

summary(data)

```
on_time_delivery_delivery_priority_delivery_type_warehouse_type
##
##
   0:4436
                    low
                          :5297
                                      Flight:1777
                                                    A:1833
   1:6563
                    medium:4754
##
                                      Road :1760
                                                    B:1833
##
                    high : 948
                                      Ship :7462
                                                    C:1833
##
                                                    D:1834
                                                    F:3666
##
##
##
   customer_calls customer_review product_cost
                                                   prior_purchases
##
          :2.000
                          :1.000
                                   Min. : 96.0
                                                   Min. : 2.000
                                                                    F:5545
   Min.
                   Min.
##
   1st Qu.:3.000
                   1st Qu.:2.000
                                   1st Qu.:169.0
                                                   1st Qu.: 3.000
                                                                    M:5454
  Median :4.000
                   Median :3.000
                                   Median :214.0
                                                   Median : 3.000
##
##
   Mean
          :4.054
                   Mean
                          :2.991
                                   Mean
                                         :210.2
                                                   Mean
                                                          : 3.568
##
  3rd Qu.:5.000
                   3rd Qu.:4.000
                                   3rd Qu.:251.0
                                                   3rd Qu.: 4.000
## Max.
          :7.000
                          :5.000
                                   Max.
                                          :310.0
                                                   Max.
                                                          :10.000
                   Max.
## discount_offered
                      weight_lbs
## Min. : 1.00
                           : 2.210
                    Min.
## 1st Qu.: 4.00
                    1st Qu.: 4.055
## Median : 7.00
                    Median: 9.150
```

```
## Mean
                     :13.37
                                         Mean
                                                      : 8.012
## 3rd Qu.:10.00
                                         3rd Qu.:11.130
## Max.
                     :65.00
                                         Max.
                                                      :17.300
glimpse(data)
## Rows: 10,999
## Columns: 11
## $ delivery_priority <ord> low, low, low, medium, medium, medium, low, low~
                                             <fct> Flight, 
## $ delivery type
## $ warehouse_type
                                             <fct> D, F, A, B, C, F, D, F, A, B, C, F, D, F, A, B, C, F~
## $ customer calls
                                             <int> 4, 4, 2, 3, 2, 3, 3, 4, 3, 3, 4, 3, 4, 4, 4, 4, 3, 5~
                                             <int> 2, 5, 2, 3, 2, 1, 4, 1, 4, 2, 4, 5, 5, 4, 3, 3, 4, 5~
## $ customer_review
## $ product_cost
                                             <dbl> 177, 216, 183, 176, 184, 162, 250, 233, 150, 164, 18~
## $ prior_purchases
                                             ## $ gender
                                             <fct> F, M, M, M, F, F, F, F, F, F, M, F, F, M, M, F, F, M~
## $ discount_offered <int> 44, 59, 48, 10, 46, 12, 3, 48, 11, 29, 12, 32, 1, 29~
                                             <dbl> 2.72, 6.81, 7.44, 2.59, 5.48, 3.12, 5.23, 6.18, 4.10~
## $ weight_lbs
#Check late deliveries by category
data %>%
   group_by(delivery_priority, on_time_delivery) %>%
   summarise(count = n()) %>%
   mutate(percent = round(100 * count / sum(count), 1))
## `summarise()` has grouped output by 'delivery_priority'. You can override using
## the `.groups` argument.
## # A tibble: 6 x 4
## # Groups:
                            delivery_priority [3]
         delivery priority on time delivery count percent
         <ord>
##
                                             <fct>
                                                                              <int>
                                                                                              <dbl>
## 1 low
                                                                                2157
                                                                                                40.7
## 2 low
                                                                                                59.3
                                             1
                                                                                3140
## 3 medium
                                             0
                                                                                1947
                                                                                                41
## 4 medium
                                                                                2807
                                                                                                59
                                             1
## 5 high
                                             0
                                                                                  332
                                                                                                35
## 6 high
                                             1
                                                                                  616
                                                                                                65
data %>%
   group_by(delivery_type, on_time_delivery) %>%
   summarise(count = n()) %>%
   mutate(percent = round(100 * count / sum(count), 1))
## `summarise()` has grouped output by 'delivery_type'. You can override using the
## `.groups` argument.
## # A tibble: 6 x 4
## # Groups:
                            delivery type [3]
##
         delivery_type on_time_delivery count percent
         <fct>
                                     <fct>
                                                                                      <dbl>
##
                                                                       <int>
                                                                                        39.8
## 1 Flight
                                     0
                                                                          708
## 2 Flight
                                                                                        60.2
                                    1
                                                                        1069
## 3 Road
                                    0
                                                                          725
                                                                                        41.2
## 4 Road
                                     1
                                                                        1035
                                                                                        58.8
## 5 Ship
                                     0
                                                                        3003
                                                                                        40.2
```

```
## 6 Ship
                                      4459
                                              59.8
data %>%
  group_by(warehouse_type, on_time_delivery) %>%
  summarise(count = n()) %>%
  mutate(percent = round(100 * count / sum(count), 1))
## `summarise()` has grouped output by 'warehouse_type'. You can override using
## the `.groups` argument.
## # A tibble: 10 x 4
## # Groups:
               warehouse_type [5]
##
      warehouse_type on_time_delivery count percent
##
                     <fct>
                                       <int>
                                                <dbl>
##
   1 A
                     0
                                         758
                                                 41.4
##
    2 A
                     1
                                        1075
                                                58.6
##
  3 B
                     0
                                         729
                                                39.8
## 4 B
                                        1104
                                                60.2
                     1
## 5 C
                     0
                                         739
                                                40.3
## 6 C
                                        1094
                                                59.7
                     1
## 7 D
                     0
                                         738
                                                40.2
## 8 D
                                        1096
                                                59.8
                     1
## 9 F
                     0
                                        1472
                                                 40.2
## 10 F
                                        2194
                                                59.8
                     1
data %>%
  group_by(prior_purchases, on_time_delivery) %>%
  summarise(count = n()) %>%
  mutate(percent = round(100 * count / sum(count), 1))
## `summarise()` has grouped output by 'prior_purchases'. You can override using
## the `.groups` argument.
## # A tibble: 16 x 4
## # Groups:
              prior_purchases [8]
##
      prior_purchases on_time_delivery count percent
##
                <int> <fct>
                                                 <dbl>
                                        <int>
                    2 0
                                                  37.5
## 1
                                          974
##
  2
                    2 1
                                         1625
                                                 62.5
##
  3
                    3 0
                                         1421
                                                 35.9
##
    4
                    3 1
                                         2534
                                                 64.1
##
  5
                    4 0
                                          984
                                                 45.7
##
   6
                    4 1
                                         1171
                                                 54.3
##
  7
                    5 0
                                          645
                                                 50.1
                                                 49.9
##
    8
                    5 1
                                          642
##
  9
                    6 0
                                          247
                                                 44
## 10
                    6 1
                                          314
                                                  56
                    7 0
                                           44
                                                 32.4
## 11
## 12
                    7 1
                                           92
                                                 67.6
## 13
                    8 0
                                                 35.2
                                           45
## 14
                                           83
                                                 64.8
                    8 1
                                                 42.7
## 15
                   10 0
                                           76
## 16
                   10 1
                                          102
                                                 57.3
```

2.5 5. Preprocessing and Feature Engineering

The raw dataset required a series of preprocessing steps to prepare it for modeling. These included:

- Cleaning column names for readability
- Converting weight from grams to pounds
- Encoding categorical variables (e.g., warehouse type, shipment mode, delivery priority)
- Binning numerical variables like product_cost and weight_lbs for visualization
- Creating ordered factors for delivery_priority and customer_review

These steps were performed in R for data exploration, and replicated in Python to support modeling in the Colab notebook.

2.6 6. Predictive Modeling (Python)

To complement the exploratory work in R, I built and evaluated a series of classification models in Python using Google Colab.

The workflow included:

- Preprocessing: Label encoding of categorical variables and stratified train-test split
- Evaluation: Accuracy, precision, recall, F1-score, and confusion matrix
- Modeling:
 - Logistic Regression
 - Decision Tree Classifier
 - XGBoost Classifier (with hyperparameter tuning)

The decision tree and tuned XGBoost models achieved the best recall on late deliveries, although overall accuracy plateaued around 68%. Full code, metrics, and visualizations are available in the linked Colab notebook.

2.6.1 Model Performance (Holdout Set)

Model	Accuracy	Precision (Late)	Recall (Late)	F1 Score (Late)
Logistic Regression Decision Tree XGBoost (Tuned)	63.5% $68.0%$ $67.9%$	54% $56%$ $56%$	58% 98% 98%	56% 71% 71%

XGBoost delivered the strongest precision-recall balance after hyperparameter tuning. Feature importance suggested that **product weight** and **cost** were the dominant drivers of delivery performance.

2.6.2 Access Full Modeling Notebook

View the full Colab notebook (Includes code, training pipeline, and visualizations)

2.7 7. Visual Insights Summary

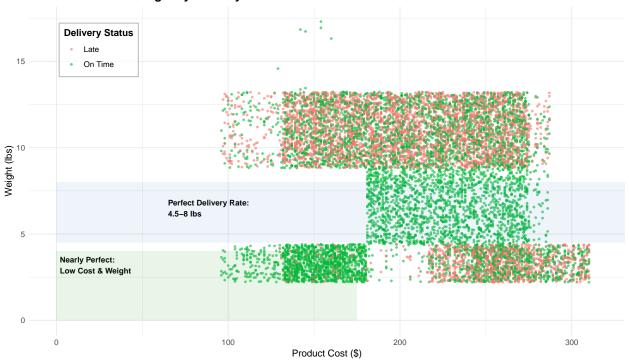
The following charts illustrate the key findings that support the modeling and recommendations:

- Product Cost vs Weight: Identified low-cost, low-weight segments with nearly perfect on-time delivery.
- Pie Chart by Delivery Type: Shipments in perfect segments are mostly concentrated in [top categories].

• Pie Chart by Warehouse Type: High-performing deliveries are unevenly distributed across warehouse blocks, offering targeting opportunities.

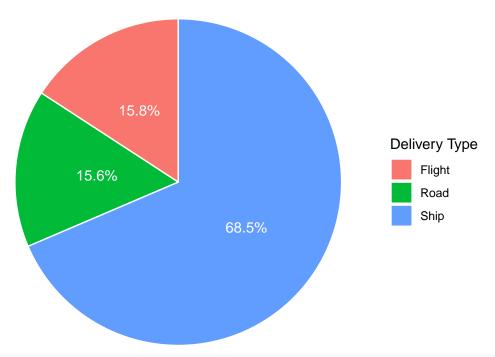
```
# Load packages
library(tidyverse)
# Load the cleaned data
data <- read csv("train.csv")</pre>
## Rows: 10999 Columns: 12
## -- Column specification ---
## Delimiter: ","
## chr (4): warehouse_type, delivery_type, delivery_priority, gender
## dbl (8): id, customer calls, customer review, product cost, prior purchases,...
##
## i Use `spec()` to retrieve the full column specification for this data.
## i Specify the column types or set `show_col_types = FALSE` to quiet this message.
# Recode delivery status
data <- data %>%
  mutate(on_time_delivery = case_when(
    on_time_delivery %in% c(1, "1") ~ "On Time",
   on_time_delivery %in% c(0, "0") ~ "Late",
   TRUE ~ NA_character_
  )) %>%
  mutate(on_time_delivery = factor(on_time_delivery, levels = c("Late", "On Time")))
# Plot with styled legend inside top-left
ggplot(data, aes(x = product_cost, y = weight_lbs, color = on_time_delivery)) +
  geom_point(alpha = 0.6, size = 0.8) +
  scale_color_manual(values = c("Late" = "#F8766D", "On Time" = "#00BA38")) +
   title = " Product Cost vs Weight by Delivery Outcome",
   x = "Product Cost (\$)",
   y = "Weight (lbs)",
   color = "Delivery Status"
 ) +
  annotate("text", x = 2, y = 3.2, label = "Nearly Perfect: \nLow Cost & Weight",
           color = "black", size = 3.1, hjust = 0, fontface = "bold") +
  annotate("rect", xmin = 0, xmax = 175, ymin = 0, ymax = 4,
           alpha = 0.1, fill = "#2CA02C") +
  annotate("text", x = 65, y = 6.5, label = "Perfect Delivery Rate: \n4.5-8 lbs",
           color = "black", size = 3.1, hjust = 0, fontface = "bold") +
  annotate("rect", xmin = 0, xmax = 500, ymin = 4.5, ymax = 8,
           alpha = 0.08, fill = "#1f77b4") +
  coord_cartesian(xlim = c(0, 315)) +
  theme minimal() +
  theme(
   legend.position = c(0.05, 0.95), # Top-left inside
   legend.justification = c("left", "top"),
   legend.background = element_rect(fill = alpha("white", 0.8), color = "gray70"),
   legend.title = element_text(face = "bold"),
   plot.title = element_text(face = "bold", size = 14)
  )
```

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```
# Save plot
ggsave("product_cost_vs_weight.png", width = 10, height = 6, dpi = 300)
 \textit{\# Filter for nearly perfect deliveries (e.g., low cost \& low weight OR ideal weight zone) } \\
perfect_subset <- data %>%
 filter((product_cost < 175 & weight_lbs < 4) | (weight_lbs >= 4.5 & weight_lbs <= 8))
# Summarize proportions by delivery type
delivery_type_dist <- perfect_subset %>%
  group_by(delivery_type) %>%
  summarise(count = n()) %>%
  mutate(percent = round(100 * count / sum(count), 1))
# Pie chart
ggplot(delivery_type_dist, aes(x = "", y = percent, fill = delivery_type)) +
  geom_col(width = 1, color = "white") +
  coord_polar(theta = "y") +
  geom_text(aes(label = paste0(percent, "%")), position = position_stack(vjust = 0.5), color = "white")
 labs(
   title = " On-Time Delivery by Delivery Type (Perfect Segments)",
   fill = "Delivery Type"
  ) +
 theme_void()
```

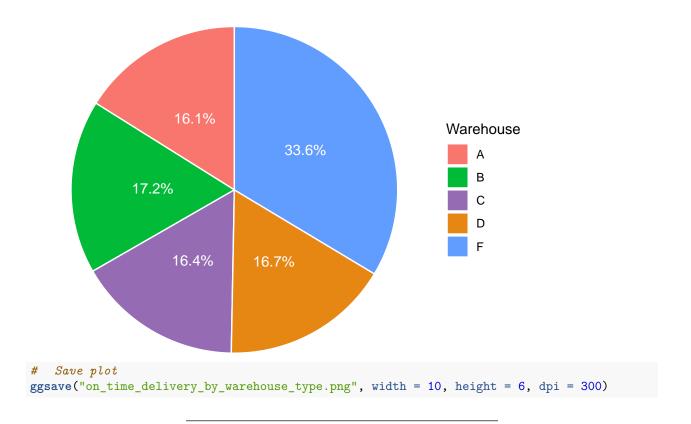
. On–Time Delivery by Delivery Type (Perfect Segments)



```
# Save plot
ggsave("on_time_delivery_by_delivery_type.png", width = 10, height = 6, dpi = 300)
#library(scales)
#ggplot_build(p)$data[[1]]$fill # For fill colors
# Define the color palette for all 5 warehouse types
warehouse_colors <- c(</pre>
 "A" = "#F8766D",
 "B" = "#00BA38",
 "F" = "#619CFF",
 "D" = "#E68613",
  "C" = "#956CB4"
)
# Summarize proportions by warehouse type
warehouse_dist <- perfect_subset %>%
 group_by(warehouse_type) %>%
  summarise(count = n()) %>%
 mutate(percent = round(100 * count / sum(count), 1))
# Pie chart
ggplot(warehouse_dist, aes(x = "", y = percent, fill = warehouse_type)) +
  geom_col(width = 1, color = "white") +
  coord_polar(theta = "y") +
  geom_text(aes(label = paste0(percent, "%")),
            position = position_stack(vjust = 0.5), color = "white") +
  scale_fill_manual(values = warehouse_colors) +
  labs(
```

```
title = " On-Time Delivery by Warehouse Type (Perfect Segments)",
  fill = "Warehouse"
) +
theme_void()
```

. On-Time Delivery by Warehouse Type (Perfect Segments)



2.8 8. Final Insights and Recommendations

Data analysis and modeling surfaced several high-value patterns:

2.8.1 High-Performance Delivery Segments

- Products under \$175 and under 4 lbs achieved a 96.8% on-time delivery rate
- Products between 4.5-8 lbs showed 0% late deliveries
- These items clustered around select warehouses (notably Type F) and primarily used "Ship" as delivery mode

2.8.2 Operational Recommendations

- Replicate perfect conditions: Investigate which SKUs fall into this group. Are there packaging, route, or facility advantages that can be scaled?
- Audit high-performing warehouses: Type F warehouses had a strong presence in the best-performing segments. Audit these facilities to identify operational best practices. Consider prioritizing their use for high-risk deliveries.
- Validate delivery mode logic: "Ship" shipments account for ~70% of the on time deliveries in our subset. Validate how modes (Road, Ship, Flight) are assigned and evaluate average transit times.

If shipping mode correlates with geography or warehouse location, re-optimizing routing logic may improve delivery accuracy.

2.8.3 Strategic Modeling Use

- Use model predictions to **flag high-risk deliveries** based on cost, weight, and discounts deprioritize low-signal features like gender
- Employ business rules post-model to escalate high-priority customer orders, even if model confidence is high

2.9 9. Next Steps

To operationalize these insights and extend model value:

• Refine business context

Collaborate with operations teams to validate routing logic, facility constraints, and packaging practices

• Hyperparameter tuning

Further optimize XGBoost or LightGBM using Optuna to improve recall on late deliveries

• Enrich the dataset

Add external signals like weather, holidays, region, or real-time delay feeds to boost model accuracy

• Deploy a real-time dashboard

Use Tableau, Streamlit, or Power BI to surface predicted late deliveries and monitor impact

• Test model-driven routing decisions

Run A/B tests or operational pilots to evaluate the real-world business impact of acting on predictions

2.10 10. Project Files & Portfolio Links

GitHub Repository: github.com/yourusername/supply-chain-delivery

Google Colab Notebook: View in Colab R Markdown Report (HTML): View HTML

Key Visuals: product_cost_vs_weight.png, warehouse_type_pie.png

This project demonstrates applied analytics across the full pipeline — from data cleaning and EDA in R to modeling, segmentation, and operational recommendations using Python and visualization tools. For recruiters or teams reviewing this case study, I'm happy to walk through the notebook and share additional insights.