

Grocery Data Analysis

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Executive Summary



The aim of this analysis is to perform data exploration on a Groceries dataset¹ and provide actionable insights based on the results. The aforementioned dataset has one month worth of recorded transactions containing "baskets" of various sizes. Insights and suggestions are provided at each step of the data exploration process.



Transactions

9835



Grocery items

169



Item categories (subcategories)

10 (55)

FREQUENT ITEMS

canned beer newspapers bottled beer citrus fruit pastry sausage shopping bags tropical fruit root vegetables bottled water yogurt soda rolls/buns other vegetables whole milk Item frequency

TOP 5 FREQUENT BASKETS (NUMBER OF OCCURRENCES)

{root vegetables, other vegetables, whole milk} (228)

{other vegetables, whole milk, yoghurt}

(21

{other vegetables, whole milk, rolls/bun}

(176)

{tropical fruit, other vegetables, whole

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{whole milk, yoghurt, rolls/bun}

(153)

FINDINGS

- Whole milk tops the list by appearing in just over 2500 grocery baskets
- Items from the fruits and vegetables, fresh produce and drinks (alcoholic and non-alcoholic) item categories frequent the list
- Most common basket size had 3 grocery items
- Majority of baskets will at least contain *milk*, *yoghurt* or a *fruit and vegetable*.

INSIGHTS

The grocery store should consider discounting some of these items individually or through a bundle deal to attract potential customers

The grocery store layout should be such that the *fruit and vegetables, drinks* and *fresh produce* sections should be located relatively close to each other for optimise shopping experience.



rules: {sliced cheese, margarine, +7 items}

rules: {whole milk, grapes, +33 items}

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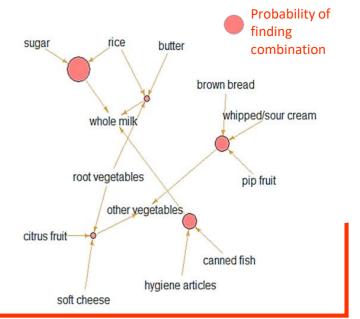
HIGHLY PROBABLE ITEM **COMBINATIONS**

Findings

- It is more likely to have *sugar* than *butter* in a basket that already contains rice and whole milk
- Combinations including vegetables will most likely include a fruit as well as a dairy produce
- Whole milk can be bought with non-food items such as hygiene articles

Suggestions

- Dairy produce section (more particularly whole milk) should be centrally located within the grocery store



COMBINATIONS OF FREQUENT **ITEMS**

Probability of finding combination

Findings

- A basket with;
 - Whole milk
 - has a high probability of including a meat
 - Has small but significant chance of including items used for baking or already baked in store
 - Vegetables (other and root) will contain
 - A dairy produce and another fruit or vegetable
 - Items, such as rice and oil, used for homecooked meals
 - Yogurt
 - Will contain a dairy produce

64 rules: {hamburger meat, chicken, +55 items} 3 rules: {oil, rice, +4 items} {root vegetables} / {yogurt} {other vegetables} whole milk} 🏻

rules: {sugar, pastry, +42 items}

Suggestions

- The *meat* section needs to be close to the *fresh/dairy produce* section
- The aisle that houses the family meal ingredients (such as rice and cooking oil) should be in close proximity to that of the *fruits and vegetables* section

The report provides numerous insights, which would assist in designing an optimal layout of the store, based on the transaction data of customers.

