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#### **Chapter 1: Introduction**

#### 1.1 Introduction

The grocery industry is constantly evolving and it is becoming increasingly important for retailers to accurately predict demand for products in order to optimize their inventory, reduce waste, and improve customer satisfaction. There has been an increasing demand for Ecommerce sites in the past decade. Online grocers, an offline grocery especially, have increased in popularity. The aim of this report is to create a "GROCERY DEMAND PREDICTION" that needs to be delivered to which customer and come up relevant predictions for the user and display the patterns for some business. This model predicts the grocery items to find which item is most demanded by customers or which item is less in demand. Focusing on grocery retailing has been increasing rapidly especially in developing countries like; Nepal due to the supermarket radical changes. For this project, we will be using different machine learning models, linear Regression Model, Arima Model, Naive Regression and Random forest for supervised learning, classification and regression.

Linear regression is a type of statistical analysis used to predict the relationship between two variables. It assumes a linear relationship between the independent variable and the dependent variable and aims to find the best-fitting line that describes the relationship. The line is determined by minimizing the sum of the squared differences between the predicted values and the actual values. In a simple linear regression, there is one independent variable and one dependent variable. The model estimates the slope and intercept of the line of best fit, which represents the relationship between the variables. The slope represents the change in the dependent variable for each unit change in the independent variable, while the intercept represents the predicted value of the dependent variable when the independent variable is zero. Linear regression is a quiet and the simplest statistical regression method used for predictive analysis in machine learning. Linear regression shows the linear relationship between the independent (predictor) variable i.e. X-axis and the dependent (output) variable i.e. Y-axis, called linear regression. If there is a single input variable X (independent variable), such linear regression is called simple linear regression.

To calculate best-fit line linear regression uses a traditional slope-intercept form which is given below,

$$(Yi = \beta 0 + \beta 1Xi)$$

where Yi = Dependent variable,  $\beta 0$  = constant/Intercept,  $\beta 1$  = Slope/Intercept, Xi = Independent variable. This algorithm explains the linear relationship between the dependent(output) variable y and the independent(predictor) variable X using a straight-line Y= B0 + B1 X.

Naive regression refers to a basic form of regression analysis that assumes a simplistic relationship between a dependent variable and one or more independent variables. It is called "naive" because it overlooks important considerations and assumptions that are typically made in more sophisticated regression models. In naive regression, the relationship between the dependent variable and independent variable(s) is assumed to be linear, with no consideration for other factors that may influence the relationship. This means that the model does not account for things like outliers, non-linear relationships, multicollinearity, heteroscedasticity, or autocorrelation, among other potential issues.

Exponential Smoothing is a popular time series forecasting method used to make predictions based on past observations, giving more weight to recent data points while gradually reducing the importance of older observations. The basic idea behind exponential smoothing is to calculate a weighted average of past data, and the weights decrease exponentially as the data gets older.

An autoregressive integrated moving average, or ARIMA, is a statistical analysis model that uses time series data to either better understand the data set or to predict future trends A statistical model is autoregressive if it predicts future values based on past values. For example, an ARIMA model might seek to predict a stock's future prices based on its past performance or forecast a company's earnings based on past periods.

### 1.2 Motivation:

This project helps us to analyze Business growth by knowing the future value of quantity and price. It will help in understanding the role of strategy for Business Ideas, Also analyzes to calculate the Business Revenue.

### 1.3 Objectives:

- Forecasting the future average value of quantity and price per month.
- Predicting next month's quantity, which product is needed in what amount.

### 1.4 Project Applications and Scope:

• This model is used to predict what customer demand will be for a product and price.

### **Chapter 2: Literature Review**

"Predicting sales in a food store department using machine learning" (ROBERT SIWERZ and CHRISTOPHER DAHLEN) [1]. In this paper they deal with the SVM (Support Vector Machines) they likewise utilize two more calculation is Multilayer Perceptron and Radial Basis Capacity Networks. There is a measurably huge distinction between the SVM, MLP and RFBN while foreseeing the deals in a food store division. The SVM performed lower mistake measures than the other two techniques. Since this investigation utilized constrained information, hence, one could scarcely make the determination that the SVM is consistently the most exact technique to use for deal expectation in a food store office.

"Predicting Online Grocery Ordering Intention" (Rohit Rathish and Yash Jahagirdar) [2]. In this paper they work on E-Commerce, Grocery, Recommendation System, Neural Networks. They mainly work on the neural network. The recommendation System which has been proposed, is based upon neural networks and is able to provide suitable predictions about the future orders of the customer.

"Applied Machine Learning for Supermarket Sales Prediction"[3]. Sales forecasting is very crucial for every company, especially big ones and this process is very complex because there are lots of factors that should be taken into consideration. In order to implement achievable goals and successfully implement them, supermarket chains always want to forecast sales. In this paper, they used three machine learning algorithms (K-Nearest Neighbor, Random Forest and Gradient Boosting) for sales forecasting, RF performed better, as it had a lower mean absolute error than the other two models.

"A Review on Grocery Management System Using Machine Learning Algorithms"[4]. The main goal of this paper is Analyzing the proper requirement of the consumer and suggesting him products accordingly. By comparing Apriori and Max-Miner Algorithm, Max-Miner Algorithm showed more accuracy than Apriori Algorithm. In this paper, we found that Random forest and support vector machine algorithms can be used to classify the products based on purchased product and not purchased product in the grocery list. Comparing the algorithm Support vector machine showed more accuracy than random forest algorithm. This algorithm is used to build a system.

### **Chapter 3: Methodology**

### 3.1 Data acquisition:

At first, we collected the data from some grocery stores. We obtained nearly 40k data in the csv file. From that data we analyzed that data are in unmanaged form. In that dataset there are nearly 40k rows and nearly 350 columns.

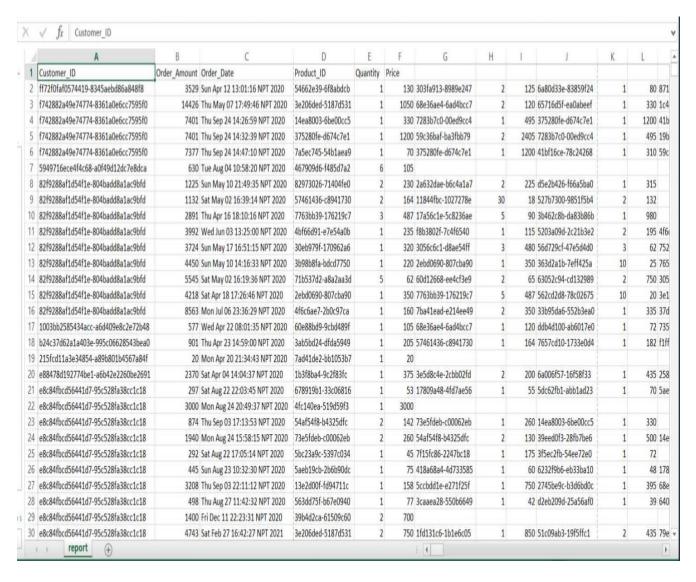


Table 1:Data set in CSV Format

### 3.2 Data Preprocessing:

After we obtained data, we analyzed data and then we sliced it into 5 chunks such as customer id, order amount, order date, product id, quantity and price. After that we obtained nearly 291k data.

```
In [11]: # collects all the bill items in the form of dictionary.
    orderBills = []
    a = 0
    for entry in dataContents:
        entries = entry.split(",")
        firstPart = [item.strip() for item in entries[0:3]]
        firstPart.pop(1) # Removes total quantity.
        secondPart = entries[3:]
        secondPart = [i for i in secondPart if len(i.strip()) > 0]
        sliced = list(divide_chunks(secondPart, 3)))

        sliced = [bill_item for bill_item in sliced if len(bill_item) > 0]
        for orderQty in sliced:
            if len(orderQty) == 3:
                rowData = firstPart + orderQty
                orderBills.append(rowData)
In [12]: len(orderBills)
```

Figure 1:Splitting Data into corresponding

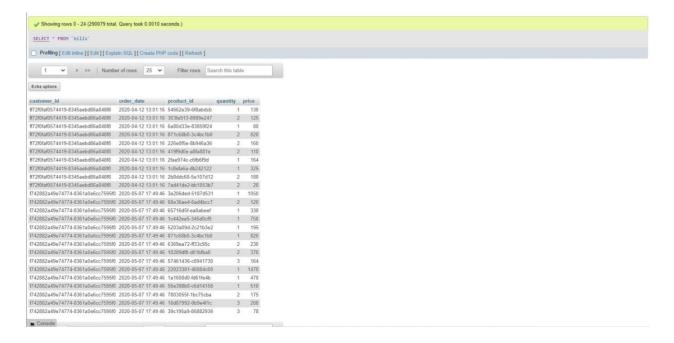


Table 2:Splitted Data in Order

After that we cleaned unmanaged data and then we analyzed data by using aggregate queries according to our project requirements.

Here are some of the examples of aggregate queries which we used during the data analyzed process.

```
DATE_FORMAT(order_date, '%Y-%m') as Date,
sum(quantity) as quantity
FROM bills
GROUP BY YEAR(order_date),MONTH(order_date)
ORDER BY order_date
```

Figure 2: Query to select Date and Quantity

1	Date	quantity
2	2020-01	618
3	2020-02	666
4	2020-03	1021
5	2020-04	1267
6	2020-05	987
7	2020-06	642
8	2020-07	698
9	2020-08	870
10	2020-09	839
11	2020-10	834
12	2020-11	573
13	2020-12	611
14	2021-01	566
15	2021-02	502
16	2021-03	527
17	2021-04	777
18	2021-05	1488
19	2021-06	856
20	2021-07	656
21	2021-08	725
22	2021-09	671
23	2021-10	572
24	2021-11	672
25	2021-12	750

Table 3:Date and Quantity

```
DATE_FORMAT(order_date, '%Y-%m') as Date,
sum(price) as price
FROM bills
GROUP BY YEAR(order_date), MONTH(order_date)
ORDER BY order_date
```

Figure 3:Date and Price

1	Date	price
2	2020-01	47001
3	2020-02	70609
4	2020-03	173928
5	2020-04	182180
6	2020-05	178814
7	2020-06	111961
8	2020-07	116041
9	2020-08	145128
10	2020-09	156981
11	2020-10	142440
12	2020-11	108011
13	2020-12	121915
14	2021-01	99701
15	2021-02	90387
16	2021-03	93751
17	2021-04	136531
18	2021-05	245964
19	2021-06	165766
20	2021-07	128742
21	2021-08	148853
22	2021-09	144979
23	2021-10	127395
24	2021-11	156685
25	2021-12	120000

Table 4:Date and Price

#### [A] Forecasting the average value of quantity and price per month since 2022

## 3.3 Data preparation and EDA:

Hereby, the datasets are prepared and preprocessed for Exploratory Data Analysis. The datasets are visualized and analyzed and the parameters or datasets that did not have much effect in our prediction model were neglected and removed. EDA was done to make it easier for us to find anomalies in the datasets or discover patterns in our datasets.

**Step 1**: we did the process of EDA (Exploratory Data Analysis). Here, we plot different graphs

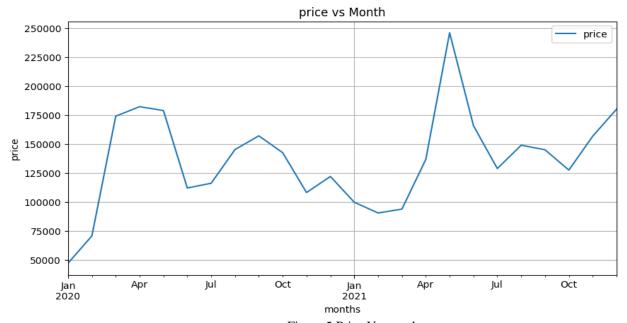


Figure 5:Price Vs month



Figure 4: Quantiy VS month

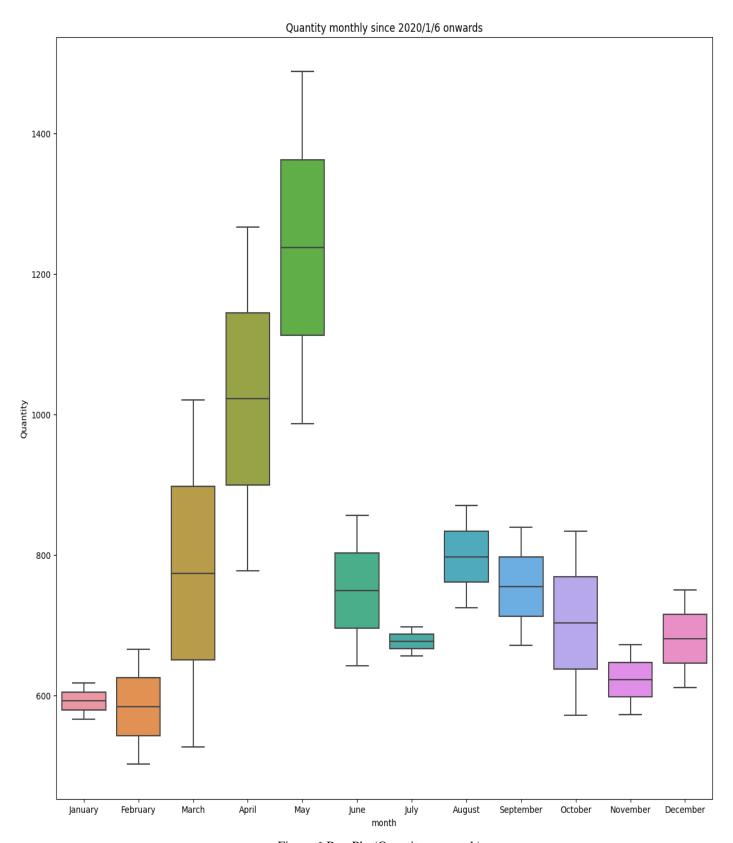


Figure 6:Box Plot(Quantity vs month)

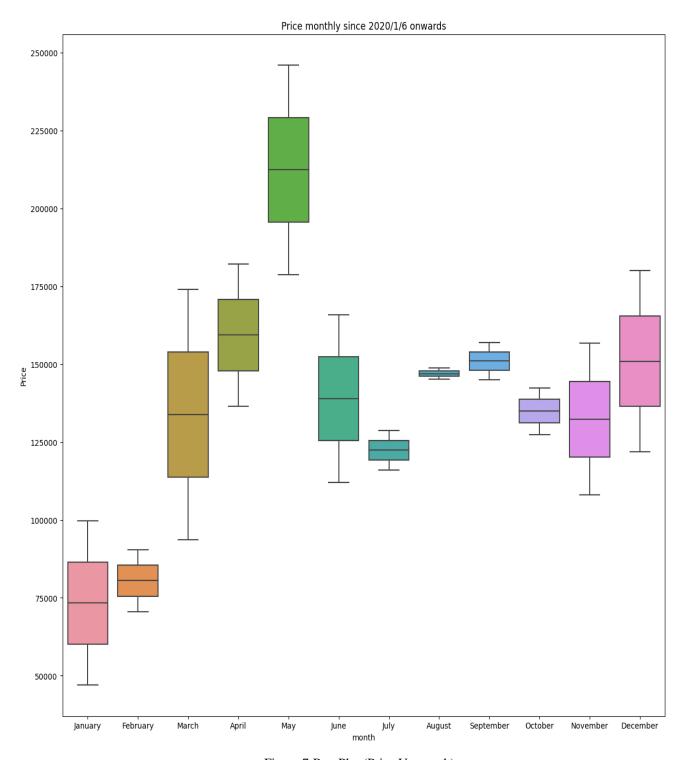


Figure 7:Box Plot (Price Vs month)

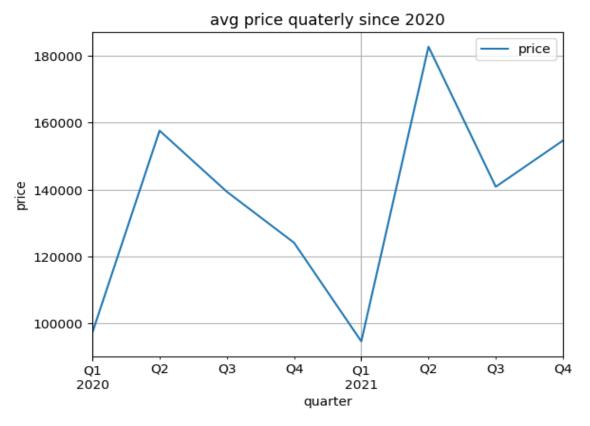


Figure 9:Average price quarterly



Figure 8:Average price yearly

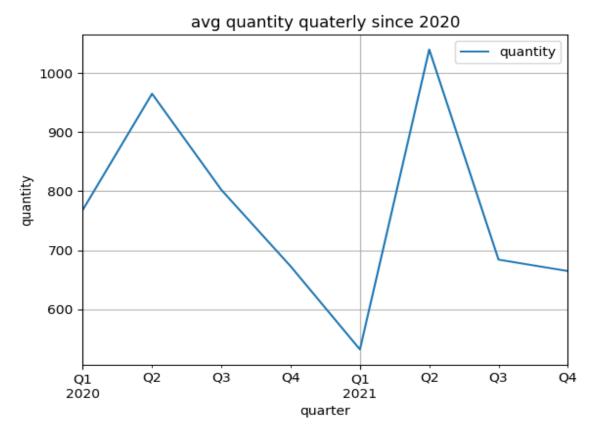


Figure 10:Average quantity quarterly

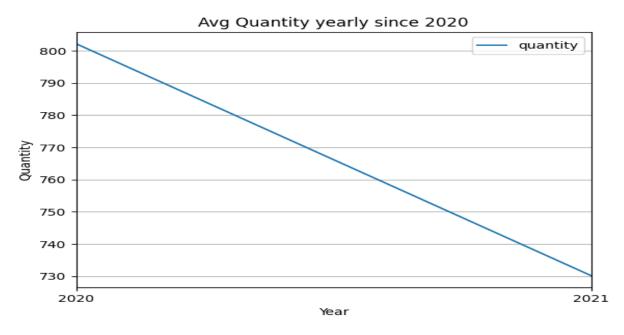


Figure 11:Average quantity yearly

**Step 2**: We Analysis the coefficient of variation.

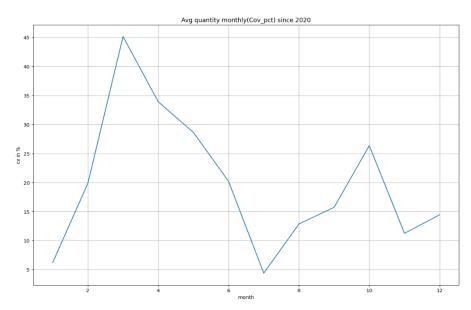


Figure 12:average quantity monthly(covt\_pct)

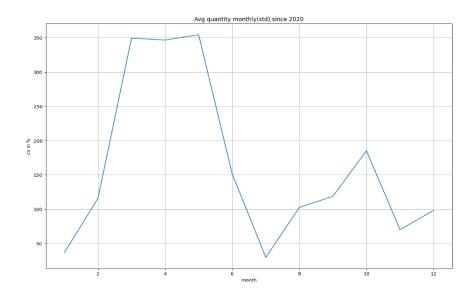


Figure 13:average quantity monthly(std)

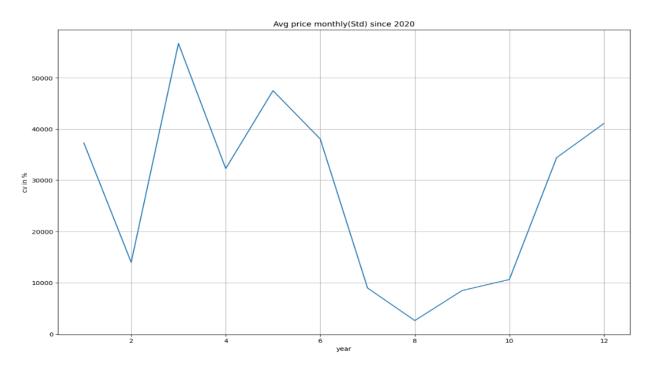


Figure 15: Average monthly (Std)

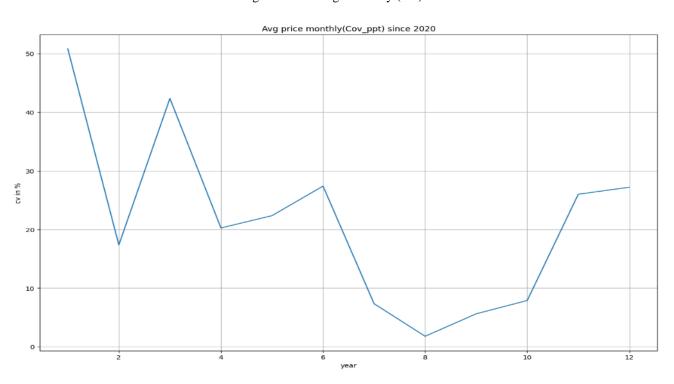


Figure 14:Average monthly(cov\_ppt)

Step 3: We splitted data into train and test.

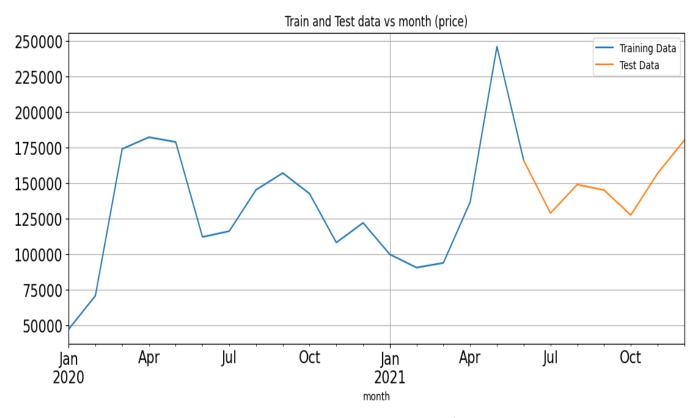


Figure 16: train and test data vs month for price

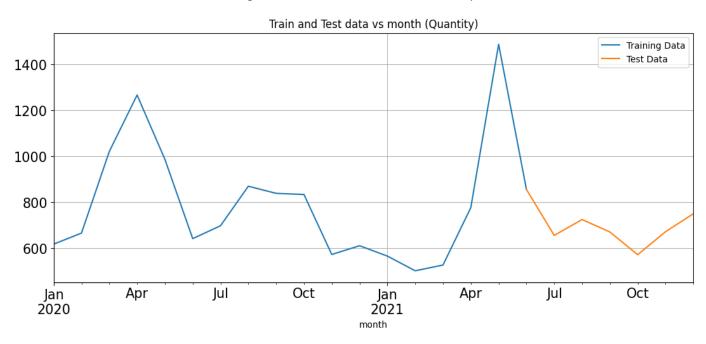


Figure 17:train and test data vs month for quantity

**Step 4**: We did the Model formation. Here, we apply Linear Regression, Naive Regression and ExponentialSmoothing.

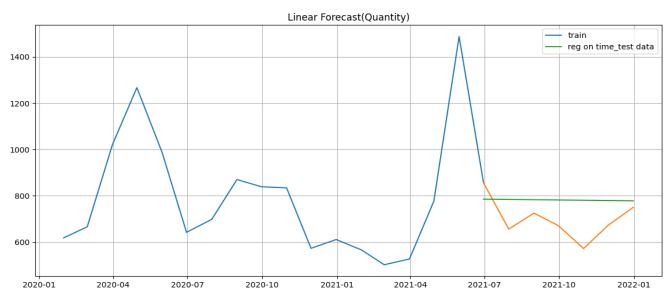


Figure 18:linear forecast for quantity

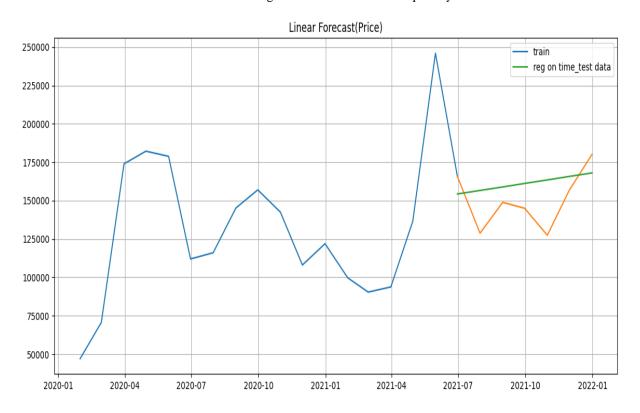


Figure 19:linear forecast for price

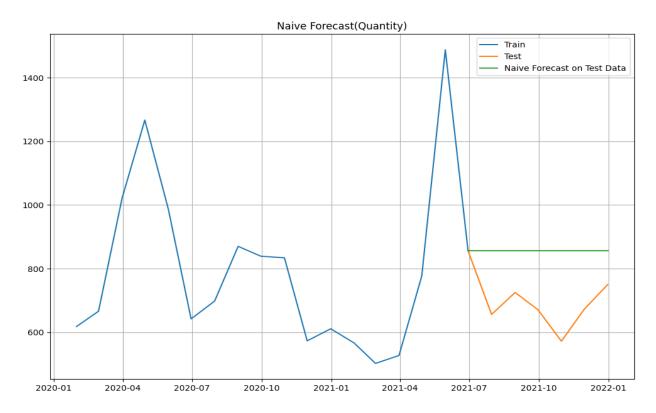


Figure 20:Naive forecast for quantity

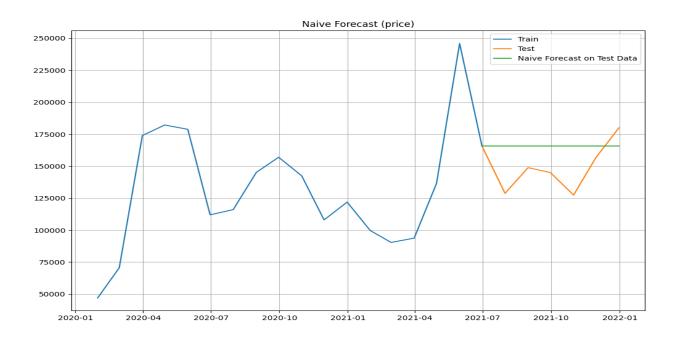


Figure 21:Naive Forecast for price

	Test Mape (%)
RegressionOnTime	15.50
NaiveModel	23.90
exponentialSmoothing	14.02

Figure 22:Test MAPE result

After comparing the above three models, we get the least MAPE value on ExponentialSmoothing. So, we choose ExponentialSmoothing for final forecasting.

Step 5: we did the final forecasting for price and quantity where we seen the following graph.

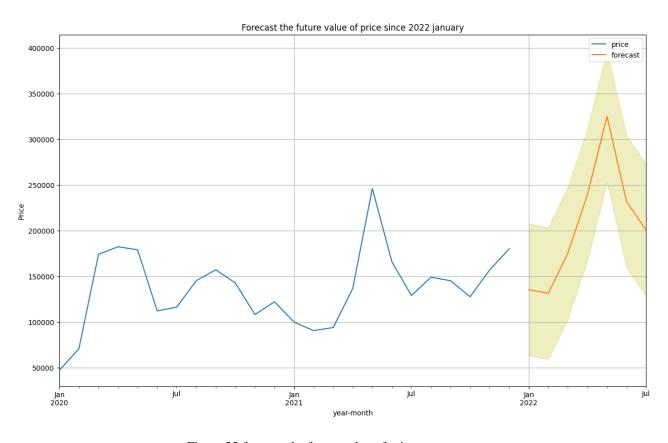


Figure 23:forecast the future value of price

#### [B] Predicting which quantity is required in what amount using ARIMA model.

**Step1**: We calculate Autocorrelation and Partial Autocorrelation of data set.

```
# Plot the ACF and PACF plots
plt.figure(figsize=(12, 6))
plt.subplot(211)
plot_acf(time_series, lags=30, ax=plt.gca(), alpha=0.05)
plt.subplot(212)
plot_pacf(time_series, lags=30, ax=plt.gca(), alpha=0.05)
plt.show()
```

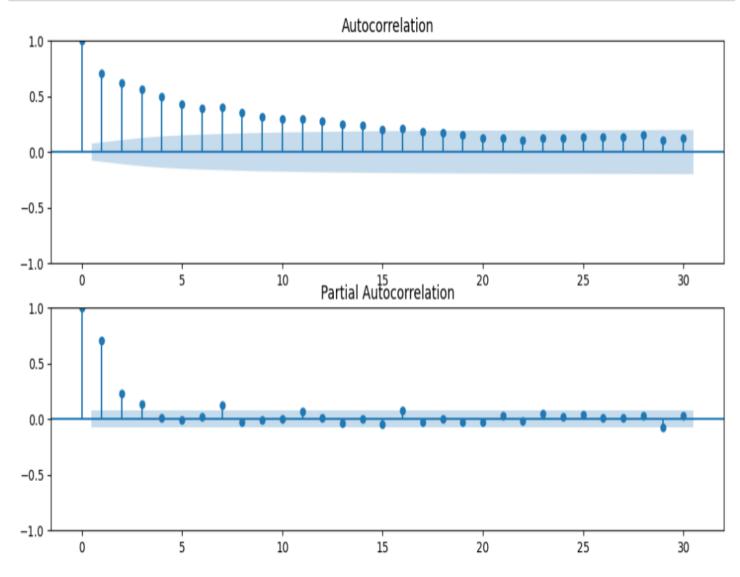
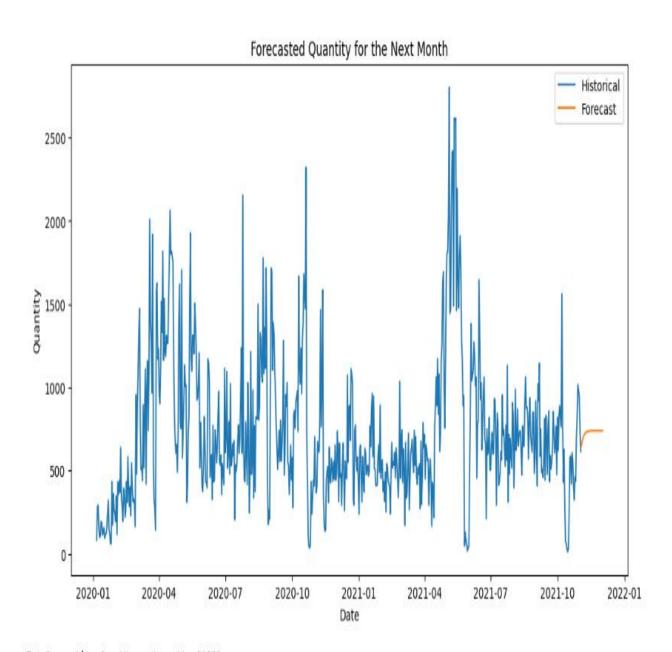


Figure 24:autocorrelation and partial autocorrelation

**Step 2**: We use ARIMA model to forecast the quantity for next month.



Total quantity for the next month: 21909

Figure 25:Total quantity for the next month

**Step 3:** We use table to show which quantity is required in what amount in ascending and descending order.

Descending Order:	
Product ID	Quantity
7ad41de2-bb1053b7	12747
57461436-c8941730	11303
3d82cfe9-92ab1e78	7203
b2173f97-bae900c0	5899
fa12e293-40941901	5059
226e0f5e-8b946a36	4812
65716d5f-ea0abeef	4601
132dbfb2-98b798a9	4332

Table 5:Quantity order related to Product\_ID

### **Chapter 4: Implementation Details**

### 4.1 Software Requirement

The list of software that will be used to run this system is listed below:

- Any operating system (Linux, Windows, MacOS)
- Web Browser
- Code Editor (Jupyter Notebook)

### 4.2 Hardware Requirement

The list of hardware that will be used to run this system is listed below:

• General PC (min RAM 8GB, HDD 500GB, SSD adds value)

### **Chapter 5: Results and Analysis**

For the first objective of our project that is Forecasting the future average value of quantity and price per month since 2022 we apply Linear regression, Naïve regression and ExponentialSmoothing and comparing the MAPE value of each where we found the least MAPE value of ExponentialSmoothing. So, we choose ExponentialSmoothing for the forecasting of future average value of quantity and price.

	Test Mape (%)
RegressionOnTime	15.50
NaiveModel	23.90
exponentialSmoothing	14.02

Figure 26:Test MAPE result

After comparing the above three models, we get the least MAPE value on ExponentialSmoothing. So, we choose ExponentialSmoothing for final forecasting.

For the second objective of our project, we use ARIMA model to predict which product is needed in what amount in coming next month. And show the required quantities in ascending and descending order.

We forecast the future average value of quantity and price per month since 2022 this helps the user to make business strategy accordingly.

Descending Order:	
Product ID	Quantity
7ad41de2-bb1053b7	12747
57461436-c8941730	11303
3d82cfe9-92ab1e78	7203
b2173f97-bae900c0	5899
fa12e293-40941901	5059
226e0f5e-8b946a36	4812
65716d5f-ea0abeef	4601
132dbfb2-98b798a9	4332

Table 6: Predicted quantities of individual product for next month

#### **Chapter 6: Conclusion**

Grocery Demand Prediction is very crucial for every company, especially big ones and this process is overly complex because there are a lot of factors. In this study, we used three machine learning algorithms (Linear Regression, Navie Regression, Exponential Smoothing) for quantity forecasts, Exponential Smoothing performed better, as it had a lower MAPE value than the other two models.

The Grocery Demand Prediction which has been proposed is based upon ARIMA model and is able to provide suitable predictions about the future quantity of the customer.

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