

Virtual Wardrobe for Stitch-Fix



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Overview

Trying on clothes once you receive a fix-box is one of the most time-consuming tasks. Usually long waiting periods have to be taken into account, for example trying out the cloths and returning back the ones not fitting or liked. Reducing this time and helping people to put on a large collection of garments in reduced time was a relevant motivation for this thesis. Using modern technology, the try-on experience can be drastically improved.

Even in web shops people are very sceptic buying clothes because a try-on of clothes is not possible. The techniques discussed in this paper can enhance the shopping experience. It even offers customers a more precise representation than 2D images of the cloth they are willing to buy and therefore this may also reduce the amount of goods the buyers return.

In this thesis we will introduce a Virtual Dressing Room, which offers a solution for the mentioned aspects. The module is based on a mirror, represented by a display that outputs the image of the camera. If a person is giving images of them, the person will be able to select desired clothes. The selected garment is then virtually superimposed with the image recorded by the camera. In general, this technique can be categorized under augmented reality (AR), where a real-time view of the reality is extended and furthermore overlaid with additional information. This paper mainly focuses on the applications in cloth stores

Goals

The aim of the thesis is to create a Virtual Dressing Room that realistically reflects the appearance and the behavior of garment. It should further adapt to specific bodies of different persons depending on their body measurements. This will be one of the main challenges since the pieces of cloth should correctly fit to as many persons as possible independent of their individual dimensions

Use Cases

Time-consumption-Decreasing the fit time for customer, reduction in delivery revenue and inventory management

Clothing fit and size-Recommendation for the customer as per the shape and size

Recommendation System:

StitchFix Survey:

The screenshot shows the StitchFix website's 'STYLE PROFILE' survey. The top navigation bar includes 'STITCH FIX', 'Women', 'Men', 'Kids', 'Style Guide', 'FAQ', 'Gift Cards', and 'ACCOUNT'. Below this, a user profile section shows a pink circle with the letter 'A', the name 'ANUJA', and links for 'STYLE PROFILE', 'MY ITEMS', and 'REFER'. The main survey area has a light gray background with a central list of categories and their corresponding dropdown menus: 'Dresses' (The cheaper, the better), 'Shoes' (\$50 - \$100), 'Accessories' (The cheaper, the better), and 'Jewelry' (The cheaper, the better). A red 'NEXT' button is positioned below these options. The footer contains the 'STITCH FIX' logo, a 'Download on the App Store' button, and several columns of links: 'THE SERVICE' (Gift Cards, iPhone App), 'THE COMPANY' (About Us, Press), 'HAVE A QUESTION?' (FAQ, Help Center), and 'FOLLOW US' with social media icons for Facebook, Instagram, Pinterest, and Twitter.

Category	Selection
Dresses	The cheaper, the better
Shoes	\$50 - \$100
Accessories	The cheaper, the better
Jewelry	The cheaper, the better

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>

Are you interested in premium brands?

We offer premium items from brands including Kate Spade, Theory, and Rebecca Minkoff.

Yes

No

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Great -- From Which Categories?

JEWELRY

SHOES

DRESSES

JACKETS & COATS

TEES

SWEATERS / CARDIGANS

SHORTS

SHIRTS & BLOUSES

PANTS

JEANS

BAGS

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What is your primary occupation?

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Architecture / Engineering

Art / Design

Building / Maintenance

Business / Client Service

Community / Social Service

Computer / IT

Education

Entertainer / Performer

Farming / Fishing / Forestry

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Anything else we should know before we style you?

Example: My workplace is pretty casual. I can wear jeans but I would like to dress it up with cute tops! Also, please stick to warm tones - I look best in burgundy, plum and mustard. I prefer v-neck blouses and subtle prints.

500 characters remaining

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Are you more of a
jeans / pants & top gal or a
dresses gal?

Mostly jeans / pants

Mostly dresses

Healthy mix

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How **adventurous** do you want your Fix selections to be?

Not at all

Somewhat

Very

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How tall are you?

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ft.

in.

What is your weight?

lbs.

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What sizes do you typically wear?

Size chart »

	XXS	XS	SMALL		MEDIUM		LARGE	
SHIRT & BLOUSE	00	0	2	4	6	8	10	
DRESS	00	0	2	4	6	8	10	
BOTTOMS	00	0	2	4	6	8	10	
JEAN WAIST	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32

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What happens next?

1


Schedule your Fix delivery.

2

An expert Stylist will review your profile and hand-select pieces.

3

Try on items at home before you buy. Keep your favorites.



Free returns & exchanges

(prepaid envelope always included)

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Recommendation System Model:

We have designed a recommendation system to recommend products to customers based on their search.

Build a recommendation engine which suggests similar products to the given product in stitch fix.

This recommendation system works towards solving the problem of recommending the right products to the customers.

- In some ways, the problem is a classic collaborative filtering problem: given different clients' feedback on different styles, we must fill in the gaps in the (sparse) matrix to predict the result of sending a style to a client who has not yet received it
- As such, we do use some standard collaborative filtering algorithms (e.g. those who have liked what you have liked have also liked ...)
- However, unlike most collaborative filtering problems, we have a lot of explicit data, both from clients' self-descriptions and from clothing attributes. This helps with the cold start problem and also allows for greater accuracy if we employ algorithms that consider this data
- One such approach is mixed-effects modeling, which is particularly useful because of the longitudinal nature of our problem: it lets us learn (and track) our clients' preferences over time, both individually and as a whole
- And in addition to the many explicit features available, there are some particularly pertinent latent (unstated) features of both clients and styles that we can infer from other data (structured and/or unstructured) and use to improve our performance
- For example, a new client may tell us that she wears medium-sized blouses, but where exactly would her preference fall along the spectrum of smallish mediums to largish mediums? The same question also applies to particular styles of clothing in our inventory. (Note that in this illustration we're treating fit as unidimensional for simplicity, but in fact at Stitch Fix we treat it as multidimensional.)
- Natural language processing is used to score items based on the client's request note and textual feedback from other clients about the same item
- All of these algorithm scores—and many others like them—are taken into account when ordering and presenting options for the human expert stylist to consider

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In [1]: # import libraries
import boto3, re, sys, math, json, os, sagemaker, urllib.request
from sagemaker import get_execution_role
import numpy as np
import pandas as pd
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
from IPython.display import Image
from IPython.display import display
from time import gmtime, strftime
from sagemaker.predictor import csv_serializer

# Define IAM role
role = get_execution_role()
prefix = 'sagemaker/DEMO-xgboost-dm'
containers = {'us-west-2': '433757028032.dkr.ecr.us-west-2.amazonaws.com/xgboost:latest',
              'us-east-1': '811284229777.dkr.ecr.us-east-1.amazonaws.com/xgboost:latest',
              'us-east-2': '825641698319.dkr.ecr.us-east-2.amazonaws.com/xgboost:latest',
              'eu-west-1': '685385470294.dkr.ecr.eu-west-1.amazonaws.com/xgboost:latest'} # each region has its XGBoost
my_region = boto3.session.Session().region_name # set the region of the instance
print("Success - the MySageMakerInstance is in the " + my_region + " region. You will use the " + containers[my_region]

Success - the MySageMakerInstance is in the us-east-1 region. You will use the 811284229777.dkr.ecr.us-east-1.amazonaws.com/xgboost:latest container for your SageMaker endpoint.

In [8]: bucket_name = 'stitchfixteam' # <--- change this variable to a unique name for your bucket
s3 = boto3.resource('s3')
try:
    if my_region == 'us-east-1':
        s3.create_bucket(Bucket=bucket_name)
    else:
        s3.create_bucket(Bucket=bucket_name, CreateBucketConfiguration={'LocationConstraint': my_region })
    print('S3 bucket created successfully')
except Exception as e:
    print('S3 error: ',e)

S3 bucket created successfully
```

Implementation of Recommendation System:

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In [39]: print ('Number of data points : ', data.shape[0], \
              'Number of features:', data.shape[1])
data.head() # prints the top rows in the table.

Number of data points : 183138 Number of features: 7

Out[39]:
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	asin	brand	color	medium_image_url	product_type_name	title	formatted_price
0	B016I2TS4W	FNC7C	None	https://images-na.ssl-images-amazon.com/images...	SHIRT	Minions Como Superheroes Ironman Long Sleeve R...	None
1	B01N49AI08	FIG Clothing	None	https://images-na.ssl-images-amazon.com/images...	SHIRT	FIG Clothing Womens Izo Tunic	None
2	B01JDPC0HO	FIG Clothing	None	https://images-na.ssl-images-amazon.com/images...	SHIRT	FIG Clothing Womens Won Top	None
3	B01N19USH5	Focal18	None	https://images-na.ssl-images-amazon.com/images...	SHIRT	Focal18 Sailor Collar Bubble Sleeve Blouse Shi...	None
4	B004GS2QOS	FeatherLite	Onyx Black/Stone	https://images-na.ssl-images-amazon.com/images...	SHIRT	Featherlite Ladies' Long Sleeve Stain Resistan...	\$26.26

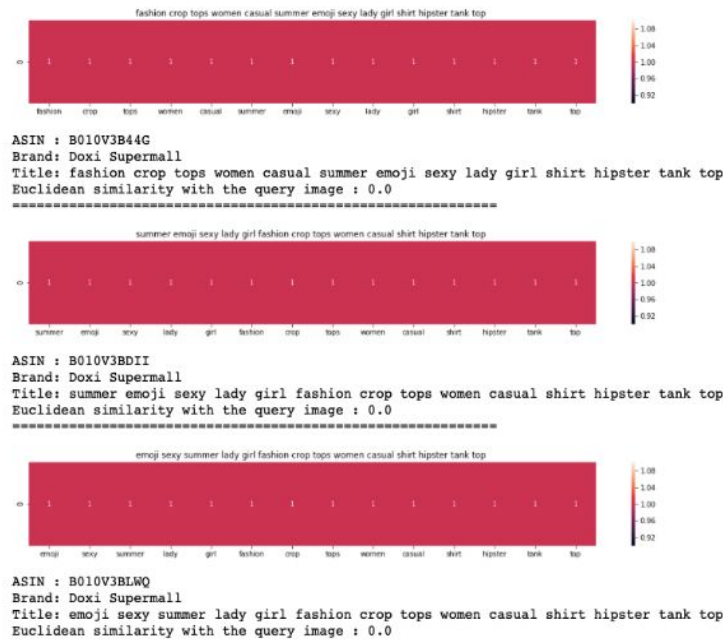
We brought down

the number of data points from 183K to 28K

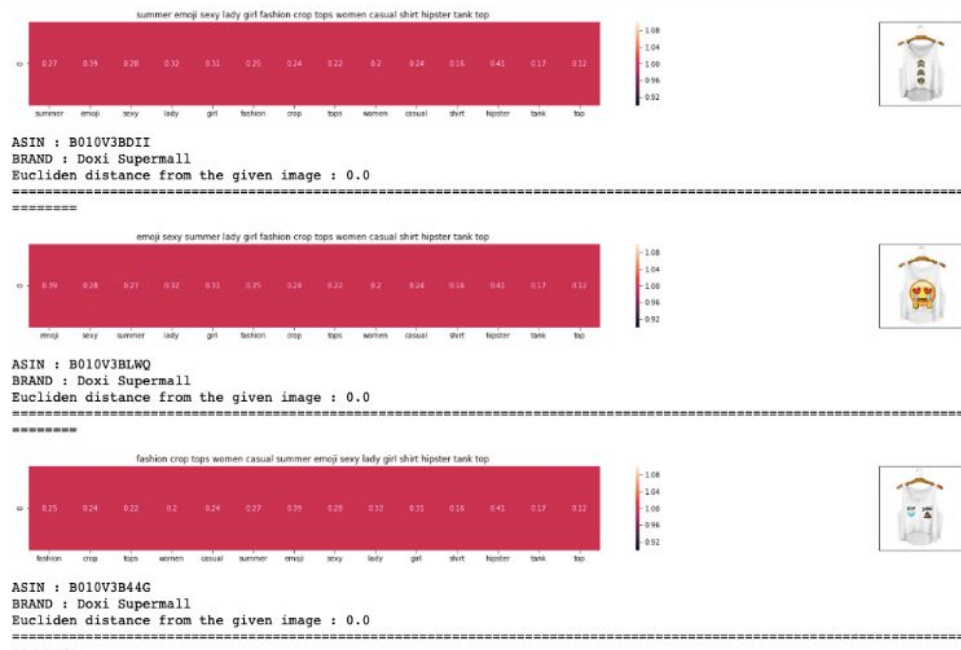
These shirts are exactly same except in size (S, M,L,XL)



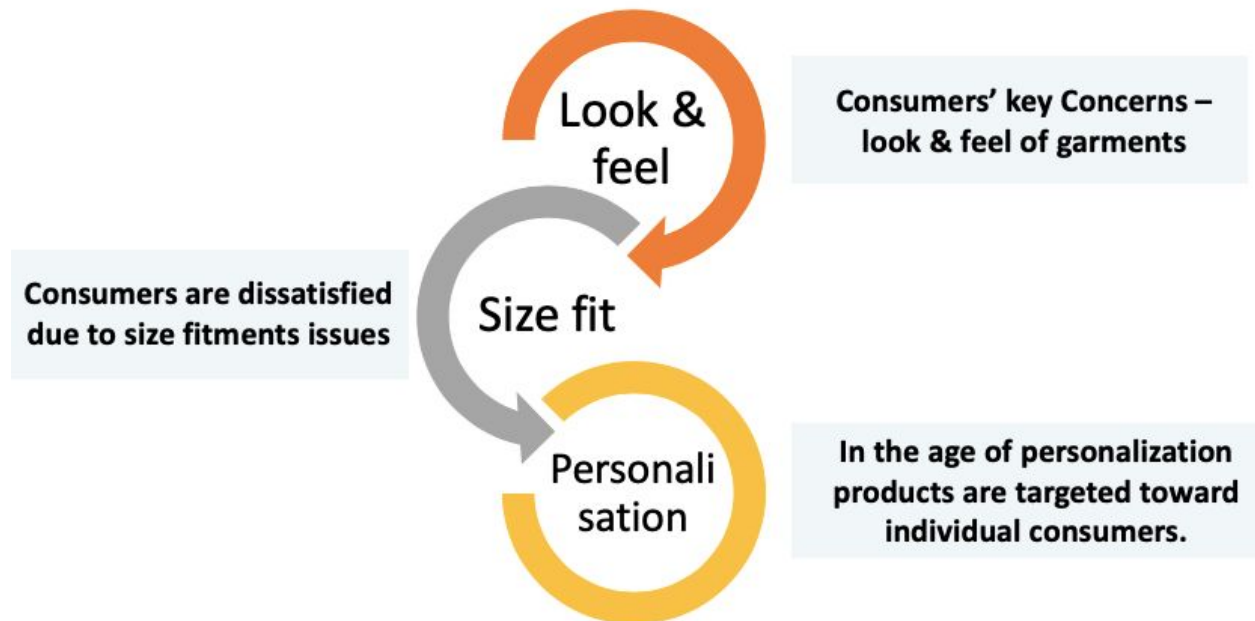
11. Text based product similarity



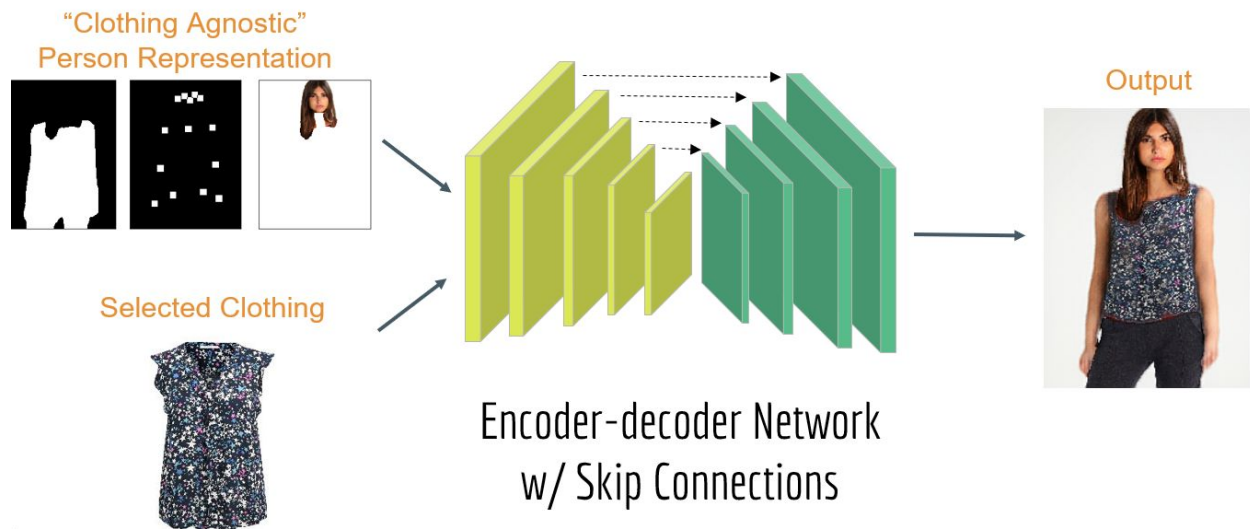
12. TF-IDF based product similarity



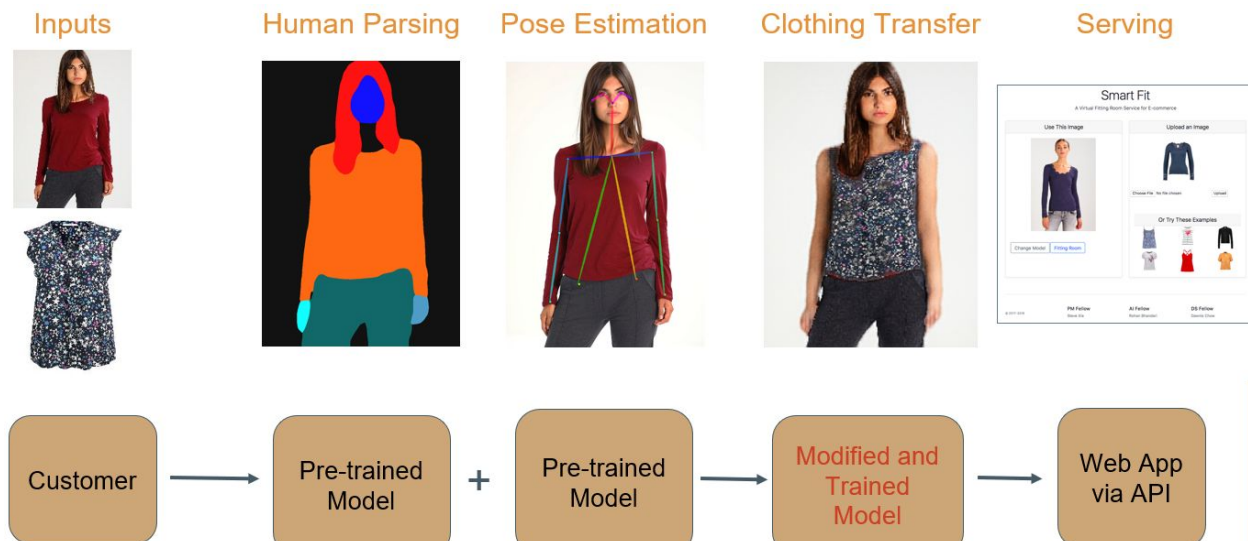
Virtual Wardrobe:



Clothing Transfer



Pipeline:

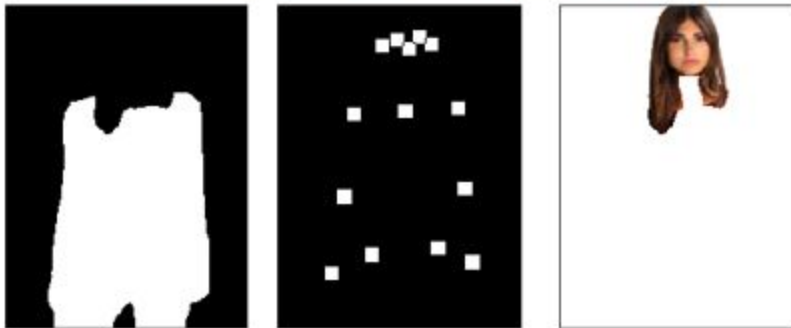


Process Outline:

Stage 1:

End points of the picture provided are detected and created for object detection so as to make the masking of the picture of the piece of cloth onto the picture easier.

Original Person Representation



Stage 2:

Here, outfit image masked on the picture is checked for the even skin tone and masking the outfit perfectly on the picture.

The input and output skin colour are plotted and the midpoint is considered as final skintone.

1. The result image of stage 1



2. The outfit is then tilted according the pose in the picture



3. The points obtained from stage 1



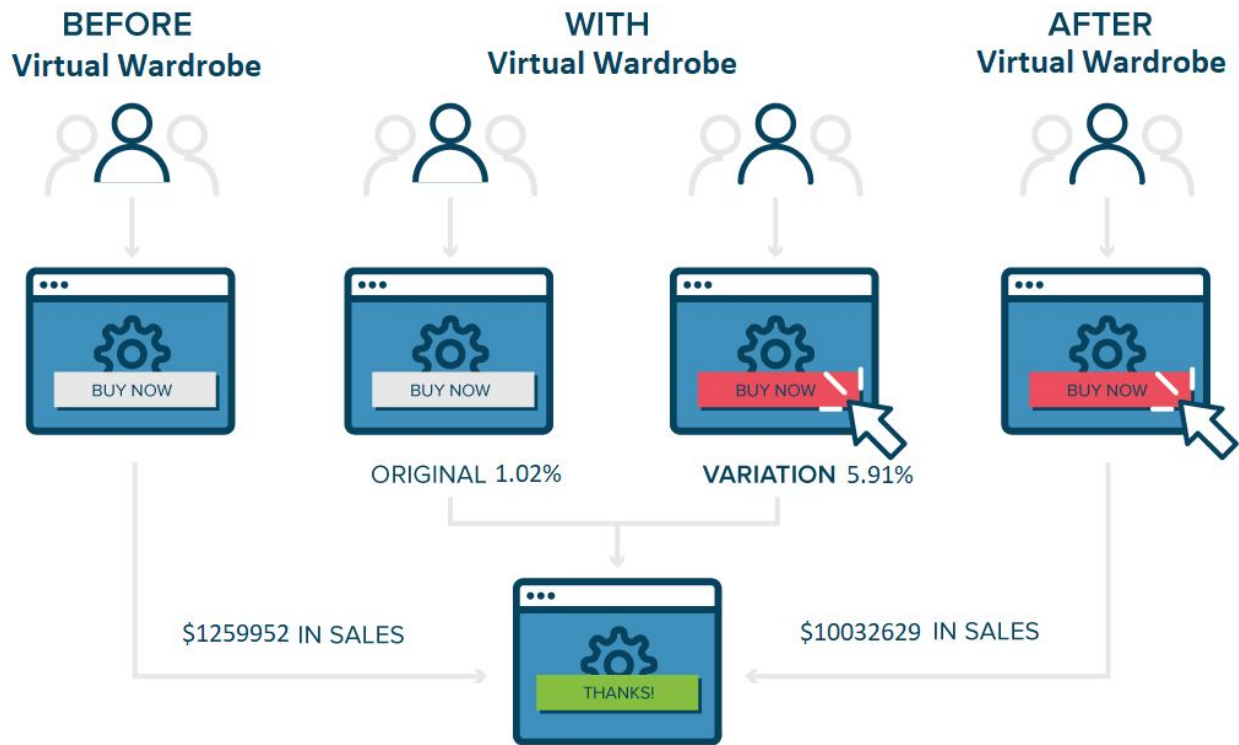
4. The outfit is masked to the points generated



5. This is the final product after masking the outfit and the image



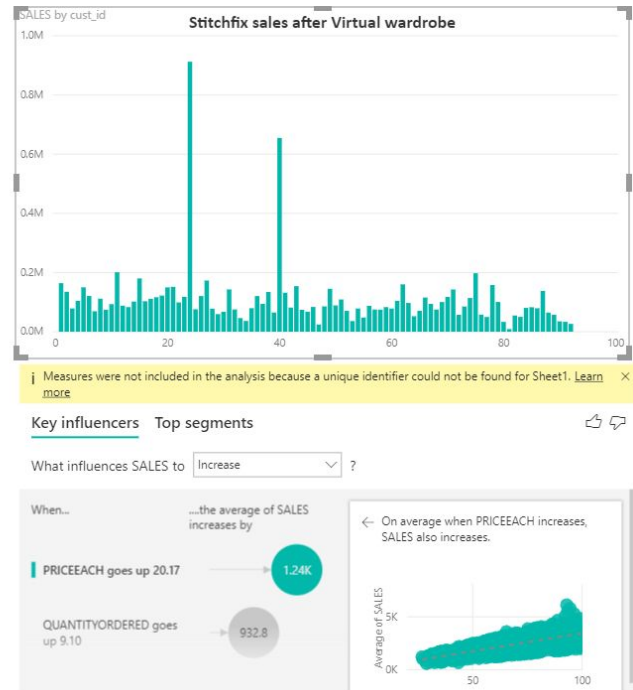
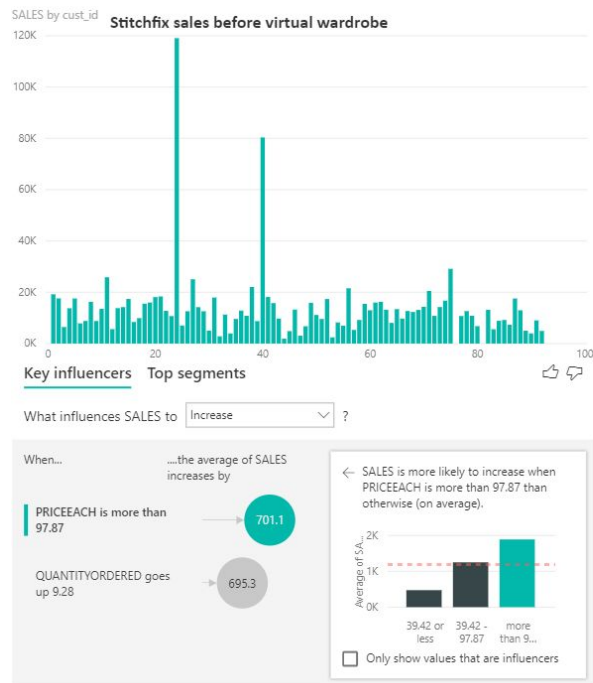
AB Testing:



Status	Test	Start	End	Prediction	Result	Statistically Significant?	Notes	Next Steps
Completed	Survey form on signup	7/17/19	8/5/19	Version B will perform better because the original version is time consuming	Success	✓	Variation B performed 8% better than the original version and was statistically significant at 95% confidence. Declared version B the winner	Chose Variation B as winner, setting up a/b on next event
Not Started	Recommendation plus Virtual Wardrobe	8/27/17	9/20/17	Version B (image with background) will perform better	Inconclusive	X		
Not Started	Different Headline. A is the title, B is descriptive	8/28/17	9/21/17	Version A will perform better because it matches promo copy	Inconclusive	X		
In Progress	New vs. Old landing page layout template	8/12/19	8/15/19	Version A (new template) will perform better because the layout is cleaner and more modern	Failure	✓	Verion B (the old LP template) performed 6% better than A	Chose Variation B as winner, setting up a/b on next event
Completed	Virtual Wardrobe	8/10/19	8/16/17	Version b will perform better	Success	✓	Variation B performed 21% better than the original version, 100% sure version be will improve conversions. Statistically significant.	Chose Variation B as winner, setting up a/b on copy next

Step 1: Plug and Chug your Visits and Conversion rates from each variation here!			
	Sales	QuantityOrdered	Plug your result into the red cells on the left (D5:E6)
Variation A	1259952	74445	
Variation B	10032629	101947	
Step 2: Your variations' conversion rates and standard error.			
	Conversion Rate	Standard Error	You'll see the conversion rates and standard level of error calculate automatically for you based on the numbers you inputted in Step 1.
Variation A	5.91%	0.02%	
Variation B	1.02%	0.00%	
Step 3: Significance levels based on your inputs			
	90% Conversion Rate Limits		Based on your inputs in Step 1, you'll see the estimated range of confidence that the value is statistically significant based on Z score confidence intervals. These are then used to test the P value against the confidence intervals. Feel free to look at the equations within the cells to see how the logic is calculated.
	From	To	
Variation A	5.87%	5.94%	
Variation B	1.01%	1.02%	
	95% Conversion Rate Limits		
	From	To	
Variation A	5.87%	5.95%	
Variation B	1.01%	1.02%	
Step 4: How confident are we that your test is significant based?			
	Significant At		This step calculates the results. If P passes the 90% and the 95%, you result below will say the test is statistically significant . If P passes the 90% but not the 95%, the result will say it is unlikely to be statistically significant . If the results say it does not pass either, the test is not statistically significant .
	Does it pass 90% confidence?	YES	
	Does it pass 95 Confidence?	YES	
	Z =	230.3058	
	P-value =	1.00	
Step 5: Are you test signifiant? Find the answer here.			
Read cells to right, then down	Version B	converted	481.5%
	better than	Version A.	We are
	100%	certain that the changes in	Version B
	will improve your	Your test is statistically	
Read cells C38:E41 to the right, then down. The results of your test (and whether or not they are significant) will be printed for you here. For the logic behind the formulas, feel free to click into the cells.			

Dashboard:

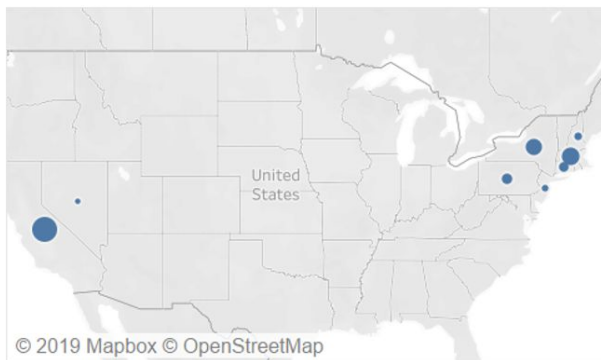


Sales per state (Before virtual wardrobe)



State	
Null	665,514
BC	11,975
CA	189,862
CT	28,769
Isle of Wight	12,972
MA	94,943
NH	18,155
NJ	13,778
NSW	28,082
NV	9,160
NY	81,591
Osaka	4,840
PA	34,246
Quebec	1,887

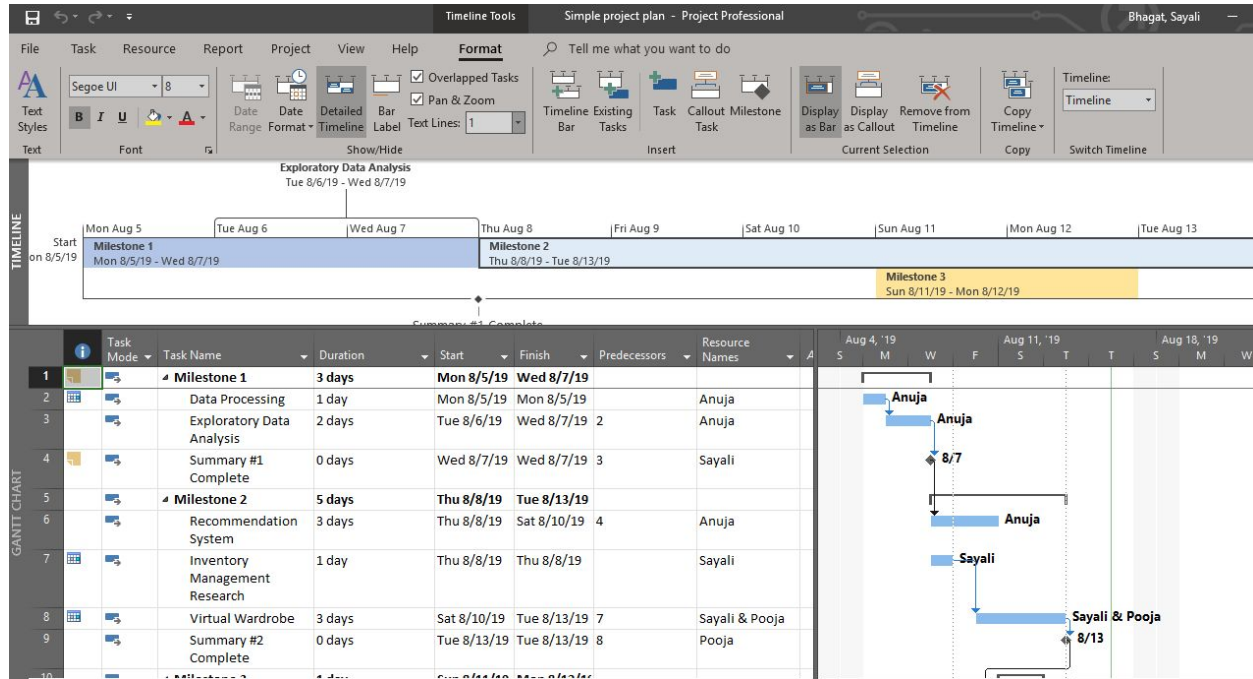
Sales per state (After virtual wardrobe)



State	
Null	5,104,346
BC	149,874
CA	1,555,218
CT	255,985
Isle of Wight	78,241
MA	708,565
NH	131,685
NJ	83,228
NSW	331,624
NV	82,751
NY	660,732
Osaka	67,605
PA	280,618
Quebec	86,206

Milestones:

We'll be using MS project app for tracking the task and progress of the project. In this way will be learning a project management tool as well



Deployment Details:

- 1) Language: Python
- 2) Cloud Tools/Platforms: Amazon Web Services
- 3) Tools for Analysis: Tableau, Power BI, Salesforce
- 4) Other Considerations: Google Cloud Platform, Heroku
- 5) Team Viewer, MS Project

References and Sources:

This project builds from the work listed below:

- Human parsing
 - LIP_JPPNet ([repo](#), [paper](#))
- Pose estimation
 - Realtime Multi-Person Pose Estimation ([repo](#), [paper](#))
 - [Keras implementation](#)
- Virtual try-on
 - VITON ([repo](#), [paper](#))
- <http://jonathansoma.com/lede/foundations/classes/text%20processing/tf-idf/>