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Data 3401 Project

SuperStore Data Analysis

Introduction

Running a profitable superstore is different from other retail business in many ways as a superstore has a huge range of products to market unlike small retail stores where the product category range is relatively limited. The goal of our analyses is understanding the characteristics of the company sales and profit and therefore improve the company profit. Eventually after getting insights on how the sales and profit vary, we will try to make a prediction model to predict sales.

- First we need to understand who buys what and where to gain an insight of the companys customer base
- To Perform Exploratory Data Analysis
- Identify key strong and weak areas for improving profits

The Problem Statement

We will need to take a look to see trends, for data collected in the Superstore.

- What is the overall sales trend?
- What are the most selling products?
- What is the most preferred ship mode?
- Which are the most profitable category and sub-category?

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Data characteristics

Information provided in dataset:

- Row ID unique identifier of the record
- Order ID identifier of particular order
- Order Date purchase order timestamp
- Ship Date delivery timestamp
- Ship Mode picked delivery option
- Customer ID unique identifier of the customer
- Customer Name name & and surname of customer
- Segment customer's segment e.g. customer classification
- Country customer country (data only for US)
- City customer city
- State customer state
- Postal Code unique identifier of the customer localization
- Region particular region of the US
- Product ID product identifier
- Category product main category
- Sub-Category additional category of the product
- Sales sum of sales for order
- Quantity amount of the product
- Discount discount rate
- Profit total profit from order

In [1]:

```
import tensorflow as tf
import pandas as pd
import seaborn as sns
import numpy as np
import csv
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
%matplotlib inline
import seaborn as sns
from sklearn.model_selection import train_test_split
from sklearn.preprocessing import StandardScaler
from sklearn.metrics import r2 score
from sklearn.linear_model import LogisticRegression
from sklearn.svm import SVC
from sklearn.tree import DecisionTreeClassifier
# This part of the code is just to supress any unwanted warnings that may appear
import warnings
warnings.filterwarnings('ignore')
```

```
In [2]: #Import csv
df = pd.read_csv('Superstore.csv',encoding='cp1252')
```

• The default encoding is platform dependent, but any text encoding supported by Python can be used.

```
In [3]: #Overview of data
df.head()
```

Out[3]:	Ro	ler Orde ID Dat	Snin Date	Ship Mode	Customer ID	Customer Name	Segment	Country	City	•••	Postal Code	Region	Product ID	
	0		6 11/11/2016	Second Class	CG-12520	Claire Gute	Consumer	United States	Henderson		42420	South	FUR-BO- 10001798	Furnitu

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2	3	CA- 2016- 138688	6/12/2016	6/16/2016	Second Class	DV-13045	Darrin Van Huff	Corporate	United States	Los Angeles		90036	West	OFF-LA- 10000240	Offi Suppli
3	4	US- 2015- 108966	10/11/2015	10/18/2015	Standard Class	SO-20335	Sean O'Donnell	Consumer	United States	Fort Lauderdale		33311	South	FUR-TA- 10000577	Furnitu
4	5	US- 2015- 108966	10/11/2015	10/18/2015	Standard Class	SO-20335	Sean O'Donnell	Consumer	United States	Fort Lauderdale		33311	South	OFF-ST- 10000760	Offi Suppli

5 rows × 21 columns



Exploratory Data Analysis

```
In [4]: #Observation
    df.info()

<class 'pandas.core.frame.DataFrame'>
```

RangeIndex: 9994 entries, 0 to 9993
Data columns (total 21 columns):

Column Non-Null Count Dtype
--- 0 Row ID 9994 non-null int64
1 Order ID 9994 non-null object
2 Order Date 9994 non-null object

```
Ship Date
                    9994 non-null
                                    object
 3
                    9994 non-null
 4
     Ship Mode
                                    object
                                    object
 5
     Customer ID
                    9994 non-null
                    9994 non-null
                                    object
     Customer Name
                    9994 non-null
 7
     Segment
                                    object
 8
     Country
                    9994 non-null
                                    object
 9
     City
                    9994 non-null
                                    object
    State
                    9994 non-null
 10
                                    object
 11
    Postal Code
                    9994 non-null
                                    int64
    Region
                    9994 non-null
 12
                                    object
 13
    Product ID
                    9994 non-null
                                    object
    Category
                    9994 non-null
                                    object
 14
 15 Sub-Category
                    9994 non-null
                                    object
                                    object
 16 Product Name
                    9994 non-null
 17 Sales
                    9994 non-null
                                    float64
 18
     Quantity
                    9994 non-null
                                    int64
 19 Discount
                    9994 non-null
                                    float64
 20 Profit
                    9994 non-null
                                   float64
dtypes: float64(3), int64(3), object(15)
memory usage: 1.6+ MB
```

• The total number of non null count is a 9,994, which matches the number of row. Therefore, there are no missing values.

In [5]:

#Analyzing the numerical attributes
df.describe()

Out[5]:

	Row ID	Postal Code	Sales	Quantity	Discount	Profit
count	9994.000000	9994.000000	9994.000000	9994.000000	9994.000000	9994.000000
mean	4997.500000	55190.379428	229.858001	3.789574	0.156203	28.656896
std	2885.163629	32063.693350	623.245101	2.225110	0.206452	234.260108
min	1.000000	1040.000000	0.444000	1.000000	0.000000	-6599.978000
25%	2499.250000	23223.000000	17.280000	2.000000	0.000000	1.728750
50%	4997.500000	56430.500000	54.490000	3.000000	0.200000	8.666500
75%	7495.750000	90008.000000	209.940000	5.000000	0.200000	29.364000
max	9994.000000	99301.000000	22638.480000	14.000000	0.800000	8399.976000

```
#Check to see if we have any columns with null values
In [6]:
          df.isnull().sum()
         Row ID
                          0
Out[6]:
         Order ID
                          0
         Order Date
         Ship Date
         Ship Mode
                          0
         Customer ID
                          0
         Customer Name
         Segment
                          0
         Country
         City
         State
                          0
         Postal Code
                          0
         Region
         Product ID
         Category
                          0
                          0
         Sub-Category
         Product Name
         Sales
                          0
         Quantity
                          0
         Discount
                          0
         Profit
                          0
         dtype: int64
In [7]:
          #Check the shape of the data frame
          df.shape
         (9994, 21)
Out[7]:
In [8]:
          #Check the unique values in each column
          df.nunique()
         Row ID
                          9994
Out[8]:
         Order ID
                          5009
         Order Date
                          1237
         Ship Date
                          1334
         Ship Mode
                             4
                           793
         Customer ID
         Customer Name
                           793
         Segment
                             3
                             1
         Country
```

```
531
City
State
                   49
Postal Code
                  631
Region
                    4
Product ID
                 1862
Category
                    3
                   17
Sub-Category
Product Name
                 1850
                 5825
Sales
Quantity
                   14
Discount
                   12
Profit
                 7287
dtype: int64
```

In [9]:

```
#Cleaning up the data by changing the format of date column
df['Order Date']= df['Order Date'].str.replace('/','-')
df['Ship Date']= df['Ship Date'].str.replace('/','-')
df.head()
```

Out[9]:		Row ID	Order ID		Ship Date	Ship Mode	Customer ID	Customer Name	Segment	Country	City	•••	Postal Code	Region	Product ID	Category	Sı Catego
	0	1	CA- 2016- 152156	11-8- 2016	11- 11- 2016	Second Class	CG-12520	Claire Gute	Consumer	United States	Henderson		42420	South	FUR-BO- 10001798	Furniture	Bookca
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5 rows × 21 columns

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In [10]:

#Cleaning up the data by changing the format of date column
df.rename(columns={'Order Date': 'Order_date'},inplace=True)
df.rename(columns={'Ship Date': 'Ship_date'},inplace=True)
df.head()

Out[10]:

•		Row	Order ID	Order_date	Ship_date	Ship Mode	Customer ID	Customer Name	Segment	Country	City	•••	Postal Code	Region	Product ID	Categor
	0	1	CA- 2016- 152156	11-8-2016	11-11- 2016	Second Class	CG-12520	Claire Gute	Consumer	United States	Henderson		42420	South	FUR-BO- 10001798	Furnitur
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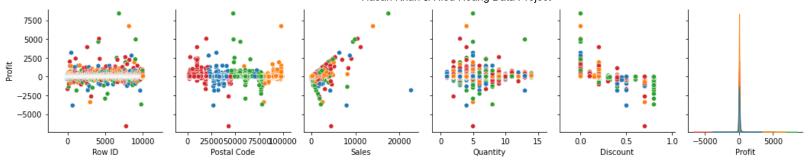
```
In [11]:
           #Print the maximum an minimum of the order and ship date columns to see the range of date this data covers
           print(df['Order_date'].max())
           print(df['Order_date'].min())
           print(df['Ship date'].max())
           print(df['Ship_date'].min())
           #Our data is taken from Jan 2015 to Sep 2017
           #add metadata
          9-9-2017
          1-1-2017
          9-9-2017
          1-1-2015
In [12]:
          df.dtypes
                             int64
          Row ID
Out[12]:
                            object
          Order ID
          Order_date
                            object
          Ship_date
                            object
                            object
          Ship Mode
          Customer ID
                            object
          Customer Name
                            object
                            object
          Segment
          Country
                            object
          City
                            object
                            object
          State
          Postal Code
                             int64
          Region
                            object
                            object
          Product ID
          Category
                            object
          Sub-Category
                            object
```

```
Product Name
                            object
          Sales
                           float64
          Quantity
                             int64
                           float64
          Discount
          Profit
                           float64
          dtype: object
In [13]:
          #Calling out all columns in dataset
           df.columns
          Index(['Row ID', 'Order ID', 'Order date', 'Ship date', 'Ship Mode',
Out[13]:
                 'Customer ID', 'Customer Name', 'Segment', 'Country', 'City', 'State',
                 'Postal Code', 'Region', 'Product ID', 'Category', 'Sub-Category',
                 'Product Name', 'Sales', 'Quantity', 'Discount', 'Profit'],
                dtype='object')
In [14]:
           #Now change the 'Order date' and 'Ship date' dtype to datetime64[ns]
           df['Order date'] = pd.to datetime(df.Order date)
           df['Ship date'] = pd.to datetime(df.Ship date)
           df.dtypes
          Row ID
                                    int64
Out[14]:
          Order ID
                                   object
         Order date
                           datetime64[ns]
          Ship date
                           datetime64[ns]
          Ship Mode
                                   object
          Customer ID
                                   object
          Customer Name
                                   object
          Segment
                                   object
          Country
                                   object
          City
                                   object
          State
                                   object
          Postal Code
                                    int64
          Region
                                   object
          Product ID
                                   object
          Category
                                   object
          Sub-Category
                                   object
          Product Name
                                   object
                                  float64
          Sales
                                    int64
          Quantity
          Discount
                                  float64
          Profit
                                  float64
          dtype: object
```

In [15]: #Pairplot of the sales data
sns.pairplot(df,hue='Region')

Out[15]: <seaborn.axisgrid.PairGrid at 0x231911af088>

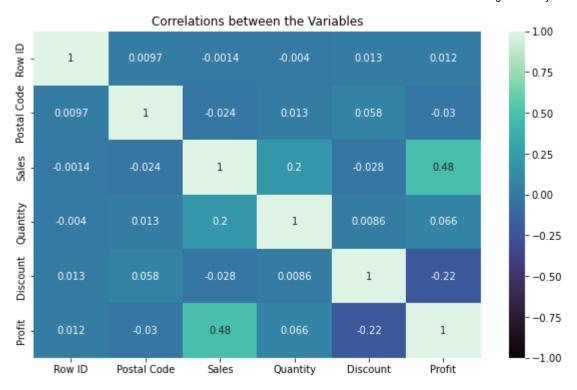




Observation of Pairplot

- In above we see that there is some relation between sales and profit and also there is some relation between Discount and Profit.
- Now To see what exact relation between those entities we plot the heat_map. so we get more clearity.

```
In [16]: #Heatmap of the Sales data
    corr = df.corr()
    plt.figure(figsize=(10, 6))
    sns.heatmap(corr, annot=True, vmin=-1.0, cmap='mako')
    plt.title('Correlations between the Variables')
    plt.show()
```



Observation of Heatmap

From Above map we infer that,

- There is a postive correlation with sales and profits.
- Discount and profit have a negative correlation.
- Quantity and Profit are less moderately correlated.

Sales Across the United States

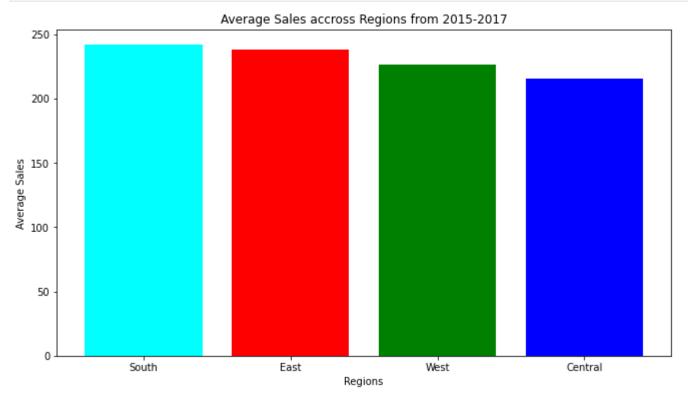
• Suppose we are hired by this Superstore. Our employers are curious to understand the average Sales across different Regions. We will address the request by creating a bar plot because we have 'Regions' as your categorical feature and 'Sales' will be our numerical feature.

```
#Lets start by creating a subset of our dataframe therefore its easier to work with our target variables.

df_salereg = df[['Region','Sales']]

df_salereg = df_salereg.groupby('Region').mean().sort_values(by='Sales', ascending=False)

fig, ax = plt.subplots(figsize=(11,6))
    ax.bar(df_salereg.index,df_salereg.Sales, color=['cyan', 'red', 'green', 'blue'])
    ax.set_xlabel('Regions')
    ax.set_ylabel('Average Sales')
    ax.set_title('Average Sales accross Regions from 2015-2017')
    plt.show()
```



• After close inspection, we can conclude that Sales/Revenue on average tend to be highest in the South Region and lowest in the Central Region.

```
#Average for revenue/sales for region wise
df_avg= df.groupby("Region")["Sales"].mean()
df_avg
```

Linechart for average sales overtime

• Our employers are now trying to track their progress overtime. They want to learn about the trend of their average Sales and Profit over the years they have been open. We will show this trend on a line chart as this will be the best plot to display a trend over the years for both Sales and Profit on the same plot.

```
      Order_date

      2014-01-03
      16.448000
      5.551200

      2014-01-04
      96.020000
      -21.996700

      2014-01-05
      19.536000
      4.884000

      2014-01-06
      489.677778
      150.894711

      2014-01-07
      43.579000
      -35.981050
```

```
In [20]: #Define a function called plot_trend incase we need a similar plot later to plot a linechart
def plot_trend(axes, x, y, color, xlabel, ylabel):
     #Plot the inputs x,y in the provided color
     axes.plot(x,y, color= color)

#Set the x-axis label
     axes.set_xlabel(xlabel)
```

```
#Set the y-axis label
axes.set_ylabel(ylabel,color=color)
#Set the colors tick params for y-axis
axes.tick params('y', colors= color)
```

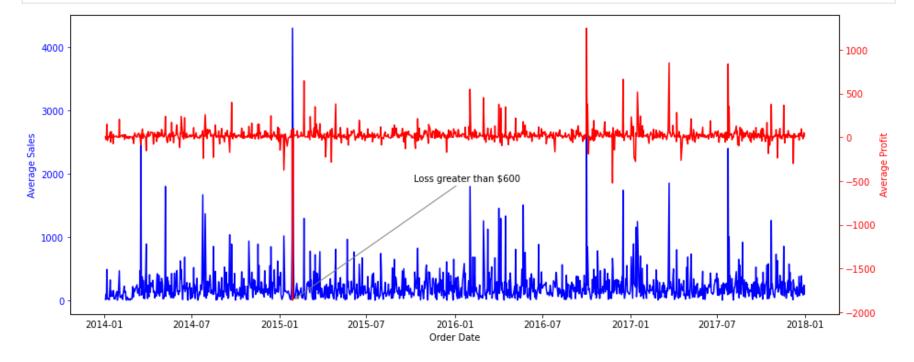
```
fig, ax = plt.subplots(figsize=(15,6))

#Plot
plot_trend(ax,df_trend.index,df_trend.Sales, "blue",'Order Date','Average Sales')

#Create a twin Axes object that shares the x-axis
ax2 = ax.twinx()

#Plot the relative Profit data in red
plot_trend(ax2,df_trend.index,df_trend.Profit, "red",'Order Date','Average Profit')

ax2.annotate("Loss greater than $600",
xy=(pd.Timestamp('2015-01-28'),-1862.3124),xytext=(pd.Timestamp('2015-10-07'),-500),arrowprops={'arrowstyle': '->', 'colc plt.show()
```



Observation on the linechart

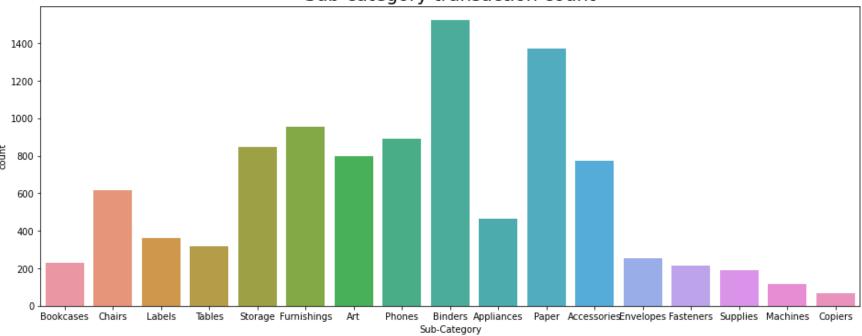
- looks like there is a point where the average loss is greater 600 and we would like to point it out on our graph.
- lets find out the date where the avg profit is less than 600 as it can be crucial information to avoid loss in the future.
- Order_date: 2015-01-28. Now lets point out this information on our graph.
- normally you would assume that with greater sales we would expect greater profit.
- There can be a bunch of reasons as to why that is for example that transcation can be where we offered the most discount resulting in loss.
- Our employers can greatly benefit from this observation to make important business decisions in the future.

Sub-category transactions for all products

```
plt.figure(figsize=(16,6))
sns.countplot(df['Sub-Category'])
plt.title('Sub-category transaction count',fontsize=20)

Out[22]:
Text(0.5, 1.0, 'Sub-category transaction count')
```

Sub-category transaction count



```
#How much each sub-category brought in revenue, rounded to 1 decimal point

dfsub = df.groupby(["Sub-Category"]).sum().sort_values("Sales", ascending=False).head(20)

dfsub = dfsub[["Sales"]].round(1)

dfsub.reset_index(inplace=True)

dfsub
```

Out[23]:		Sub-Category	Sales
	0	Phones	330007.1
	1	Chairs	328449.1
	2	Storage	223843.6
	3	Tables	206965.5
	4	Binders	203412.7
	5	Machines	189238.6
	6	Accessories	167380.3

	Sub-Category	Sales
7	Copiers	149528.0
8	Bookcases	114880.0
9	Appliances	107532.2
10	Furnishings	91705.2
11	Paper	78479.2
12	Supplies	46673.5
13	Art	27118.8
14	Envelopes	16476.4
15	Labels	12486.3
16	Fasteners	3024.3

Observations from the 'Sub-Category transaction' plot above

- Top item sold are binder, followed by papers.
- The two items that are sold the least, copiers and machines.
- Top gross selling items are phones and chairs.
- The items that are sold the least are labels and fasteners.

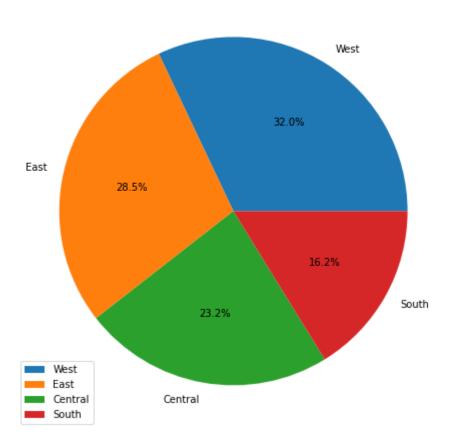
```
In [24]:
          #Proportions of the sub-category being sold
           df['Sub-Category'].value counts(normalize=True)
          #Binders are the top product being sold around 15% of the total orders
          Binders
                         0.152391
Out[24]:
          Paper
                         0.137082
          Furnishings
                         0.095757
                         0.088953
          Phones
          Storage
                         0.084651
          Art
                         0.079648
          Accessories
                         0.077547
          Chairs
                         0.061737
```

```
Appliances
               0.046628
Labels
               0.036422
Tables
               0.031919
Envelopes
               0.025415
Bookcases
               0.022814
               0.021713
Fasteners
Supplies
               0.019011
Machines
               0.011507
Copiers
               0.006804
Name: Sub-Category, dtype: float64
```

Number of customers in selected regions

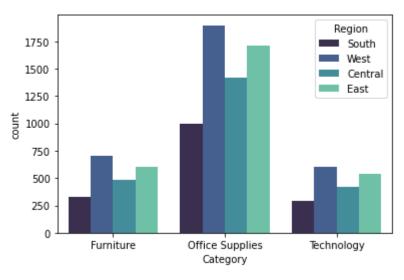
```
#Number of customers in selected regions
plt.figure(figsize=(8,8))
plt.title('Region')
plt.pie(df['Region'].value_counts(), labels=df['Region'].value_counts().index,autopct='%1.1f%%')
plt.legend()
plt.show()
```

Region



- West has 32% of the entire country transactions, which is the highest among all regions. The tells us that our primary customer base is in the West.
- The least amount of transaction is in the South, at 16.2%.

Countplot to compare Categories and Regions in United States



- The western regions selling the most in all three categories.
- We will need to know if all cities in the west coast sell more than the other regions.

Top 20 states with the highest gross sale & profit

```
In [27]:
#lets review sales by state, on the second line we are rounding to 1 decimal point
#States sales are listed in the descending order

dfstate = df.groupby(["State"]).sum().sort_values("Sales", ascending=False).head(20)
dfstate = dfstate[["Sales"]].round(1)
dfstate.reset_index(inplace=True)
dfstate
```

Out[27]:		State	Sales
	0	California	457687.6
	1	New York	310876.3
	2	Texas	170188.0
	3	Washington	138641.3
	4	Pennsylvania	116511.9

	State	Sales
5	Florida	89473.7
6	Illinois	80166.1
7	Ohio	78258.1
8	Michigan	76269.6
9	Virginia	70636.7
10	North Carolina	55603.2
11	Indiana	53555.4
12	Georgia	49095.8
13	Kentucky	36591.8
14	New Jersey	35764.3
15	Arizona	35282.0
16	Wisconsin	32114.6
17	Colorado	32108.1
18	Tennessee	30661.9
19	Minnesota	29863.2

```
In [28]:
          #Most ordered item per city
          df["City"].value_counts()
         New York City
                            915
Out[28]:
         Los Angeles
                            747
         Philadelphia
                             537
         San Francisco
                             510
         Seattle
                             428
         Glenview
                               1
         Missouri City
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Name: City, Length: 531, dtype: int64

Rochester Hills

Palatine

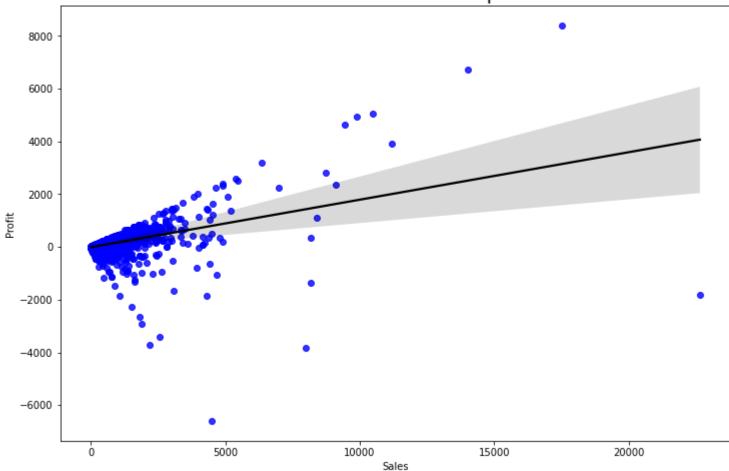
Manhattan

Scatterplot for profits

```
In [31]: #Scatterplot sales vs profits
fig,axes=plt.subplots(1,1,figsize=(12,8))
sns.regplot(x='Sales', y='Profit', data=df, scatter_kws={"color":"blue"}, line_kws={'color':"black"})
plt.title('Sales vs Profit Scatterplot',fontsize=20)

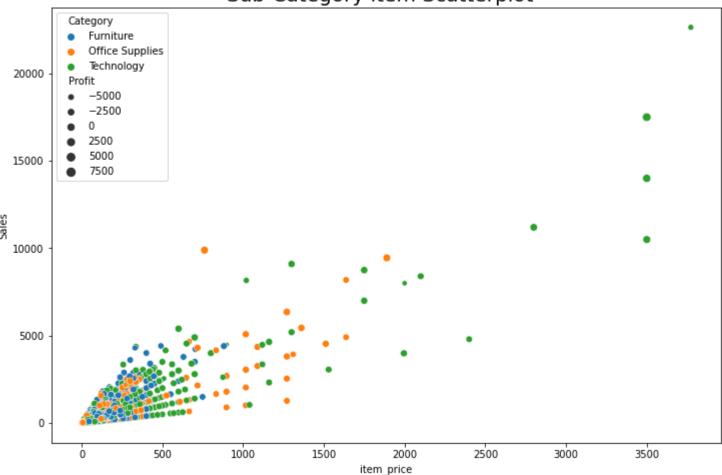
Out[31]: Text(0.5, 1.0, 'Sales vs Profit Scatterplot')
```

Sales vs Profit Scatterplot



```
In [32]: #Scatterplot for Sub Category
    df['item_price']= (df.Sales/df.Quantity)
        fig,axes=plt.subplots(1,1,figsize=(12,8))
        sns.scatterplot(x='item_price',y='Sales',hue='Category',size='Profit',data=df)
        plt.title('Sub-Category item Scatterplot ',fontsize=20)
Out[32]: Text(0.5, 1.0, 'Sub-Category item Scatterplot ')
```

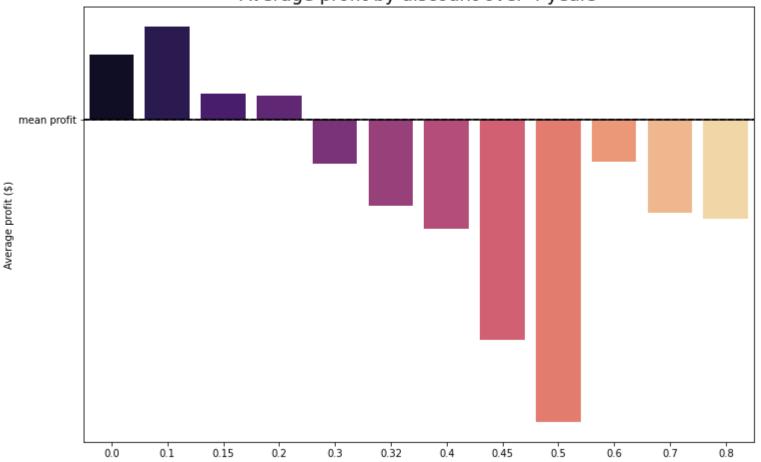
Sub-Category item Scatterplot



• The scatterplot shows a positive correlated Sales and item price

```
In [33]:
#Average profit by discount over 4 years
fig,axes=plt.subplots(1,1,figsize=(12,8))
ax = sns.barplot(x = "Discount", y = "Profit", data = df, palette = 'magma',ci=None)
ax.set_title("Average profit by discount over 4 years", fontsize = 18)
plt.axhline(y = 'mean profit', color='k', linestyle='--')
plt.axhline(y = 0, color='k', linestyle='--')
plt.xlabel("")
plt.ylabel("Average profit ($)")
plt.show()
```

Average profit by discount over 4 years

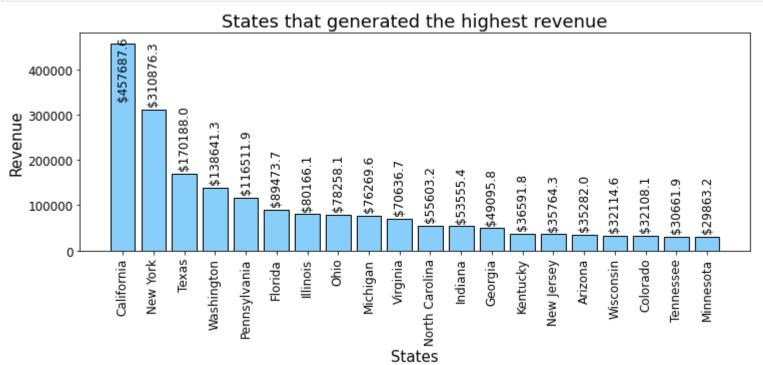


• We can see that sales made without discount and with 20% of discount are more profitable. Higher discount had negative profit.

Sales by states

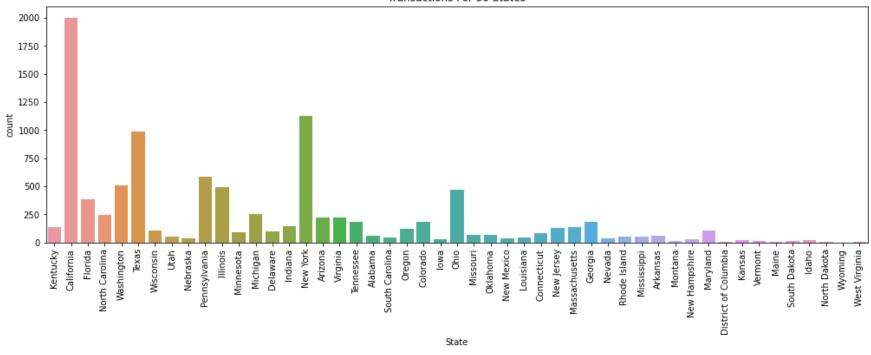
```
#Plotting the sales by state table
plt.figure(figsize = (12,4)) # width and height of figure is defined in inches
plt.title("States that generated the highest revenue", fontsize=18)
plt.bar(dfstate["State"], dfstate["Sales"],color= '#87CEFA',edgecolor='black', linewidth = 1)
plt.xlabel("States",fontsize=15) # x axis shows the States
plt.ylabel("Revenue",fontsize=15) # y axis shows the Revenue
plt.xticks(fontsize=12, rotation=90)
```

```
plt.yticks(fontsize=12)
for k,v in dfstate["Sales"].items(): #To show the exact revenue generated on the figure
    if v>400000:
        plt.text(k,v-120000,'$'+ str(v), fontsize=12,rotation=90,color='k', horizontalalignment='center');
    else:
        plt.text(k,v+15000,'$'+ str(v), fontsize=12,rotation=90,color='k', horizontalalignment='center');
```



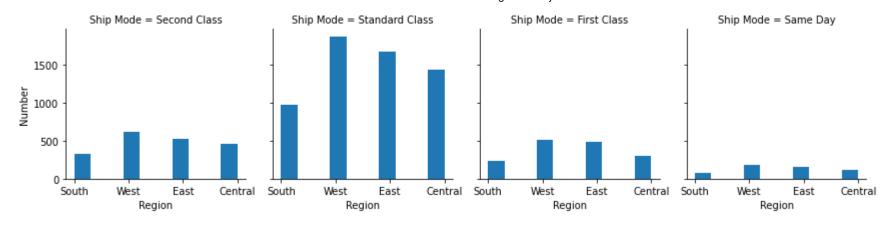
```
In [35]: #Top transactions for 50 states
    plt.figure(figsize=(17,5))
    sns.countplot(df['State'])
    plt.xticks(rotation=90)
    plt.title('Transactions For 50 States')
Out[35]: Text(0.5, 1.0, 'Transactions For 50 States')
```

Transactions For 50 States



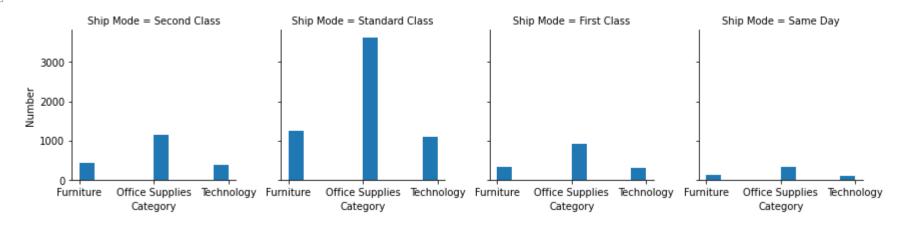
- You can see a pattern of gross sales with thw number of transactions.
- We should be concern with the states with low transactions and sales.

Ship mode in each region



```
#We will visualize the category column for the ship mode
category_hist = sns.FacetGrid(df, col='Ship Mode', palette='rainbow')
category_hist.map(plt.hist, 'Category')
category_hist.set_ylabels('Number')
```

Out[37]: <seaborn.axisgrid.FacetGrid at 0x2319ad1ecc8>



```
In [38]:
#Ship mode sale, profit and discounts
df_ship = df.groupby(['Ship Mode'])['Sales', 'Profit', 'Discount'].mean()
df_ship
```

Out[38]: Sales Profit Discount

Ship Mode

First Class 228.497024 31.839948 0.164610

	Sales	Profit	Discount
Ship Mode			
Same Day	236.396179	29.266591	0.152394
Second Class	236.089239	29.535545	0.138895
Standard Class	227.583067	27.494770	0.160023

- Sales is highest in same day.
- Profit is highest in first class.
- Discount is highest in first class.
- Standard shipping has the most orders for prefered shipping.
- Same day and first class has the lowest standard for shipping.

Sales prediction(ML section)

```
In [39]:
          #Data has a good number of categorical columns here
          #First thing we need to do is remove columns that we are not going to use.
          #Make a model that makes predictions regardless of which customer is buying it.
          #Take any purchase of a product,see where its coming from/make a prediction based on that regardless of which customer is
          #Then we convert our date columns into seperate numerical columns in "encode dates" function.
          #Now we are left with all categorical columns that are not encoded, no numerical columns left.
          #In order to move onto the next step we first have to figure out which type of categorical columns there are
          #Okay, looking at the columns, we don't have any binary columns
          #Checking for any ordering in the categorical columns we find that there isnt any order
          #Lets take a look at the 'Ship Mode' column now
          #we can include prefix so we know where each of these column is originaly coming from
          #pd.get dummies(X['Ship Mode'], prefix='Ship Mode')
          #Now define the function 'onehot encode'
          #After we onehot encode all of our categorical columns we should be almost ready to go as all our columns will now be num
          #last thing to do is scale the data
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          #mean and std are all over the place which can confuse some models especially neural network
          #logistic regression
          #linear regression
```

Preprocessing

```
In [40]:
          #Define a function to encode the dates for a given df and a column
          def encode dates(df,column):
              df= df.copy()
              df[column]=pd.to datetime(df[column])
              #now we will create seperate columns for Year,Month and day to get numerical columns
              df[column + ' Year'] = df[column].apply(lambda x:x.year)
              df[column + ' Month']= df[column].apply(lambda x:x.month)
              df[column + ' Day'] = df[column].apply(lambda x:x.day)
              #now since we will have 3 new columns, we will drop the original column
              df= df.drop(column,axis=1)
              return df
          def onehot encode(df,column):
              df= df.copy()
              #create the dummies
              dummies= pd.get dummies(df[column], prefix=column)
              #now concat the original df and dummies side by side
              df= pd.concat([df,dummies],axis=1)
              #and then just drop the original column from which we created the dummies
              df= df.drop(column,axis=1)
              return df
```

```
In [41]: #Start by creating a copy of the dataframe then return the df

def preprocess_inputs(df):
    df= df.copy()

    #Drop unnecessary columns
    df= df.drop(['Row ID','Product Name','Country','Customer Name','Quantity','Discount','Profit'],axis=1)

#Drop customer specific feature columns
    df= df.drop(['Order ID','Customer ID'],axis=1)

#Extract date features
    df= encode_dates(df, column= 'Order_date')
    df= encode_dates(df, column= 'Ship_date')

#One_hot encode categorical features
```

Out[44

```
for column in ['Ship Mode', 'Segment', 'City', 'State', 'Postal Code', 'Region', 'Product ID', 'Category', 'Sub-Category']:
    df= onehot_encode(df,column=column)

#Split df into X and y
y= df['Sales']# what we are trying to predict
#and everything else in X
X= df.drop('Sales',axis=1)

#Now we do our Train-test split
X_train, X_test, y_train, y_test= train_test_split(X,y, train_size=0.7, shuffle= True, random_state=1)

#Scale X
scaler= StandardScaler()
scaler.fit(X_train)
#transform both X_train and test after fitting it only to train set
X_train= pd.DataFrame(scaler.transform(X_train),columns=X.columns)
X_test= pd.DataFrame(scaler.transform(X_test),columns= X.columns)

return X_train, X_test, y_train, y_test
```

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In [42]: X_train,X_test,y_train,y_test= preprocess_inputs(df)
```

#Get a better sense of this if we create a dict that maps a column name
#To the lentgh of unique values in the column and then mapping the column name to that.
#For every column in X.columns
#{column: len(X[column].unique()) for column in X.columns}

4]:									Ship	Sh
		item_price	Order_date_Year	Order_date_Month	Order_date_Day	Ship_date_Year	Ship_date_Month	Ship_date_Day	Mode_First	Mode_San
									Class	Di
	0	-0.383934	1.142593	0.354245	-0.628414	1.126475	0.370886	-0.102628	-0.431039	-0.24034
	1	0.296437	0.251872	1.271437	0.740589	0.237119	1.271077	1.368680	-0.431039	-0.24034

	item_price	Order_date_Year	Order_date_Month	Order_date_Day	Ship_date_Year	Ship_date_Month	Ship_date_Day	Ship Mode_First Class	Sh Mode_San Da
2	-0.059802	-1.529569	1.271437	0.398338	-1.541592	1.271077	0.576437	2.319978	-0.24034
3	-0.403865	1.142593	-2.091600	0.398338	1.126475	-2.029622	0.802792	-0.431039	-0.24034
4	-0.358145	1.142593	0.048515	-1.312915	1.126475	0.070823	-1.008049	2.319978	-0.24034
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6990	-0.336614	1.142593	0.659976	0.854673	1.126475	0.670950	1.481858	-0.431039	-0.24034
6991	-0.405763	0.251872	-1.785869	-0.172079	0.237119	-1.729558	-0.102628	2.319978	-0.24034
6992	-0.373765	0.251872	-1.174408	-0.856581	0.237119	-1.129431	-0.442161	-0.431039	-0.24034
6993	0.121395	-1.529569	0.965707	1.425091	-1.541592	1.271077	-1.687115	-0.431039	-0.24034
6994	0.978787	1.142593	-1.174408	-0.970664	1.126475	-1.129431	-0.442161	-0.431039	-0.24034

6995 rows × 3111 columns

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In [45]:

#Lets take a look at the 'Ship Mode' column now
#Since we dont know what class is greater or lesser for ex we dont know if if standard class is greater or lesss than Sec
#We will treat it like a nominal feature like all the others
#X['Ship Mode'].unique()

In [46]:

#last thing to do is scale the data
#Mean and std are all over the place which can confuse some models especially neural network
X_train.describe()

Out[46]:

	item_price	Order_date_Year	Order_date_Month	Order_date_Day	Ship_date_Year	Ship_date_Month	Ship_date_Day	Mode_First Class	Mc
cou	nt 6.995000e+03	6.995000e+03	6.995000e+03	6.995000e+03	6.995000e+03	6.995000e+03	6.995000e+03	6.995000e+03	6.99
me	an 1.574469e-17	6.208386e-14	-4.850381e-17	-9.446816e-17	-9.623664e-14	1.350996e-16	-1.005629e-16	-5.078933e- 17	2.94

Ship

	item_price	Order_date_Year	Order_date_Month	Order_date_Day	Ship_date_Year	Ship_date_Month	Ship_date_Day	Ship Mode_First Class	Mc
std	1.000071e+00	1.000071e+00	1.000071e+00	1.000071e+00	1.000071e+00	1.000071e+00	1.000071e+00	1.000071e+00	1.00
min	-4.154169e- 01	-1.529569e+00	-2.091600e+00	-1.655166e+00	-1.541592e+00	-2.029622e+00	-1.687115e+00	-4.310385e- 01	-2
25%	-3.798392e- 01	-6.388484e-01	-8.686772e-01	-8.565809e-01	-6.522366e-01	-8.293678e-01	-8.948715e-01	-4.310385e- 01	-2
50%	-3.042093e- 01	2.518721e-01	3.542455e-01	5.608769e-02	2.371191e-01	3.708862e-01	1.054922e-02	-4.310385e- 01	-2
75%	1.612618e-02	1.142593e+00	9.657068e-01	8.546727e-01	1.126475e+00	9.710133e-01	9.159700e-01	-4.310385e- 01	-2
max	2.516115e+01	1.142593e+00	1.271437e+00	1.767341e+00	2.015831e+00	1.271077e+00	1.708213e+00	2.319978e+00	4.16

8 rows × 3111 columns

```
In [47]:
          #Sales is contained in y_train and y_test
          #Test set contains the other 30% of the data
          y_train
          1963
                   24.900
Out[47]:
         9348
                  842.720
         8795
                  211.168
          9389
                    2.040
          5090
                    8.784
          2895
                   35.880
          7813
                   10.560
          905
                   12.960
          5192
                  397.600
         235
                 617.976
         Name: Sales, Length: 6995, dtype: float64
```

Training

```
In [48]: #Create a 2 hidden layer neural network
    #We will play around with the number of neurons in each layer but first,
    #Shape : size of the feature vector going into the input
    inputs= tf.keras.Input(shape=(X_train.shape[1],))
    #Crate our two dense layers
    x= tf.keras.layers.Dense(1024,activation='relu')(inputs)
    x= tf.keras.layers.Dense(1024,activation='relu')(x)
    #For our outputs, also our dense layer,passing 1 value(predicted sale/price)
    outputs= tf.keras.layers.Dense(1,activation='linear')(x)

#Create our model
model= tf.keras.Model(inputs=inputs,outputs=outputs)
print(model.summary())
```

Model: "model"

Layer (type)	Output Shape	Param #				
input_1 (InputLayer)	[(None, 3111)]	0				
dense (Dense)	(None, 1024)	3186688				
dense_1 (Dense)	(None, 1024)	1049600				
dense_2 (Dense)	(None, 1)	1025				
Total params: 4,237,313 Trainable params: 4,237,313 Non-trainable params: 0						

None

```
In [49]: #Compile the model
model.compile(
    optimizer='adam',
    loss='mse'
)

#Fit the model and store it in history
history= model.fit(
    X_train,
    y_train,
```

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validation_split= 0.2,
batch_size= 32,
epochs=100,#large because we use the callback function
callbacks=[
    tf.keras.callbacks.EarlyStopping(
        monitor='val_loss',
        patience= 5,
        restore_best_weights=True
    ),
    tf.keras.callbacks.ReduceLROnPlateau()#helps the model converge easily,when it notices val_loss not improving it
]
)
```

Results

```
In [50]: #RESULTS
    test_loss= model.evaluate(X_test,y_test,verbose=0)
    print('test loss: {:.5f}'.format(test_loss))

test loss: 265525.50000

In [51]: y_pred= np.squeeze(model.predict(X_test))
    test_r2= r2_score(y_test,y_pred)
    print('Test R2 score: {:.5f}'.format(test_r2))
```

Test R2 score: 0.28307

- We used mean squared error as our loss function. The test loss value of 277178.46875 is relatively a very high value, in an ideal model the lower the MSE the higher the accuracy of prediction as there would be excellent match between the actual and predicted data set.
- The R^2 value of 0.25161 is not a good result as ideally it should be as close to 1 as possible or atleast higher than 0.9 to rely on our model.
- These results indicate that we need to try and build a different model most likely using a different method to accurately predict sales as we already tried changing the parameters to get better results.

Conclusion

- Western region is where the vast majority of the supplies are purchased.
- Southern region has the the lowest number of orders are sold.
- Superstore should focus primary on discounts and more online sales for consumers in the south.
- Office supplies have the mores orders in category.
- Binders have the most orders in the Subcategory from office supplies.
- Technology has the least about of orders sold.
- The Superstore could improve inventory and offer discounts and promotions to increase sales in all regions for technology and furnitures orders.
- Profit is high in First class shipping.
- Standard shipping is the most common shipping method.

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