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Introduction

This report explains the Integrated ML & VIS CA2 Jupyter Notebook, which helps businesses make better decisions through data analysis. The notebook has six main parts that work together. First, it handles data collection and cleaning to prepare the information. Second, it does exploratory data analysis (EDA) to find important patterns and trends. Third, feature engineering improves the data for better results. Fourth, market basket analysis shows which products customers often buy together. Fifth, the recommendation system suggests products customers might like. Finally, create a dashboard visualizes all these findings with interactive charts, maps and table to make information easy to understand.

Each part helps in different ways from preparing data to showing final results until giving businesses complete insights about customer behaviour, popular products, and sales patterns. This helps shops make better decision about what to sell, how to arrange products, and how to recommend items to customers.

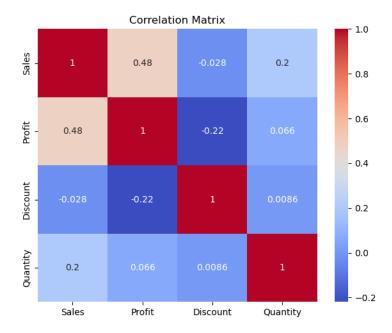
Data Understanding

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Data Preprocessing and Feature Engineering

```
In [49]: # New temporal features
df['Order Year'] = df['Order Date'].dt.year
df['Order Month'] = df['Order Date'].dt.month
df['Order Meekday'] = df['Order Date'].dt.day_name()
 In [50]: print(df.dtypes)
                          Row ID
Order ID
Order Date
Ship Date
                                                                                                 int64
                                                                        object
datetime64[ns]
datetime64[ns]
                         Ship Mode
Customer ID
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Country
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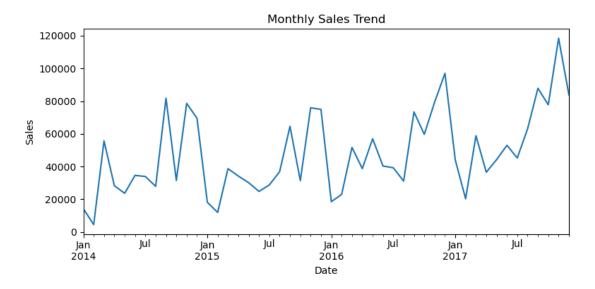
To extract Order Date into "Order Year, Order Month, and Order Weekday" as called temporal feature for visualization convenient purposes



Above graphs shows the correlation heatmap to understand the relation score between the feature, higher sales normally lead higher profits, but in the heatmap shows it doesn't perfectly align, it meaning that other costs may dilute in the profit margins.

Discount and profit have a weak correlation (-0.22), it seems discount were reducing the company profit, it looks like possible lower margins on discounted items.

Overall Trend



Above graph shows the overall sales trend by month for the company, it shows sales are fluctuated, the chart shows significant peaks and valleys, indicating seasonal or periodic variations in sales. Overall shows to be a sales were upward over the years compare from 2014 to 2017.

Market Basket Analysis – Apriori Rule

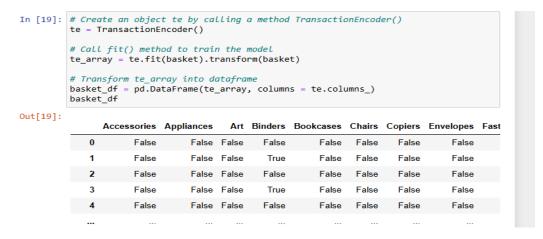
Step 1 - Create a basket to aggregate the Order ID and Sub-Category into a list

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In [18]: # group by Order ID and aggregate Product into a list
         basket = df.groupby("Order ID")["Sub-Category"].apply(list)
         basket.head(10)
Out[18]: Order ID
         CA-2014-100006
                                                          [Phones]
         CA-2014-100090
                                                 [Tables, Binders]
         CA-2014-100293
                                                           [Paper]
         CA-2014-100328
                                                         [Binders]
         CA-2014-100363
                                               [Fasteners, Paper]
         CA-2014-100391
                                                           [Paper]
         CA-2014-100678
                            [Art, Chairs, Envelopes, Accessories]
         CA-2014-100706
                                       [Accessories, Furnishings]
         CA-2014-100762
                                      [Art, Labels, Paper, Paper]
         CA-2014-100860
                                                          [Labels]
         Name: Sub-Category, dtype: object
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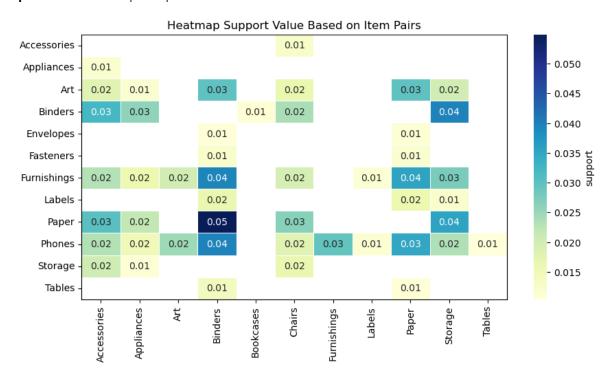
Above graphs shows the coding for grouping Order ID and Sub-Category into a list, this step apply is for understand which products are frequently bought together and it also called association rules, example "If customers buy X item, they're possibility will buy Y item." In the business insight it possibility could give understanding which item are selling the most and given promotion to the customer.

Step 2 - Transaction Encoding Process

Convert the code a list of purchased items into a binary matrix format, which is essential for association rule mining

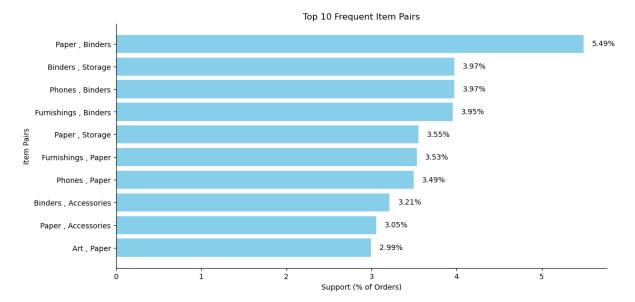


Step 3 - Find the frequent pair set



The Heatmap shows the support value that two item categories are purchased together. As per review that, "Paper and Binders" has the highest support value in the heatmap (0.05). It means that, customers frequent purchase Paper and Binders together. Besides, "Storage & Binders" and "Paper & Storage" are also show relatively in high support (0.04), it means "Storage" is often buy with "Binders and Paper" too.

Some categories have very low support with others. This means are either niche purchases or they are less often buy together with other items.



Above graph shows Paper and Binders dominate as a high-demand products, it frequent pair with Storage, Phones, or Accessories. Other top pairs like Paper & Binders has approx. 3.97% support it reflects consistent customer behaviour.

Art emerges as a niche product, paired only with Paper (2.99%). However, all pairs show low support (<4%), it indicate fragment purchasing habits and may need for personalized recommendations.

```
In [48]: # Start timing
start_time = time.time()

# Calculate the frequent itemsets by calling the apriori method
frequent_itemsets_ap = apriori(basket_df, min_support=0.01, use_colnames=True)

# Calculate association rules
rules_ap = association_rules(frequent_itemsets_ap, metric="confidence", min_threshold=0.1)

# End timing
end_time = time.time()

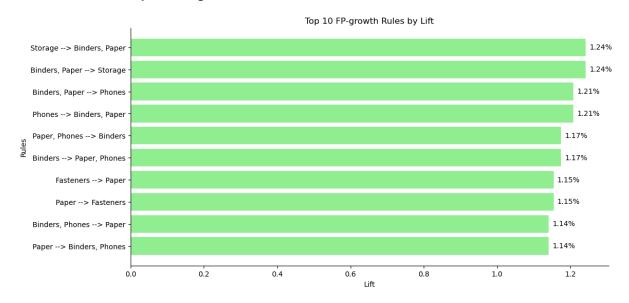
# Calculate the time taken
calculation_time = end_time - start_time

print("Association rules calculated in {:.2f} seconds.".format(calculation_time))

Association rules calculated in 0.06 seconds.
```

Above graph shows ,The Apriori algorithm generated association rules in just 0.06 seconds, it means either a small dataset, efficient hardware, or lenient parameters (min_support=0.01, min_confidence=0.1). The low support threshold allows more item sets, while the 10% confidence cutoff retains weaker rules. Fast execution suggests room for parameter tuning without performance concerns. This speed is ideal for iterative testing, but larger datasets may require optimization. Overall, the quick runtime highlights efficient processing for initial exploratory analysis.

Market Basket Analysis – FP-growth



Overall, The FP-growth algorithm is same Apriori Rule, in the graph shows 10 strong product connections in store sales data. The results show that certain items are often bought together. For example, "Storage" products are frequently purchased with "Binders and Paper", and vice versa. Similarly, "Binders and Paper" often appear with "Phones". Other connected items include "Paper and Fasteners" and "Binders, Phones and Paper".

These patterns suggest customers tend to buy these office supplies together. The strength of these connections is similar, with all results falling between 1.14% and 1.24%. While these numbers may seem small, they show real shopping habits rather than random chance.

Business owner or shop manager might place these products near each other or offer them as special bundles. The findings prove that analysing sales data can reveal useful customer behaviour patterns could helping business owner or shop manager make better decisions.

Market Basket Analysis – Apriori Rule & FP-growth Comparison

```
In [51]: # Show execution time comparison between both algorithms
# Compare algorithm performance
print("\nAlgorithm Performance Comparison:")
print("Apriori Execution Time: {:.2f} seconds".format(calculation_time))
print("FP-growth Execution Time: {:.2f} seconds".format(fp_time))

Algorithm Performance Comparison:
Apriori Execution Time: 0.06 seconds
FP-growth Execution Time: 1.62 seconds
```

The test results show that the Apriori algorithm worked much faster (0.01 seconds) than FP-growth (1.62 seconds) from this dataset. This means Apriori is probably better for this particular situation, especially because used a low support value of 0.01. Normally, FP-growth is faster for big datasets because of how it organizes the data, but in this case, setting up its special structure took too much time.

These results shows that different data and settings can change which algorithm works best. Before choosing a method, it's important to test both options with specific data to see which one performs better. This way, you can pick the most efficient tool for needs.

Recommendation System

Item-Item Collaborative Filtering System

User-User Collaborative Filtering System

Above graph shows the code implements two collaborative filtering recommendation systems: an item-item approach that analyses product co-occurrence patterns across orders to identify similar items by using cosine similarity on a binary order-product matrix (tem_sim = cosine_similarity(order_prod.T)), and a user-user approach that compares customers' purchase histories to find users with similar buying behaviours (user_sim = cosine_similarity(cust_prod)), both derive from transactional data that tracks quantities purchased, where the item-item method helps recommend related products based on what's frequently buy together while the user-user method generates suggestions by matching customers similar purchase patterns, with each system transform sales data into meaningful relationship metrics through matrix operations and similarity calculations to allocate different types of product recommendations.

Building Content-Based Recommendation

The graphs show product recommendation system based on item descriptions. First, it prepares product information by combining each product's name, category, and subcategory into one text description. Then it uses a special text analysis technique call TF-IDF to measure how important words are in these descriptions. Finally, it calculates similarity scores between all products based on their descriptions. Then the system will recommend products that have similar descriptions to items a customer has bought before.

Recommendation Function

Recommendation Functions

```
In [41]: # Calculate similarity between the target user (cid) and all other users using a similarity metric
# Find the n most similar users (excluding the target user itself with .drop(cid))
# Aggregate the items purchased by these similar users by using cust_prod.loc[top].sum()
                     recommend_item_item(prod, n=10):
                  if prod not in item_similarity_df: return []
sims = item_similarity_df[prod].sort_values(ascending=False)
                   return list(sims.iloc[1:n+1].index)
                             end user user(cid, n=10):
                    if cid not in user_similarity_df: return []
                    sims = user_similarity_df[cid].sort_values(ascending=False).drop(cid)
                   agg = cust_prod.loc[top].sum().sort_values(ascending=False)
purchased = cust_prod.loc[cid][cust_prod.loc[cid]>0].index #Recommend the top n items from the aggregated list
return list(agg.drop(purchased, errors='ignore').index[:n]) #Remove items the target user has already purchased
              def recommend_content(prod, n=10):
                   try:
                         idx = metadata[metadata['Product Name']==prod].index[0]
                    except IndexError:
                    sims = list(enumerate(cosine_sim_content[idx]))
                   sims = sorted(sims, key=lambda x: x[1], reverse=True)[1:n+1]
return list(metadata['Product Name'].iloc[[i[0] for i in sims]])
                              end_hybrid(cid, n=10):
                   if cid not in cust_content_sim_df: return [] sims = cust_content_sim_df[cid].sort_values(ascending=False).drop(cid)
                    top = sims.index[:n]
                    agg = cust_qty.loc[top].sum().sort_values(ascending=False)
                    purchased = cust_qty.loc[cid][cust_qty.loc[cid]>0].index
                    return list(agg.drop(purchased, errors='ignore').index[:n])
             # Fit once on the customer-product matrix
knn_model = NearestNeighbors(metric='cosine', algorithm='brute', n_neighbors=6) # tune n_neighbors
knn_model.fit(cust_prod.values) # cust_prod: customers × products
                   recommend_knn(cid, n=10):
  if cid not in cust prod.index:
                         return []
                    user idx = cust prod.index.get loc(cid)
                    distances, indices = knn_model.kneighbors([cust_prod.values[user_idx]])
# skip the first neighbor (itself)
                    similar_idxs = indices.flatten()[1:n+1]
similar_users = cust_prod.index[similar_idxs]
                    agg = cust_prod.loc[similar_users].sum().sort_values(ascending=False)
                    purchased = cust prod.loc[cid][cust prod.loc[cid]>0].index
                    return list(agg.drop(purchased, errors='ignore').index[:n])
```

Item-Item Recommendations

Calculating the similar products based on what's frequently buy together and find out 10 most similar products to the key in later.

User-User Recommendations

Calculate products by finding customers with similar purchase history. It combines what these similar customers bought exclude items already have and suggests the top 10.

Content-Based Recommendations

Findings products with similar descriptions from the product name. If in the search box key-in "Pen", it might recommend "Electric Pencil Sharpeners" because the text descriptions match.

Hybrid Recommendations

Combines customer behaviour and product descriptions to suggest items. First finds similar customers, then recommends products they bought (the item that the customer didn't buy before).

KNN Recommendations

Uses a smart algorithm to find your closest "shopping neighbours" based on all the purchases, then suggests popular items among them that haven't bought.

Generating Combined Recommendation Comparison Customer Recommendation System

```
Customer ID: SO-20335
                                                                                                                                                                                                        User-User Recommendations:
1. NETGEAR N750 Dual Band Wi-Fi Gigabit Router
                                 cust_id = ("SO-20335")
                               if cust_id not in cust_prod.index:
                                                                                                                                                                                                          4. RCA Visys Integrated PBX 8-Line Router
5. Avery 51
6. Logitach Hedia Keyboard X200
7. Poly String Tie Envelopes
8. Wilson Jones data.warehouse D-Ring Binders with Dubllock
9. Eldon 200 Class Desk Accessories, Burgundy
                                        print(f"Error: Customer ID '{cust_id}' not found!")
return
                               # Generate recommendations
recommendations = {
    'User-User': recommend_user_user(cust_id),
    'Hybrid': recommend_hybrid(cust_id),
    'KNN': recommend_knn(cust_id)
                                                                                                                                                                                                       Hybrid Recommendations:

1. DAX Nood Document Frame
2. DAX Cubicle Frames - 8x10
3. Performers Binder/Pad Holder, Black
4. Avery Durable Poly Binders
5. Areox 150
6. Easy-staple paper
7. Staple-on labels
8. Mophie Juice Pack Helium for iPhone
9. Areox 2
10. PayAnywhere Card Reader
                               # Display results vertically
                               print("\nRecommendation Results:")
print(f"\nCustomer ID: {cust_id}")
for method, items in recommendations.items():
                                         print(f"\n{method} Recommendations:")
                                                                                                                                                                                                     KNN Recommendations:
1. Memorex 25GB 6X Branded Blu-Ray Recordable Disc, 30/Pack
2. ACCOHIDE 3-Ring Binder, Blue, 1"
                                        for idx, item in enumerate(items, 1):
    print(f" {idx}. {item}")
                                                                                                                                                                                                          2. ACCOMIDE 3-Ring Binder, Blue, 17
3. Avery 51
4. Iceberg Nesting Folding Chair, 19w x 6d x 43h
5. Floodlight Indoor Halogen Bulbs, 1 Bulb per Pack, 60 Watts
6. Deflect-o EconoWat Studded, No Bevel Mat for Low Pile Carpeting
7. Geemarc AmpliPOWER60
8. Eldon Image Series Desk Accessories, Ebony
9. Deluxe Chalkboard Fraser Cleaner
10. Binding Machine Supplies
                                                  print(" No recommendations available")
                       # Execute the standalone customer recommendation system
                       customer_recommendation_flow()
```

Graph above shows the function called customer_recommendation_flow(), it handles the entire recommendation process for a specific customer. It uses a fixed customer ID "SO-20335" for demonstration. In a real world system, this would typically be an input parameter.

Firstly, to run [if cust_id not in cust_prod.index: print(f"Error: Customer ID '{cust_id}' not found!")] to identify the customer ID, checks if the customer exists in the customer-product database (cust_prod.index). If not found, it shows an error message and exits. If found the customer ID then proceed for the recommendation

Lastly, the result will based on the customer ID to present User-User Collaborative Filtering recommendation by using (recommend_user_user), Hybrid Recommendations (recommend_hybrid) and KNN-based Recommendations (recommend_knn)

```
def product_recommendation_flow ():
    print("PRODUCT RECOMMENDATION SYSTEM")
    keyword = "Pen"
    # Finds the matches Product Name
    matches = metadata[metadata['Product Name'].str.contains(keyword, case=False, na=False)]
    if not matches.empty:
       product = matches.iloc[0]['Product Name']
        # Generate recommendations
           items = recommend_item_item(product)[:10]
            contents = recommend_content(product)[:10]
        except Exception as e:
           print(f"Error: {e}")
            return
        # 显示结果
        print(f"\nRecommendations for: {product}")
        print("\nItem-Item Recommendations:")
        print(*[f"{i}. {v}]" for i, v in enumerate(items, 1)] or "No recommendations", <math>sep='\n')
        print("\nContent-Based Recommendations:")
        print(*[f"{i}. {v}]" for i, v in enumerate(contents, 1)] or "No recommendations", <math>sep='\n')
        print(f"No products found for '{keyword}'")
product_recommendation_flow()
```

PRODUCT RECOMMENDATION SYSTEM

Recommendations for: BOSTON Model 1800 Electric Pencil Sharpeners, Putty/Woodgrain

Item-Item Recommendations:

- 1. Honeywell Enviracaire Portable HEPA Air Cleaner for up to 10 x 16 Room
- 2. Sony Micro Vault Click 8 GB USB 2.0 Flash Drive
- 3. OIC Binder Clips, Mini, 1/4" Capacity, Black
- 4. Mini 13-1/2 Capacity Data Binder Rack, Pearl
- 5. Riverside Palais Royal Lawyers Bookcase, Royale Cherry Finish
- 6. Eldon 200 Class Desk Accessories, Burgundy
- 7. Deflect-o RollaMat Studded, Beveled Mat for Medium Pile Carpeting
- 8. Xerox 1960
- 9. Lumber Crayons
- 10. Xerox 1970

Content-Based Recommendations:

- 1. Boston Model 1800 Electric Pencil Sharpener, Gray
- 2. Boston Home & Office Model 2000 Electric Pencil Sharpeners
- 3. Boston Heavy-Duty Trimline Electric Pencil Sharpeners
- 4. Boston Electric Pencil Sharpener, Model 1818, Charcoal Black
- 5. Boston 1900 Electric Pencil Sharpener
- 6. Stanley Bostitch Contemporary Electric Pencil Sharpeners
- 7. Hunt BOSTON Model 1606 High-Volume Electric Pencil Sharpener, Beige
- 8. Boston 1799 Powerhouse Electric Pencil Sharpener
- 9. Boston 1730 StandUp Electric Pencil Sharpener
- 10. Boston School Pro Electric Pencil Sharpener, 1670

Graph above shows the function called product_recommendation_flow(), it handles the entire recommendation process for product name. It uses a random product name "Pen" for demonstration. In a real world system, this would also typically be an input parameter.

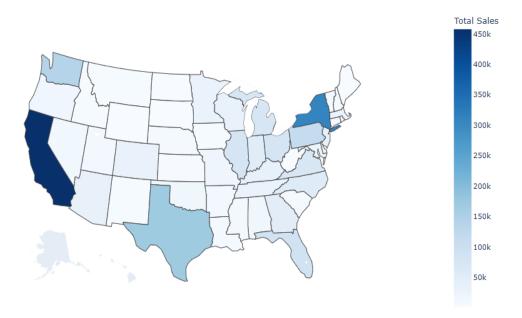
But this function are reverse type compare with Customer ID, I perform key-in product name first, then generate the top 10 recommendation based on item and content then shows the recommendation item, if its not found, the system will appears "No products found for '{keyword}".

Dashboard Visualization

For the CA doesn't require for the business insight visualization, however I was trying to understand what's the real world needs hence I proceed for Business insight dashboard and Customer insight dashboard

Business Insight

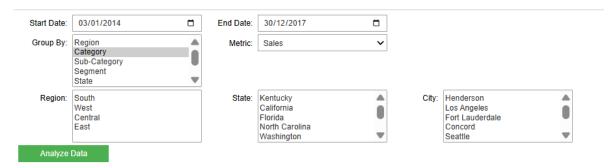
Sales by State



Above shows choropleth map, the sales by state of USA firstly I make sure the sales number are all in numeric by using [geo_data['Sales'] = pd.to_numeric(geo_data['Sales'], errors='coerce')] and group all the sales by state. After that I convert the state name into USPS Code. Then generate the choropleth map. The graph shows from light blue to dark blue which mean the sales from the lowest to highest. This visualization can identify the large sales

group if contain big range dataset in a country, it look simply and nice compare with the barchart and other visualization.

Sales, Profit and Quantity Checking Dashboard

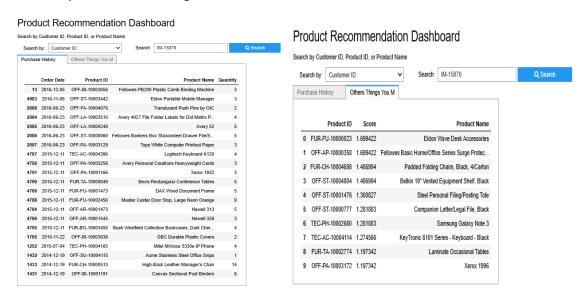


This sales dashboard shows four years of business data from March 2014 to December 2017. Users can filter information by region (South, West, Central, East), state (all 51 U.S. states), city (up to 5 cities), product category, region, segment, and shipping method. The tool lets user choose to view sales numbers, profits, or quantities sold from a simple dropdown menu. It helps businesses compare performance across different areas and product types. With clear charts and easy filters, anyone can use it to find important trends and see what sells the best.

The visualization result will show in line graph, bar chart, tree map, pie chart and table for the user, due I unable to shows in html. Hence, I couldn't proceed to for explanation in the report

Customer Insight

Search by Customer ID Insight

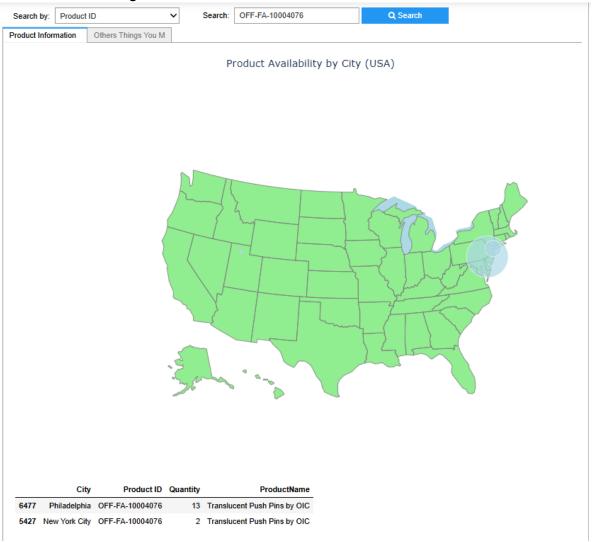


Above shows the Product Recommendation Dashboard for the customer insight where allow customer key in Customer ID, Product ID or Product Name to search similar product.

The Product Recommendation Dashboard helps customers find products they might like through three search options: Customer ID (like "IM-15070"), Product ID, or Product Name. When a customer enters their ID, the system first displays their purchase history. Then, using a smart matching technology called "user-user recommendation", it suggests other products in the "Other Things You May Like" section. These recommendations show items frequently bought by customers with similar purchase histories, but which the current customer hasn't bought yet.

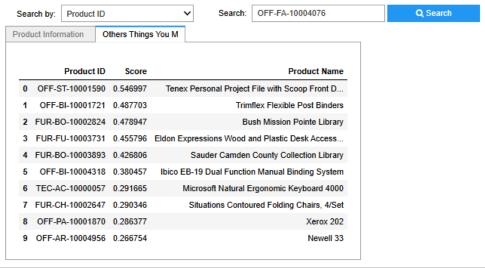
For example, if customer "IM-15070" often buys kitchen appliances, the system might recommend new cooking tools that similar customers have purchased. This feature helps customers discover products that match their interests while helping businesses increase sales. The dashboard makes shopping easier by showing personalized suggestions based on real customer behavior patterns. It's particularly useful for finding new products customers might not have discovered otherwise, creating a better shopping experience and potentially increasing customer satisfaction and loyalty through relevant recommendations.

Search Product ID Insight



Product Recommendation Dashboard

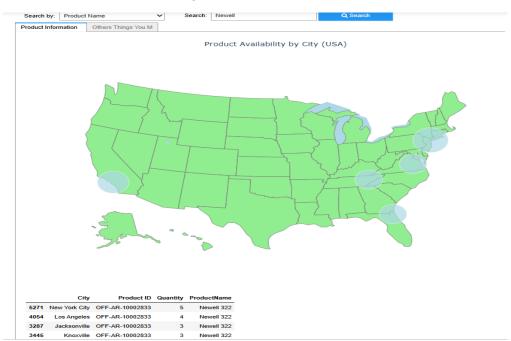
Search by Customer ID, Product ID, or Product Name



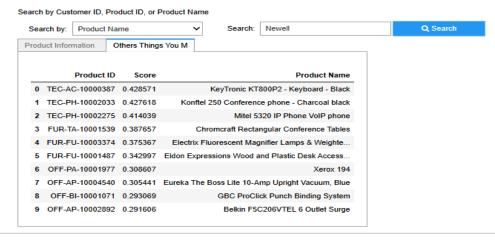
This dashboard helps customers and stock buyers check product availability by entering a Product ID. The system shows current stock levels, storage locations, and remaining quantities in the "Product Information" tab. Since the business operates across many locations, I've included geographical scatter plot map where show areas with more stock, making it easy to find products nearby. The dashboard also recommends related products through its "Other Things You May Like" feature by using Item-item recommendation system, it suggests 10 similar items that other customers often buy together with the searched product.

For example, when someone search for product ID"OFF-FA-10004076", the system might recommend compatible others item that are frequently purchased together. This helps users quickly find what they need, see where products are available, and discover useful complementary items. The combination of stock information and product recommendations helps customers make better purchasing decisions while giving businesses valuable insights into buying patterns and inventory management across different locations.

Search by Product Name Insight



Product Recommendation Dashboard



This dashboard helps customers easily find products even when they don't know the exact name. Users can type part of a product name like "Newell" in the search box, and the system will show matching items such as "Newell 322". For each product found, the dashboard displays important details including current stock availability and where the items are located in warehouses or stores. The system also helps customers discover other products they might want through the "Other Things You May Like" section.

This feature uses content based recommendation to analyze product similarities and suggest the top 10 most relevant items. For example, if you look at a camera, it might recommend lenses, cases or memory cards that work well with it. These suggestions are based on the product's features and what other customers typically buy together. The combination of flexible searching and helpful recommendations makes shopping easier while helping businesses sell more products. Customers can quickly find what they need and learn about other useful items, improving their overall experience with the store or website. The system works efficiently even with large product catalogs across multiple locations.

Total 2279 Words

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