

# **Exploratory Data Analysis**

Final Project (Retail Forecasting)

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# Agenda

**Problem Statement** 

**Data Cleaning & Transformation** 

**EDA** 

**EDA Summary** 



### **Problem Statement**

A Company that sells many kinds of products requires us to replace the in-house software designed to predict retailing with an AI/ML driven method. The models that we implement should take seasonality and other additional factors into account.

#### String to integer for future use

```
data['Price Discount (%)'] = data['Price Discount (%)'].apply(lambda x: int(x[:-1]))
```

2 data.head()

	Product	date	Sales	Price Discount (%)	In-Store Promo	Catalogue Promo	Store End Promo	Google_Mobility	Covid_Flag	V_DAY	EASTER	CHRISTMAS
0	SKU1	2/5/2017	27750	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0
1	SKU1	2/12/2017	29023	0	1	0	1	0.0	0	1	0	0
2	SKU1	2/19/2017	45630	17	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0
3	SKU1	2/26/2017	26789	0	1	0	1	0.0	0	0	0	0
4	SKU1	3/5/2017	41999	17	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0

#### Make all data types consistent

```
1 data['Google_Mobility'] = data['Google_Mobility'].apply(lambda x: int(x))
```

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2	SKU1	2/19/2017	45630	17	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
3	SKU1	2/26/2017	26789	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
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#### **Data column engineering**

- 1 **from** dateutil **import** parser
- 2 data.date = data.date.apply(lambda x: parser.parse(x))
- 3 data.head()

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1	SKU1	2017-02- 12	29023	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	0
2	SKU1	2017-02- 19	45630	17	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
3	SKU1	2017-02- 26	26789	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
4	SKU1	2017-03- 05	41999	17	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

#### **Handling Outliers**

#### **Approach 1: log tranformation**

```
1 data.Sales = data.Sales.apply(lambda x: math.log(x) if x!=0 else x)
```

2 data.head()

	Product	date	Sales	Price Discount (%)	In-Store Promo	Catalogue Promo	Store End Promo	Google_Mobility	Covid_Flag	V_DAY	EASTER	CHRISTMAS
0	SKU1	2017-02- 05	10.230991	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1	SKU1	2017-02- 12	10.275844	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	0
2	SKU1	2017-02- 19	10.728321	17	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
3	SKU1	2017-02- 26	10.195747	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
4	SKU1	2017-03- 05	10.645401	17	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

#### Approach 2: Drop them

```
data = pd.read_csv('forecasting.csv')
mean_sales = data.Sales.describe().mean()
std_sales = data.Sales.describe().std()
outliers = mean_sales + 1.5*std_sales
outliers
```

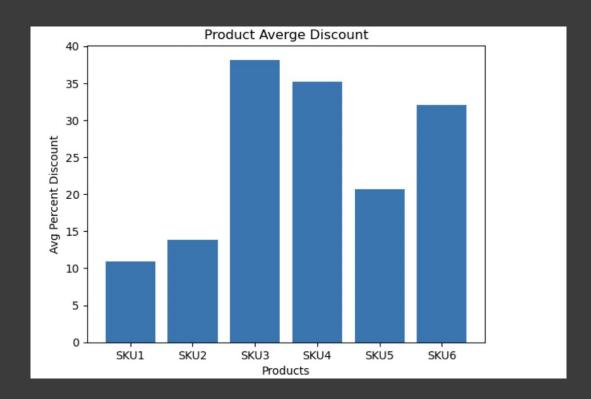
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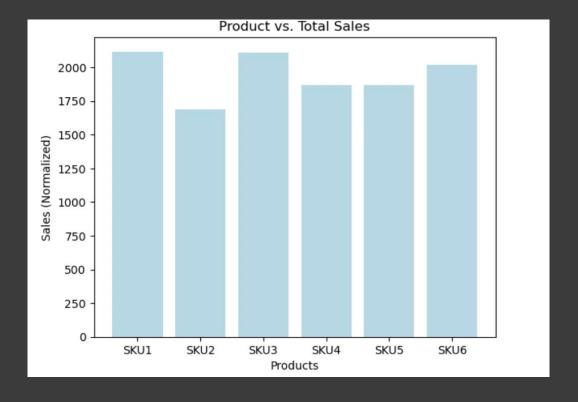
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data = data[data.Sales <= outliers]
data</pre>
```

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2	SKU1	2/19/2017	45630	17%	0	0	0	0.00	0	0	0	0
3	SKU1	2/26/2017	26789	0%	1	0	1	0.00	0	0	0	0
4	SKU1	3/5/2017	41999	17%	0	0	0	0.00	0	0	0	0
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1213	SKU6	10/18/2020	96619	54%	0	1	0	-7.56	1	0	0	0
1214	SKU6	10/25/2020	115798	52%	0	1	0	-8.39	1	0	0	0
1215	SKU6	11/1/2020	152186	54%	1	0	1	-7.43	1	0	0	0
1216	SKU6	11/8/2020	26445	44%	1	0	1	-5.95	1	0	0	0
1217	SKU6	11/15/2020	26414	44%	0	0	0	-7.20	1	0	0	0

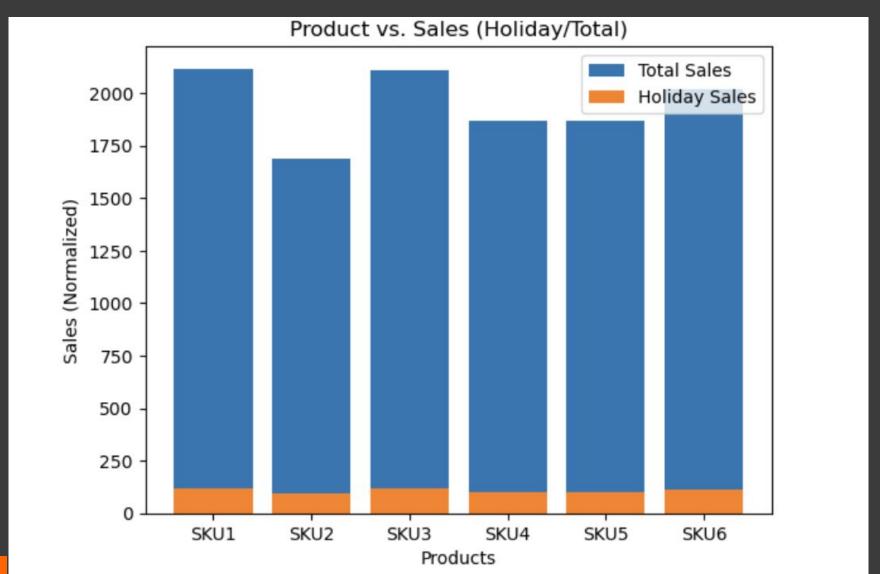


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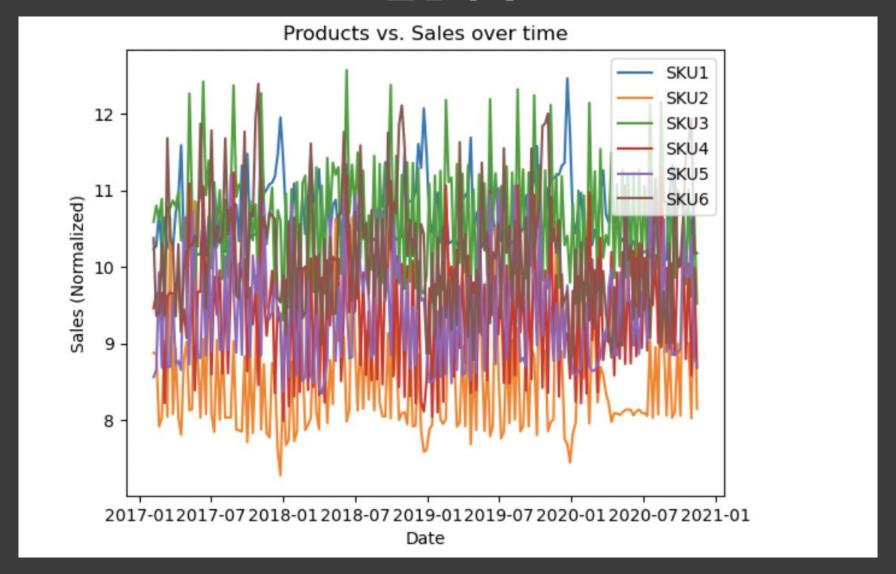


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## **EDA Summary**

- Products vary in the average amount of discount percentage due to seasonality & holidays
- Products vary a little in terms of sales made during specific holidays and seasonality, which shows that the total sales are not too influenced by seasonality and discount
- Product sales vary a lot over time

## Thank You

