# FACTORS AFFECTING SUPERMARKET X'S SALES

PREDICTIONS OF SALES

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## DATA DESCRIPTION

Store	45 stores denoted by 1, 2, 3,45					
Date	Time series including 143 weeks					
Weekly_Sales	Sale of each week					
Holiday_Flag	it equals 1 if that week was on holiday, otherwise it equals 0					
Temperature	The average temperature of each week					
Fuel_price	The average price of fuel on each week					
CPI	CPI of each week					
Unemployment	The unemployment rate of each week					

## DATA DESCRIPTION

Holidays	Date			
SuperBowl	12-02-2010, 11-02-2011, 10-02-2012, 08-02-2013			
LabourDay	10-09-2010, 09-09-2011, 07-09-2012, 06-09-2013			
Thanksgiving	26-11-2010, 25-11-2011, 23-11-2012, 29-11-2013			
Christmas	31-12-2010, 30-12-2011, 28-12-2012, 27-12-2013			

#### **OBJECTIVES**

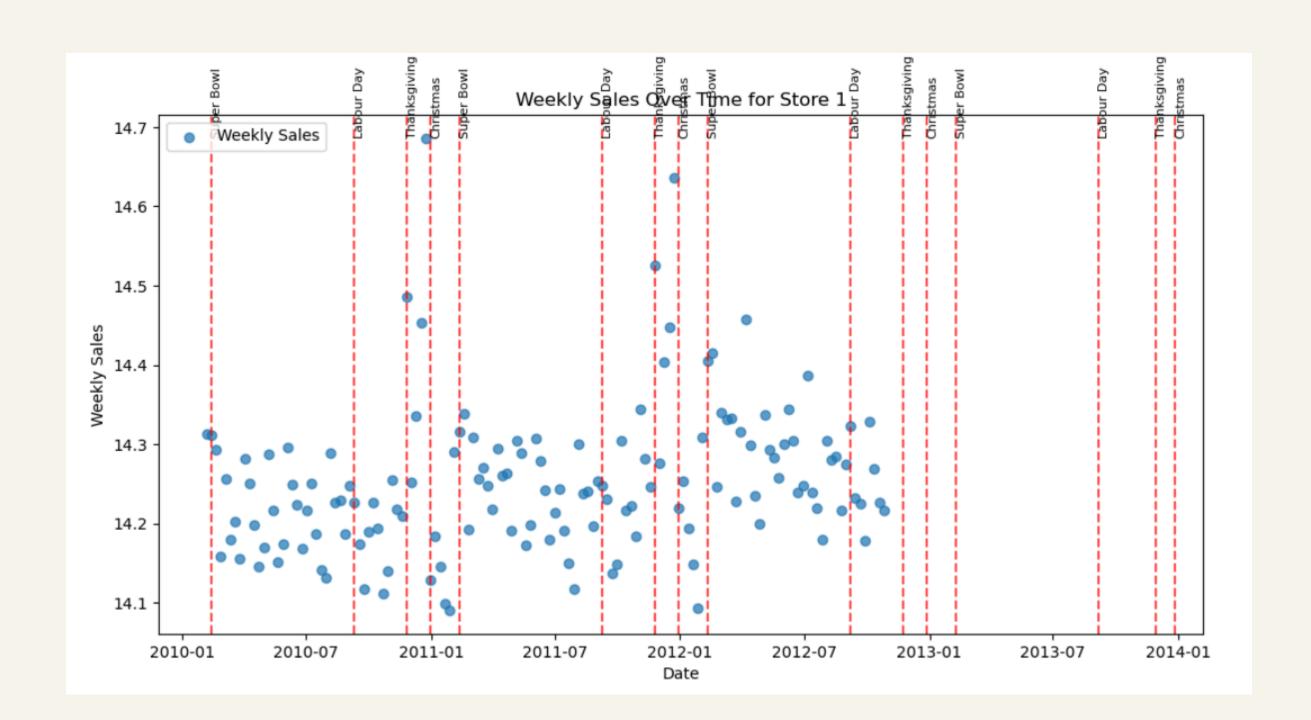
#### Analysis on factors affecting sales of store I

How did holiday events, temperature, fuel price, CPI and unemployment rate make an impact on the sales of each store over the period from 05-02-2010 to 01-07-2012?

#### Making predictions of sales of store 1

Based on the affections of these factors, a model is built to make predictions of sales on each store over the period from 01-07-2012 to 26-10-2012.

#### **OBJECTIVE I: ANALYSIS**



On Labor day, Thanksgiving and Super Bowl, sales of store 1 indicated a significant fluctuation. Meanwhile, in of Christmas, terms fluctuations of sales were recorded on the week before happening this event. Therefore, instead of using Christmas, the previous weeks before this event were studied.

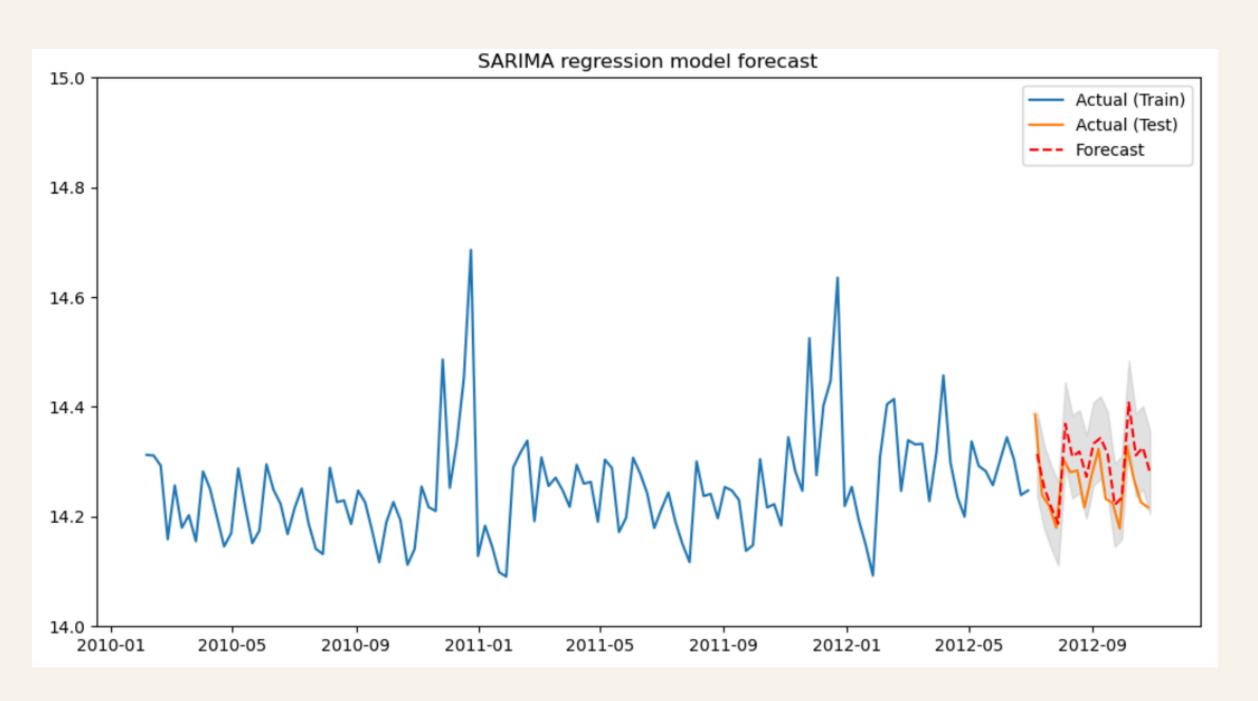
#### **OBJECTIVE I: ANALYSIS**

	coef	std err	z	P> z	[0.025	0.975]
Christmas_1	1.696e-08	1.08e-14	1.57e+06	0.000	1.7e-08	1.7e-08
LabourDay	1.652e-09	1.67e-13	9911.499	0.000	1.65e-09	1.65e-09
SuperBowl	2.706e-08	nan	nan	nan	nan	nan
Thanksgiving	6.127e-09	1.16e-14	5.27e+05	0.000	6.13e-09	6.13e-09
Log_CPI	1.9829	0.801	2.475	0.013	0.413	3.553
Unemployment	-0.0638	0.033	-1.908	0.056	-0.129	0.002
Fuel_Price	0.0303	0.024	1.286	0.198	-0.016	0.077
Temperature	0.0009	0.001	1.252	0.211	-0.001	0.002
ar.L1	0.0590	0.148	0.398	0.691	-0.231	0.349
ma.L1	-0.9846	0.202	-4.872	0.000	-1.381	-0.588
sigma2	0.0015	0.000	4.061	0.000	0.001	0.002

ARIMA model was used to analyze the impact of those factors on sales of store 1. The results indicated:

- Holidays such as Labor Day, Super Bowl, Thanksgiving, and previous weeks of Christmas affect **positively** on the sales of store 1
- CPI affects **positively** on the sales of store 1
- Fuel price affects **positively** on the sales of store 1
- Temperature affects **positively** on the sales of store 1
- Unemployment rate affects **negatively** on the sales of store 1

#### **OBJECTIVE 2: PREDICTIONS**



Evaluation of this model:

- Mean Square Error:0.0029728314308438536
- Root Mean Square Error:0.05452367770834845
- Mean Absolute Error:0.046228651678658854
- Mean Absolute Percentage Error:-0.002600303104398742

Lower values of MSE and RMSE are better, Regarding MAE, this error is small relative to the values being predicted, it might be considered good. Despite the slight bad value of MAPE, generally, this model is good enough to be used to make predictions of sales of store 1 in the future.

## CONCLUSIONS & RECOMMENDATIONS

Holidays have an positive impact on the sales of store 1, which means that the increase in holidays will increase the sales of weeks which are on these holidays. Sales of weeks which were on Super Bowl were slightly higher than sales on other weeks. Additionally, sales of weeks which were on Thanksgiving and the previous weeks of Christmas increased significantly relative to other weeks. However, the sales of weeks on Labor Day did not show significant differences compared to other weeks.

Store 1 should launch some more attractive promotions on Super Bowl, Thanksgiving and Christmas to increase more sales. Additionally, store 1 should take Labor Day into considerations because this event is not really effective.

Based on the evaluation via 4 metrics, ARIMA model built is good enough to make some predictions of sales

Store 1 can use this model to make some predictions of sales to make careful preparations on these holidays.