Weekly Summary - Group 5

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Our team imported and initially analyzed the required datasets. We then performed a detailed exploratory analysis of the data, including adding new columns, examining store closures under different conditions, school and state holiday impacts, and handling missing values. We also merged the training data and store data to ensure data integrity and consistency. Based on this, the team performed correlation analysis to identify key factors affecting sales and displayed the relationships between the data through visualization.

Member’s contributions

| Member/Task | Emily Ye | Junkai Ge | Jerry Li | Shengyang Dong |
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| Project Planning | Define project objectives | Project Plan | Set Milestones | Assign Roles |
| Data Acquisition | N/A | Identify Data Sources | N/A | Data preprocessing |
| Initial Data Exploration | Data Overview | Data Quality Assessment | Data Overview | Correlation Analysis |
| Tool Setup | Environment Setup | N/A | Environment Setup | N/A |

Each group member’s contribution

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Define project objectives: Clearly outline the purpose and goals of the project.

Identify the key deliverables and desired outcomes. Specify the timeline and milestones.

Data Overview: Identify the sources of data and identity the structure of the data, acquire a basic understanding of the dataset

Environment Setup: List the software tools and applications needed (e.g. development environments, libraries, frameworks).

Ensure compatibility and installation of the required software.

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Project Plan: Develop a detailed project plan, including timelines, tasks, and deliverables.

Identify Data Sources: Determine where to obtain the necessary data for the project.

Data Quality Assessment: Evaluate the quality of the data, including checking for missing values, inconsistencies, and duplicates.

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Set Milestones: Establish major milestones and deadlines for each phase of the project.

Data Overview: Conduct a high-level overview of the data to understand its structure and contents.

Environment Setup: Ensure all team members have the necessary tools and environments set up

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Data Preprocessing: Fill missing values ​​in store.csv and test.csv.

Filter out data where the store is open and has sales greater than zero.

Correlation Analysis: Carry out correlation analysis on store opening data.

Future Work

In the coming week, we will learn and understand the time series nature of sales data, identifying seasonal patterns, trends, and anomalies that may affect our forecasting models.