

# Analysis of Walmart Sales & Sales Forecast

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**Special Buy \$148**

onn. 50" Class 4K Roku Smart TV  
 • 49.5" diagonal screen size  
 • Model #100005396, 100005843, 100007147

**onn. Roku**  
 NETFLIX HBO GO VUDU

**PHILIPS**  
 androidtv  
 NETFLIX HBO GO VUDU

**Walmart**

**65" | 4K**

**Black Friday**

Online Wed. 11/27 at 10pm ET  
 In stores Thanksgiving 11/28 at 6pm

**Special Buy \$98**

onn. 40" Class 1080p Roku Smart TV  
 • 39.5" diagonal screen size  
 • Model #100005842, 100005395

**onn. Roku**  
 NETFLIX HBO GO VUDU

**Special Buy \$278**

Philips 65" Class 4K Android Smart TV  
 • 64.5" diagonal screen size  
 • Model #65PFL5504/F7

Get up to **\$700** in eGift Cards

**Walmart eGift Card**

with qualified activation & trade-in on select Apple & Samsung smartphones.  
 See page 9 for details.

**Save \$80 \$249**

iPad 7th Gen 32GB  
 • 10.2" Retina display  
 • Smart Keyboard & Apple Pencil compatible

**Save \$70 \$129**

Apple Watch Series 3 (GPS)  
 • 38mm

**Save \$15 \$129**

Shop our **BUY NOW** selection

# Project Background

- Walmart
  - an American multinational retail corporation
  - operates a chain of
    - hypermarkets
    - discount department stores
    - grocery stores
  - 45 stores across the U.S.
  - promotional markdown events
    - Super Bowl
    - Labor Day
    - Thanksgiving
    - Christmas

# Mission Statement

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Assist Walmart's management team in the decision-making process by:

- Performing exploratory data analysis and time series analysis of Walmart's sales data
- Identifying the factors that impact sales
- Developing time series model to forecast sales

# Dataset

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- Collected on Kaggle at <https://www.kaggle.com/c/walmart-recruiting-store-sales-forecasting/data>
- Historical sales data
  - 45 Walmart stores in the United States
  - From 2/5/2010 to 11/1/2012
- 3 csv files
  - **stores**: 45 records
    - Columns: store, type, size
  - **sales**: 421,570 records
    - Columns: store, dept, date, weekly sales, isHoliday
  - **features**: 8,190 records
    - Columns: store, date, temp, fuel price, markdown 1-5, CPI, unemployment, isHoliday

# Data Wrangling

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MISSING VALUES | NEW COLUMNS | OUTLIERS

# Missing Values

table	col	null_count	null_pct	min	max	mean	median
features	MarkDown1	4158	51	-2781.0	103185.0	7032.0	4744.0
features	MarkDown2	5269	64	-266.0	104520.0	3384.0	365.0
features	MarkDown3	4577	56	-179.0	149483.0	1760.0	36.0
features	MarkDown4	4726	58	0.0	67475.0	3293.0	1176.0
features	MarkDown5	4140	51	-185.0	771448.0	4132.0	2727.0
features	CPI	585	7	126.0	229.0	172.0	183.0
features	Unemployment	585	7	4.0	14.0	8.0	8.0

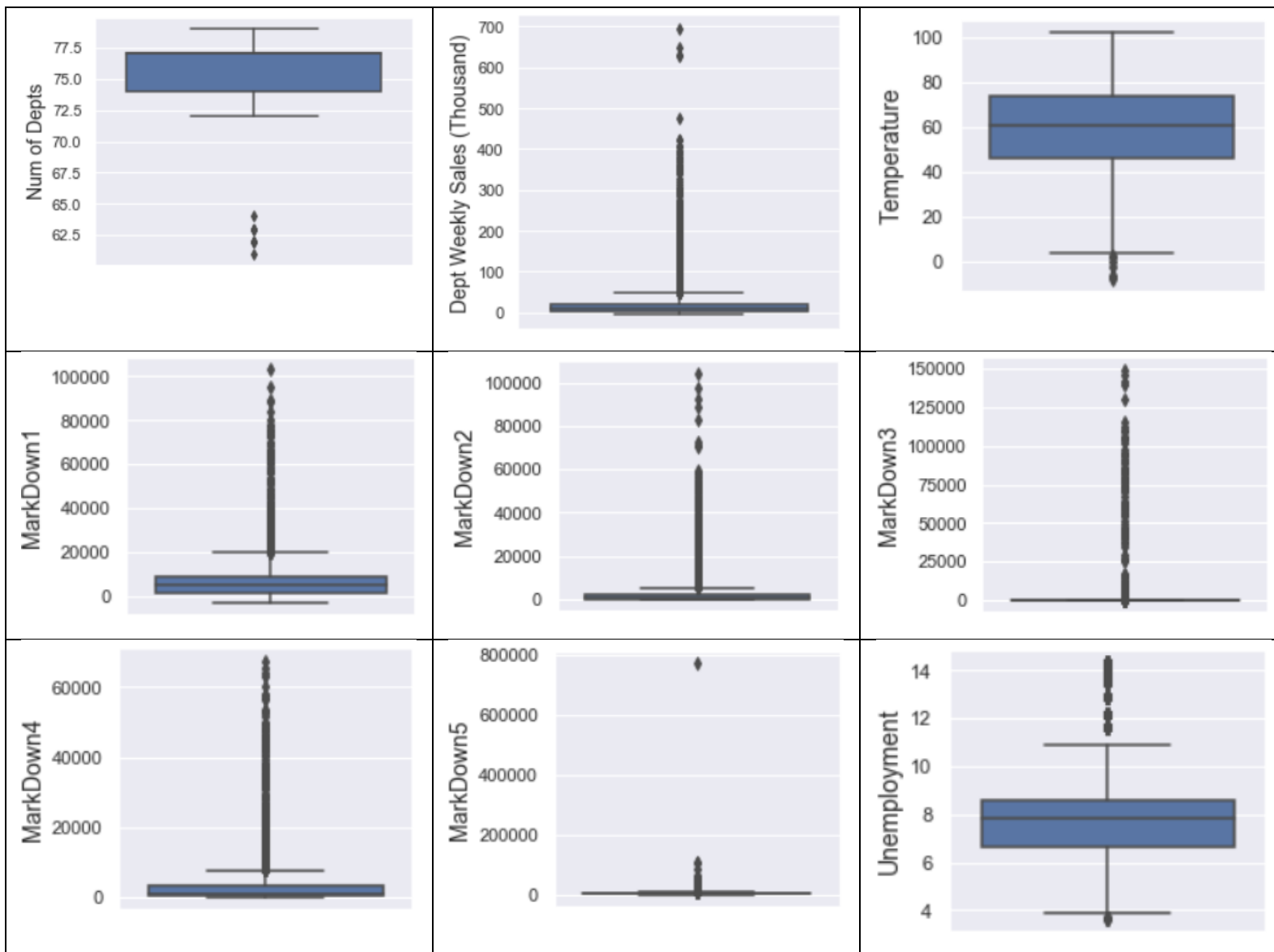
- features
  - Markdown 1-5
  - CPI
  - Unemployment

# New Columns

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- Num of Depts = counts of number of departments for each store
- Dept Weekly Sales (Thousand) =  $\text{Weekly Sales} / 1,000$
- Avg Yearly Sales (Million) = average yearly sales by store
- Markdown = sum of Markdown1-5
- Avg Yearly Markdown (Thousand) = average yearly markdown by store
- Year = year extracted from Date
- Quarter = quarter extracted from Date
- Month = month extracted from Date
- Week = week of year extracted from Date





Outliers

# Exploratory Data Analysis

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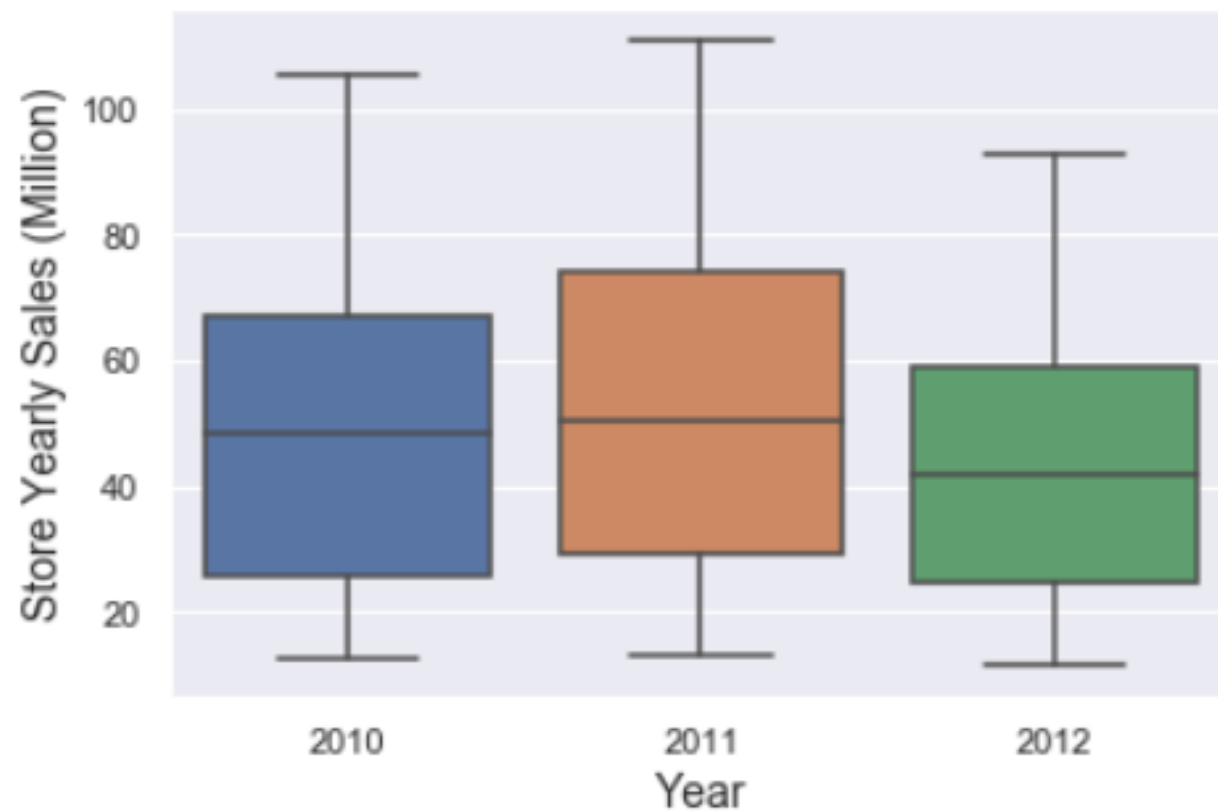
**Store Weekly Sales (Thousand)**

<b>count</b>	6435.000000
<b>mean</b>	1046.964878
<b>std</b>	564.366622
<b>min</b>	209.986250
<b>25%</b>	553.350105
<b>50%</b>	960.746040
<b>75%</b>	1420.158660
<b>max</b>	3818.686450

**Dept Weekly Sales (Thousand)**

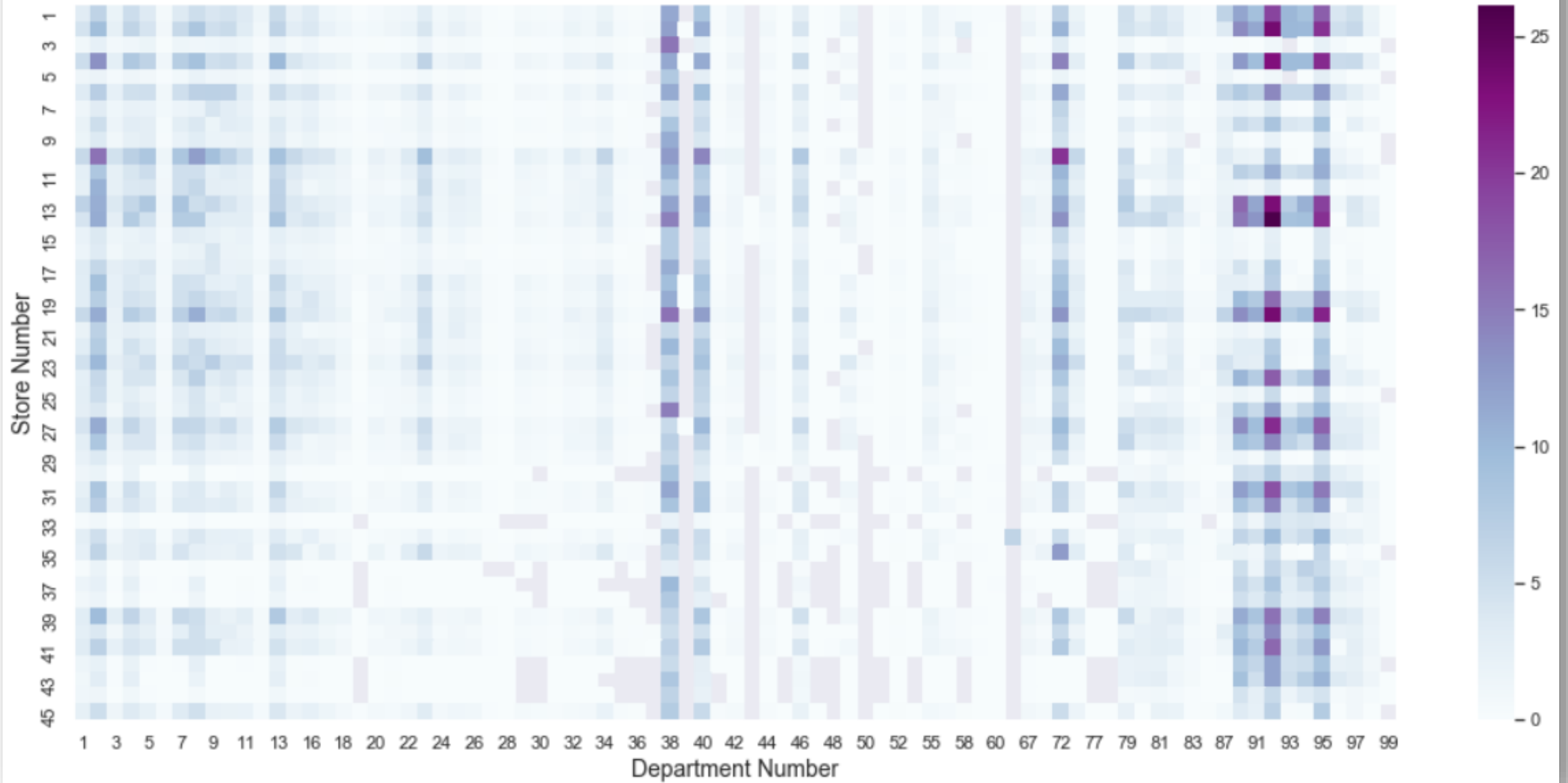
<b>count</b>	421570.000000
<b>mean</b>	15.981258
<b>std</b>	22.711184
<b>min</b>	-4.988940
<b>25%</b>	2.079650
<b>50%</b>	7.612030
<b>75%</b>	20.205853
<b>max</b>	693.099360

**Walmart's Yearly Sales**  
Feb 5 2010 to Nov 1, 2012

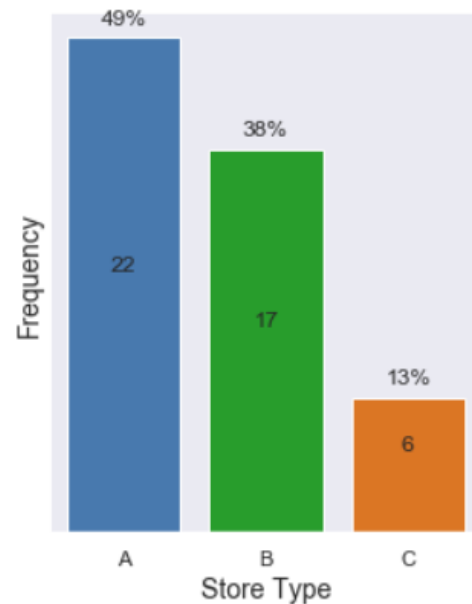




### Walmart's Store Sales by Department (Million USD)

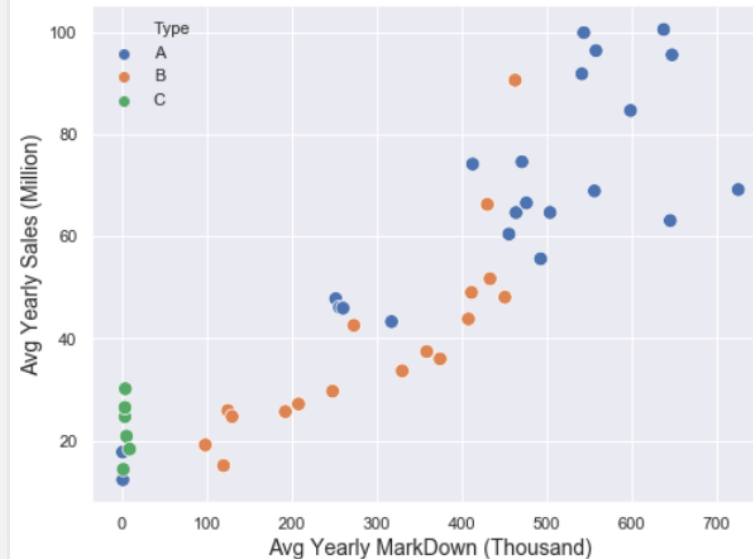


Distribution of Walmart's Store Types



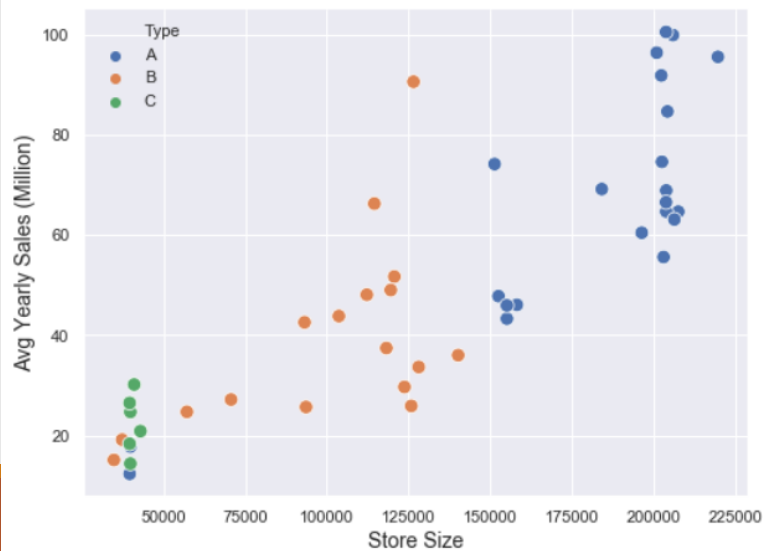
Walmart Sales

Avg Yearly MarkDown (Thousand) vs. Avg Yearly Sales (Million)  
Correlation: 0.8778



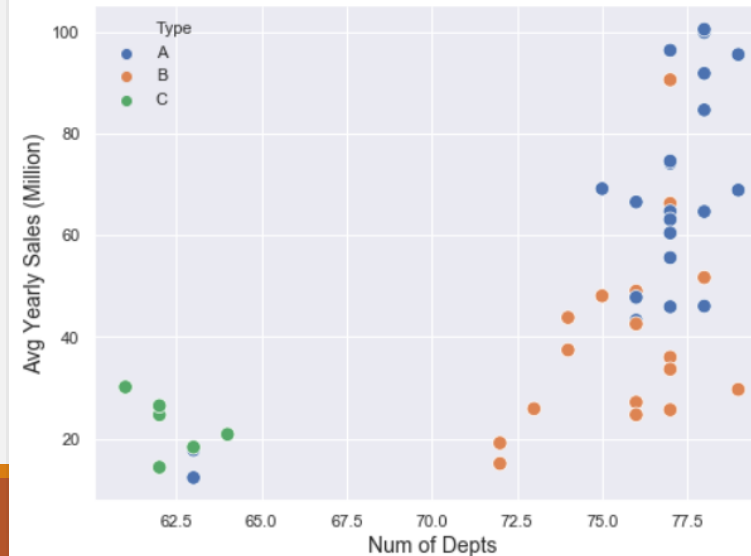
Walmart Sales

Size vs. Avg Yearly Sales (Million)  
Correlation: 0.8462



Walmart Sales

Num of Depts vs. Avg Yearly Sales (Million)  
Correlation: 0.6385



# Weak Correlation

Between Store Weekly Sales and...

- Temperature
- Fuel Price
- CPI
- Unemployment rate
- Weekly markdown



# Time Series Analysis

ORIGINAL TIME  
SERIES

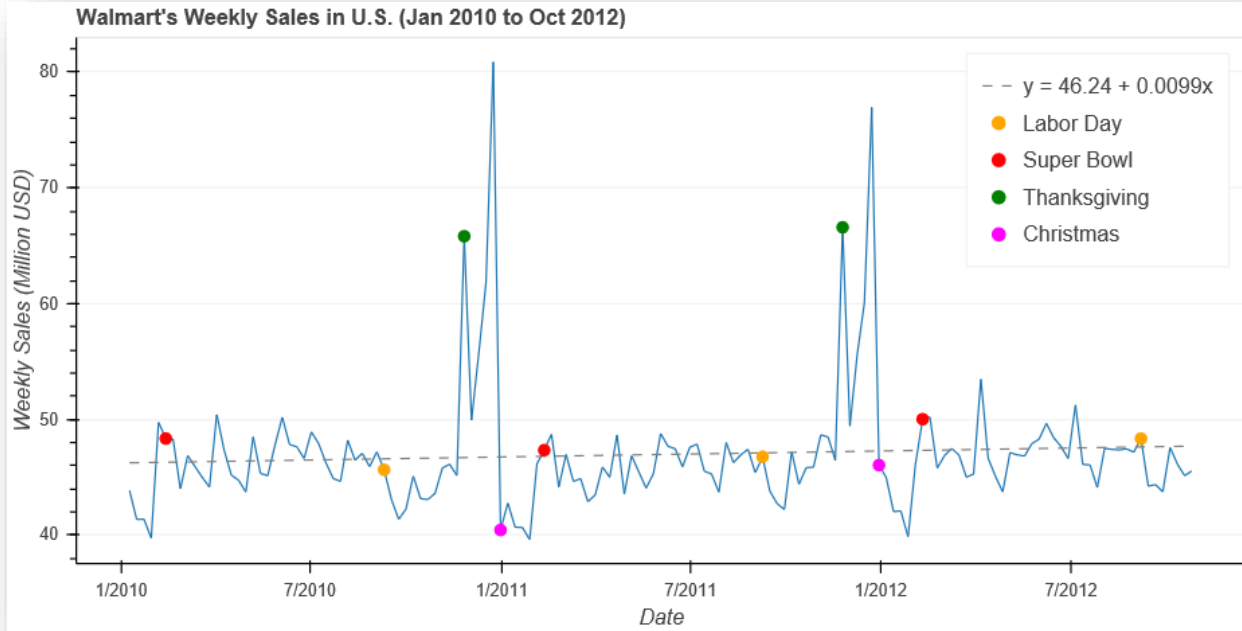
GENERAL TREND

SEASONALITY

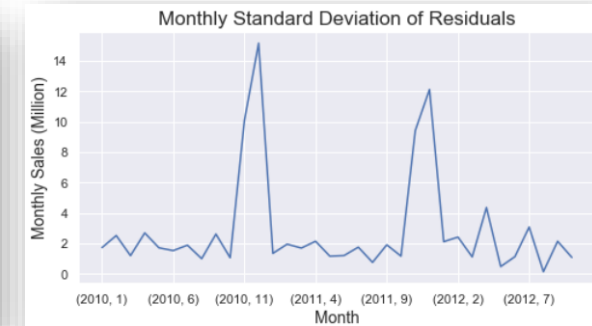
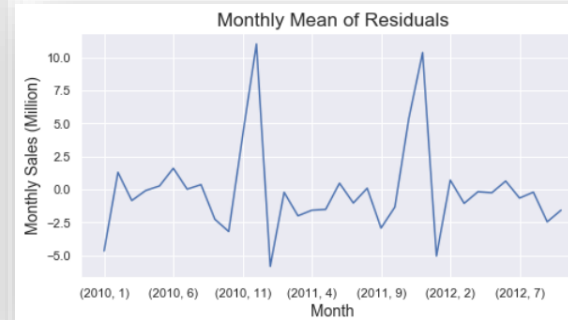
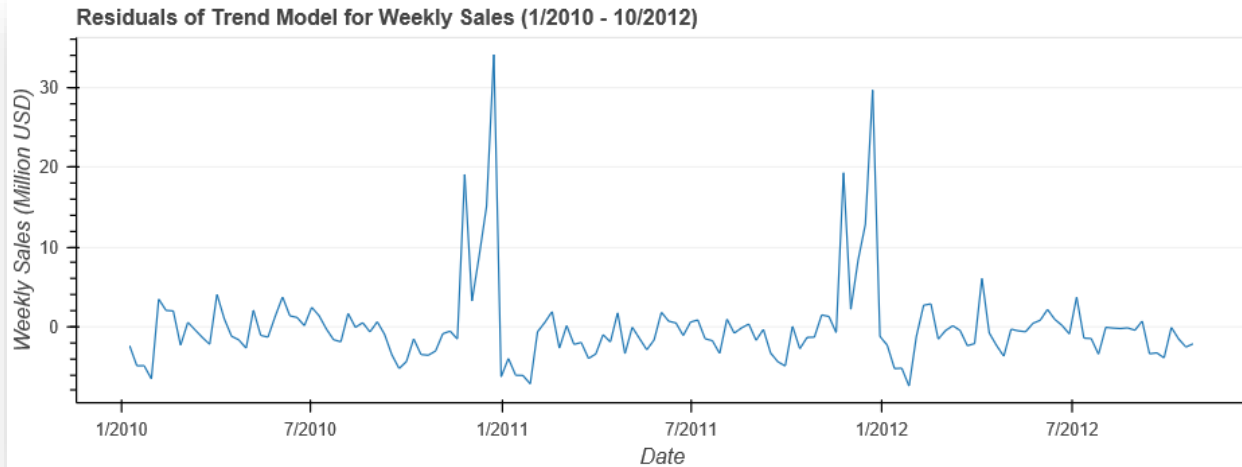
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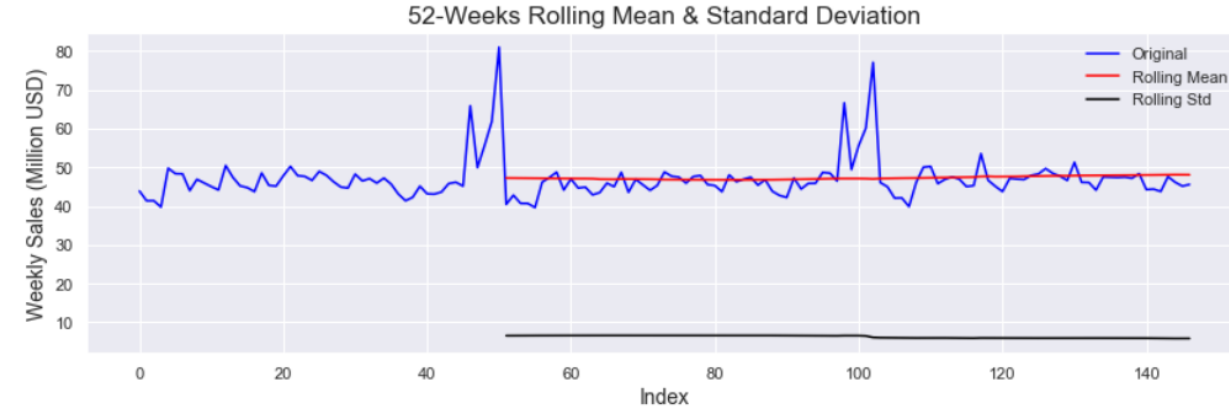


## Original Time Series & General Trend (y)



## Seasonality





### Results of Dickey-Fuller Test:

Test Statistic	-5.977907e+00
p-value	1.868362e-07
#Lags Used	4.000000e+00
Number of Observations Used	1.420000e+02
Critical Value (1%)	-3.477262e+00
Critical Value (5%)	-2.882118e+00
Critical Value (10%)	-2.577743e+00

# Stationarity

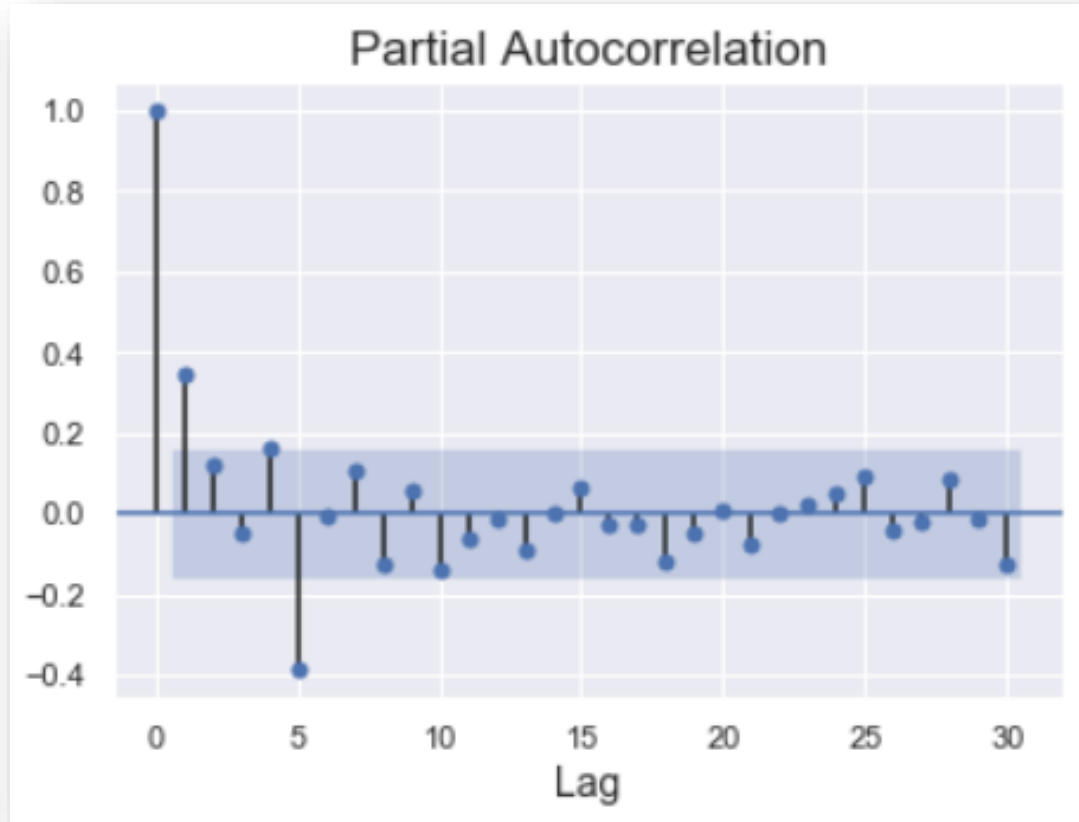
# Model Development

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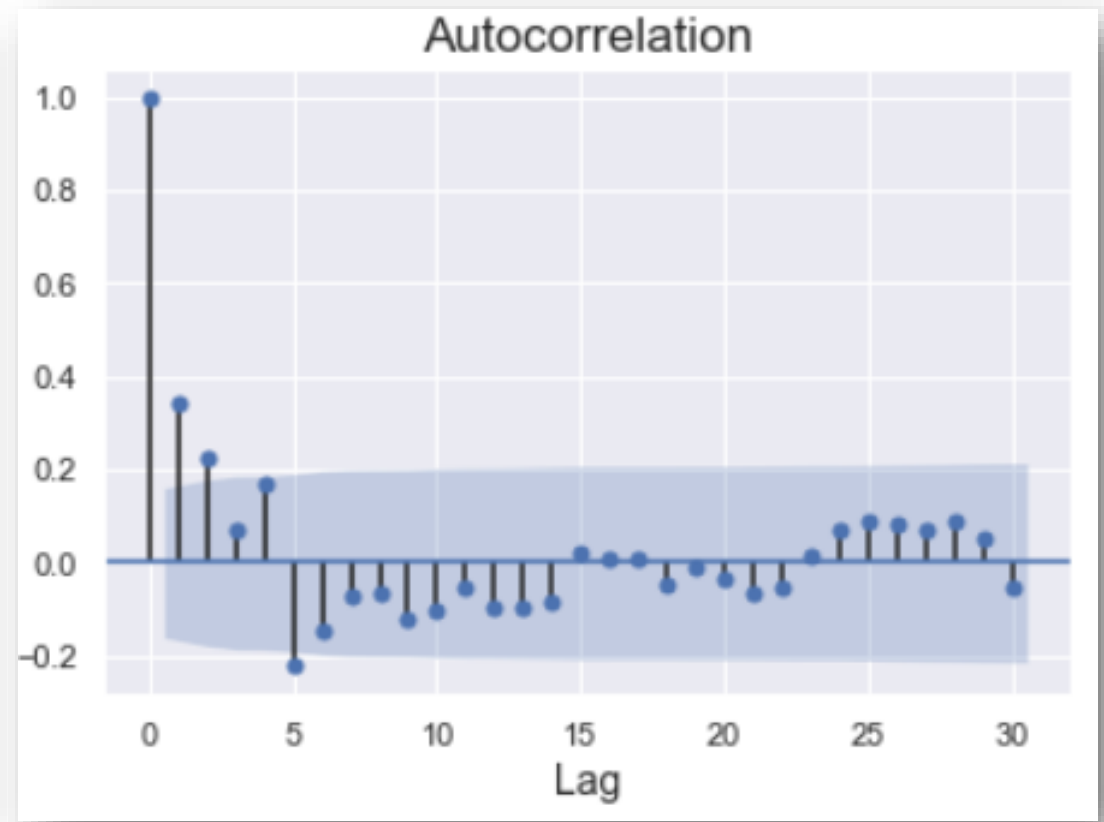
AUTOREGRESSIVE TERM | MOVING AVERAGE TERM

ARIMA | SARIMAX

## Autoregressive Term



## Moving Average Term



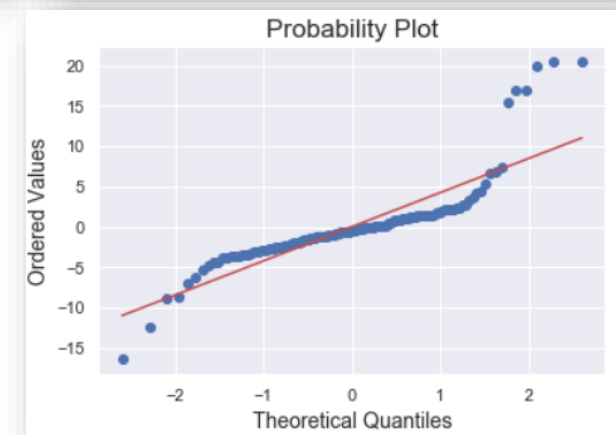
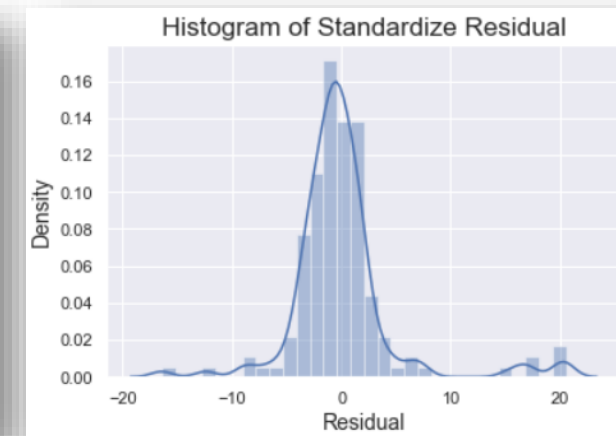
# ARIMA Model

<b>Dep. Variable:</b>	Weekly Sales (Millions)	<b>No. Observations:</b>	147
<b>Model:</b>	ARMA(1, 2)	<b>Log Likelihood</b>	-440.155
<b>Method:</b>	css-mle	<b>S.D. of innovations</b>	4.819
<b>Date:</b>	Tue, 21 Apr 2020	<b>AIC</b>	890.310
<b>Time:</b>	20:14:29	<b>BIC</b>	905.262
<b>Sample:</b>	01-08-2010	<b>HQIC</b>	896.385
	- 10-26-2012		

	coef	std err	z	P> z	[0.025	0.975]
<b>const</b>	46.9451	0.642	73.106	0.000	45.687	48.204
<b>ar.L1.Weekly Sales (Millions)</b>	-0.7320	0.086	-8.509	0.000	-0.901	-0.563
<b>ma.L1.Weekly Sales (Millions)</b>	1.2129	0.084	14.509	0.000	1.049	1.377
<b>ma.L2.Weekly Sales (Millions)</b>	0.5935	0.087	6.837	0.000	0.423	0.764

## Roots

	Real	Imaginary	Modulus	Frequency
<b>AR.1</b>	-1.3662	+0.0000j	1.3662	0.5000
<b>MA.1</b>	-1.0219	-0.8005j	1.2981	-0.3942
<b>MA.2</b>	-1.0219	+0.8005j	1.2981	0.3942



## Performance Metrics

mape	me	mae	mpe	mse	rmse	corr	minmax
0.055867	-0.004523	2.789844	0.007588	23.296938	4.82669	0.463302	0.05262

# SARIMAX Model

Dep. Variable: y No. Observations: 147

Model: SARIMAX(1, 0, 0)x(1, 0, 0, 52) Log Likelihood -359.917

Date: Tue, 21 Apr 2020 AIC 727.834

Time: 20:48:05 BIC 739.796

Sample: 0 HQIC 732.694

- 147

Covariance Type: opg

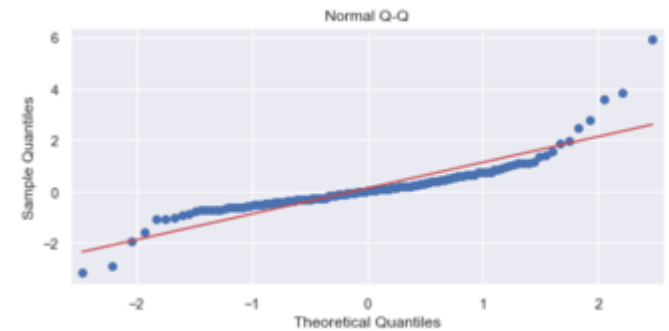
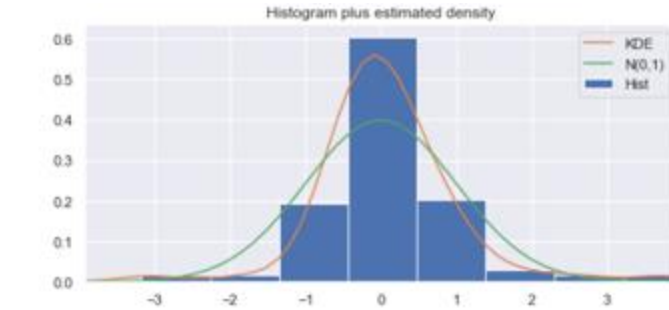
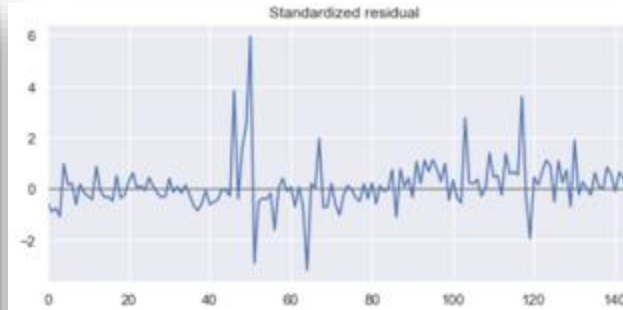
	coef	std err	z	P> z	[0.025	0.975]
intercept	2.6581	0.431	6.161	0.000	1.813	3.504
ar.L1	0.2734	0.052	5.254	0.000	0.171	0.375
ar.S.L52	0.9217	0.009	98.294	0.000	0.903	0.940
sigma2	3.9129	0.379	10.330	0.000	3.170	4.655

Ljung-Box (Q): 26.05 Jarque-Bera (JB): 610.89

Prob(Q): 0.96 Prob(JB): 0.00

Heteroskedasticity (H): 1.61 Skew: 1.71

Prob(H) (two-sided): 0.10 Kurtosis: 12.39



## Performance Metrics

mape	me	mae	mpe	mse	rmse	corr	minmax
0.039452	-0.32611	1.964519	-0.001927	15.520546	3.939612	0.691568	0.037862

# Sales Forecast

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## Sales Forecast from ARIMA Model



## Sales Forecast from SARIMAX Model



## Future Sales Forecast from SARIMAX Model





# Conclusion

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- Promotional markdown events before holidays seem to increase sales except for Christmas
- Sales seems to be highest
  - During the week of Thanksgiving
  - Three weeks after Thanksgiving
- Stores with high sales: type A stores
  - Big store size
  - Large number of departments
  - Small markdown values
- Stores with low sales: type C stores
  - Small store size
  - Small number of departments
  - Low markdown values

Thank You!