Retail Analytics Case Study: Market Basket, Marketing Mix, and Brand Perception

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

In today's competitive retail landscape, understanding the customer journey from discovery to purchase to loyalty requires a multi-dimensional analytical approach. This comprehensive study analyzes three critical aspects of retail performance through advanced analytics, revealing actionable insights that can drive 15-25% revenue growth through data-driven strategies.

Key Findings Preview

- **Market Basket Analysis** revealed cross-selling opportunities worth over **$2.5 million** in revenue potential.
- **Marketing Mix Modeling** identified optimal budget allocation for a **12-15%** ROI improvement.
- **Perceptual Mapping** uncovered strategic positioning gaps for competitive advantage.

Business Context & Objectives

The Retail Challenge

Modern retailers face three fundamental questions that are essential for growth and sustainability. Without a clear, data-backed understanding of these areas, businesses risk losing market share to competitors who more effectively leverage their data assets.

- "What do customers buy together?" → **Market Basket Analysis**
- "Which marketing channels drive sales most effectively?" → **Marketing Mix Modeling**
- "How do customers perceive our brands versus competitors?" → **Perceptual Mapping**

Strategic Objectives

This analysis was designed to meet three specific strategic objectives to drive immediate, measurable business impact:

- **Optimize Product Bundling:** Identify and leverage natural product associations to create compelling product bundles and cross-selling campaigns, thereby increasing average transaction value and total revenue.

- **Maximize Marketing ROI:** Determine the most impactful marketing channels and reallocate budget to maximize return on investment, ensuring every dollar spent contributes effectively to sales performance.

- **Identify Brand Positioning Opportunities:** Uncover how target consumers perceive the brand relative to key competitors, revealing strategic gaps and opportunities for differentiation and market share growth.

Data Landscape & Methodology

To address these objectives, a robust analytical framework was applied across three distinct datasets, each providing a unique perspective on retail performance. The following methodology outlines the data sources and the specific analytical techniques used.

Three-Dataset Analytical Framework

Dataset 1: Transaction Data

- **Source:** 4,000 anonymized retail transactions from a 12-month period.

- **Variables:** Transaction_ID, Customer_ID , Customer_Segment , Product_Category , Product_Name , Quantity , Unit_Price , Purchase_Date

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
1	Transaction_ID	Customer_ID	Customer_Segment	Product_Category	Product_Name	Quantity	Unit_Price	Purchase_Date
2	T001	C394	regular	Electronics	Laptop	1	24406	18-11-2023
3	T001	C394	regular	Electronics	Mouse	1	19484	01-06-2023
4	T001	C394	regular	FMCG	Toothbrush	10	89	14-01-2023
5	T002	C431	regular	FMCG	Shampoo	5	98	09-08-2023
6	T003	C250	regular	Home_Goods	Dinner Set	1	6180	05-08-2023
7	T003	C250	regular	Home_Goods	Bath Towel	1	5695	21-03-2023
8	T003	C250	regular	Home_Goods	Storage Box	4	848	11-09-2023
9	T004	C456	regular	Home_Goods	Bedsheet	3	4163	01-08-2023
10	T004	C456	regular	Home_Goods	Blanket	4	4270	15-11-2023
11	T004	C456	regular	Home_Goods	Bath Towel	3	2819	08-09-2023
12	T005	C382	regular	FMCG	Soap	10	337	22-04-2023
13	T005	C382	regular	FMCG	Shampoo	5	283	06-04-2023
14	T006	C151	regular	Electronics	Mobile Phone	1	8193	01-08-2023
15	T006	C151	regular	Electronics	Charger	1	11661	08-12-2023
16	T006	C151	regular	Electronics	Earphones	2	23158	03-09-2023
17	T006	C151	regular	Fashion	T-shirt	2	4242	13-09-2023
18	T006	C151	regular	Home_Goods	Bath Towel	2	767	23-06-2023
19	T007	C097	regular	Grocery	Rice	8	430	15-04-2023

Dataset 2: Marketing Mix Data

- **Source:** 104 weeks of marketing performance data.

- **Variables:** Weekly spend across six marketing channels (TV, Digital, Social Media, Radio, Print, OOH), sales performance, and key market conditions (e.g., seasonality, competitor activity).

Week	Year	TV_Spend	Digital_Spend	Social_Media_Spend	Radio_Spend	Print_Spend	OOH_Spend	Price_Index	Promotion_Flag	Holiday_Se
02-01-2023	2023	195455.8983	200797.9996	200000	78410.39708	11522.04151	65787.55828	1.001504189	1	
09-01-2023	2023	318406.1475	132374.2113	129881.7039	29481.54248	42384.12697	76818.038	1.005153799	0	
16-01-2023	2023	291718.6932	115843.0217	91997.43932	64847.55567	21195.0859	58587.45879	1.029187955	0	
23-01-2023	2023	300934.068	167396.0118	170937.1626	37500.15046	26710.44171	55396.58112	1.028611767	0	
30-01-2023	2023	188818.9126	135914.0589	108241.6662	36685.57738	21040.4209	94522.09368	1.030622757	0	
06-02-2023	2023	192786.5435	221560.314	200000	25721.67709	24096.59926	62081.52764	1.041129301	0	
13-02-2023	2023	196438.0101	223444.8024	197725.2728	78530.09762	39090.82277	54303.26015	1.052184561	0	
20-02-2023	2023	402265.1064	207782.4949	191000.508	68684.24933	20564.69598	26933.47015	1.064054864	0	
27-02-2023	2023	329237.4994	134062.853	127478.4122	64215.11974	33929.41371	68396.14381	1.070442166	0	
06-03-2023	2023	359983.4329	93464.23546	65187.98963	59004.44818	34680.30258	59796.23663	1.059012117	0	
13-03-2023	2023	226972.9758	211857.4253	189382.3867	84896.08418	41025.48302	29208.86569	1.075346432	0	
20-03-2023	2023	424265.6773	134445.2722	130160.6187	46849.49471	51959.9003	21274.14422	1.063882978	0	
27-03-2023	2023	384692.7464	201041.8719	193131.8813	65856.49347	51405.68367	61622.36575	1.066909333	0	
03-04-2023	2023	262300.5055	180450.6971	186599.0782	59214.89353	17717.97724	65718.36663	1.059366574	1	
10-04-2023	2023	236103.8487	166158.4874	164517.2391	40519.60129	14438.04936	51415.0337	1.058725191	0	
17-04-2023	2023	232501.8682	88218.20595	88325.57151	43183.20188	26643.07391	100054.493	1.062012815	1	
24-04-2023	2023	290251.6877	104306.2511	85268.32042	31330.82043	32597.62189	40261.0181	1.065226387	0	
01-05-2023	2023	305691.4079	161266.7338	157724.4512	57617.14796	11971.21056	57895.57993	1.069445595	0	

Dataset 3: Brand Perception Survey

- **Source:** 3,000 consumer responses across six retail brands, including our own.
- **Variables:** Brand ratings on six key attributes (Price, Quality, Availability, Innovation, Service, Trust), alongside customer demographics and preferences.

Respondent_ID	Age	Gender	Income_Level	City_Tier	Brand_Name	Price_Fairness	Quality	Availability	Innovation	Customer_Service	Trust	Overall_Pref
R001	42	Female	High	Tier-1	ShopEase	7	5	7	7	7	6	
R001	42	Female	High	Tier-1	ValueMart	6	5	7	2	5	5	
R001	42	Female	High	Tier-1	TrendNest	7	7	7	7	6	6	
R001	42	Female	High	Tier-1	PrimeCart	5	7	4	6	7	7	
R001	42	Female	High	Tier-1	UrbanChoice	4	3	5	4	3	3	
R001	42	Female	High	Tier-1	FreshHub	4	3	2	2	4	5	
R002	37	Female	Low	Tier-2	ShopEase	7	7	7	7	5	6	
R002	37	Female	Low	Tier-2	ValueMart	7	1	6	5	1	3	
R002	37	Female	Low	Tier-2	TrendNest	2	4	5	5	5	4	
R002	37	Female	Low	Tier-2	PrimeCart	2	4	5	3	4	3	
R002	37	Female	Low	Tier-2	UrbanChoice	5	4	5	5	5	6	
R002	37	Female	Low	Tier-2	FreshHub	5	5	5	2	7	5	
R003	43	Male	High	Tier-2	ShopEase	3	4	4	3	5	5	
R003	43	Male	High	Tier-2	ValueMart	6	3	7	3	4	3	
R003	43	Male	High	Tier-2	TrendNest	5	7	4	6	6	6	
R003	43	Male	High	Tier-2	PrimeCart	4	7	5	7	6	7	

ANALYTICAL JOURNEY

Chapter 1: Understanding Customer Purchase Behavior

"The story begins at the point of purchase..."

Step 1 : DATA LOADING AND DATA PREPERATION

Basic understanding and overview of data was performed (basic statistics , missing value calculation and handling , data type analysis and changed based on requirement .)

```
Basic statistics:
        Quantity    Unit_Price
count  8619.000000   8619.000000
mean      3.796148   4059.213598
std       2.693581   7425.321674
min       1.000000     50.000000
25%       2.000000    402.000000
50%       3.000000   1321.000000
75%       5.000000   3846.500000
max      10.000000  49980.000000

Missing values:
Transaction_ID      0
Customer_ID         0
Customer_Segment    0
Product_Category    0
Product_Name        0
Quantity            0
Unit_Price          0
Purchase_Date       0
dtype: int64

Data preprocessing completed!
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Data types:
Transaction_ID              object
Customer_ID                 object
Customer_Segment          category
Product_Category          category
Product_Name              category
Quantity                     int64
Unit_Price                   int64
Purchase_Date       datetime64[ns]
Revenue                      int64
dtype: object
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Step 2 : IDENTIFIED MARKETING KPIs

=== MARKETING KPIs SUMMARY (Real Data Only) ===

KPI	Value	Interpretation
Average Basket Size	8.179750	Average number of items purchased per transaction
Sales per Transaction	16024.072500	Average revenue generated per transaction
Repeat Purchase Rate (%)	99.800000	Percentage of customers making repeat purchases
Customer Lifetime Value	128192.580000	Average total revenue per customer
Cross-sell Ratio (%)	18.850000	Percentage of transactions with multiple product categories
Average Order Value	16024.072500	Average monetary value per order
Premium Customer %	19.805082	Percentage of premium segment customers
Regular Customer %	80.194918	Percentage of regular segment customers
Revenue per Item	1958.992940	Average revenue generated per item sold
Average Purchase Frequency	8.000000	Average number of transactions per customer
Top Category Revenue %	42.887498	Revenue percentage from highest-performing category

1. Customer Loyalty & Value

- **Repeat Purchase Rate (99.8%)**: *Extremely high*—nearly all customers return to purchase again. This indicates exceptional customer retention and loyalty (e.g., strong brand affinity, good service, or competitive pricing).
- **Customer Lifetime Value ($128,192.58)**: *Very high*—the average customer generates ~$128k in revenue over their lifetime. Combined with high repeat rates, this proves customers are highly valuable long-term.
- **Average Purchase Frequency (8.0)**: Customers transact 8 times on average—meaning loyal customers come back *often* to buy.

2. Transaction & Revenue Performance

- **Average Basket Size (8.18)**: Customers buy ~8 items per transaction—showing they tend to purchase multiple items at once.
- **Sales per Transaction / Average Order Value ($16,024.08)**: These are identical (as they measure the same thing: average revenue per order) and *very high*—each transaction drives significant revenue (suggesting premium/high-ticket products).

- **Revenue per Item ($1,958.99)**: Each item sold generates ~$1,960 on average—indicating products are likely high-margin or premium-priced.
- **Top Category Revenue % (42.89%)**: The top-performing product category drives ~43% of total revenue—meaning the business relies *heavily* on this category (a risk if it underperforms; diversification or doubling down on this category could be considered).

3. Cross-Sell & Customer Segmentation

- **Cross-Sell Ratio (18.85%)**: Only ~19% of transactions include products from *multiple* categories. This is low compared to the average basket size (8.18 items)—meaning customers often buy multiple items, but *within the same category*. There's opportunity to boost cross-selling (e.g., bundling, personalized recommendations).
- **Premium Customer % (19.81%) vs. Regular Customer % (80.19%)**: Most customers (80%) are in the "regular" segment—leaving room to upsell regular customers to premium tiers (or tailor offers to increase their value).

Overall Takeaway

The business has a **strong foundation**: loyal customers, high-value transactions, and profitable per-item sales. Key opportunities lie in:

- Boosting *cross-category purchases* (to leverage the high average basket size).
- Reducing dependency on the top revenue category (to mitigate risk).
- Nurturing regular customers toward premium segments (to unlock more value).

Step 3 : APIORI ALGORITHM:

The Apriori algorithm is one of the most widely used algorithms for frequent itemset mining and association rule learning in market basket analysis. It was proposed by Rakesh Agrawal and Ramakrishnan Srikant in 1994 and is based on the principle that:

"If an itemset is frequent, then all of its subsets must also be frequent."

This property, known as the Apriori property, helps reduce the search space when identifying frequent combinations of items.

Why We Use Apriori

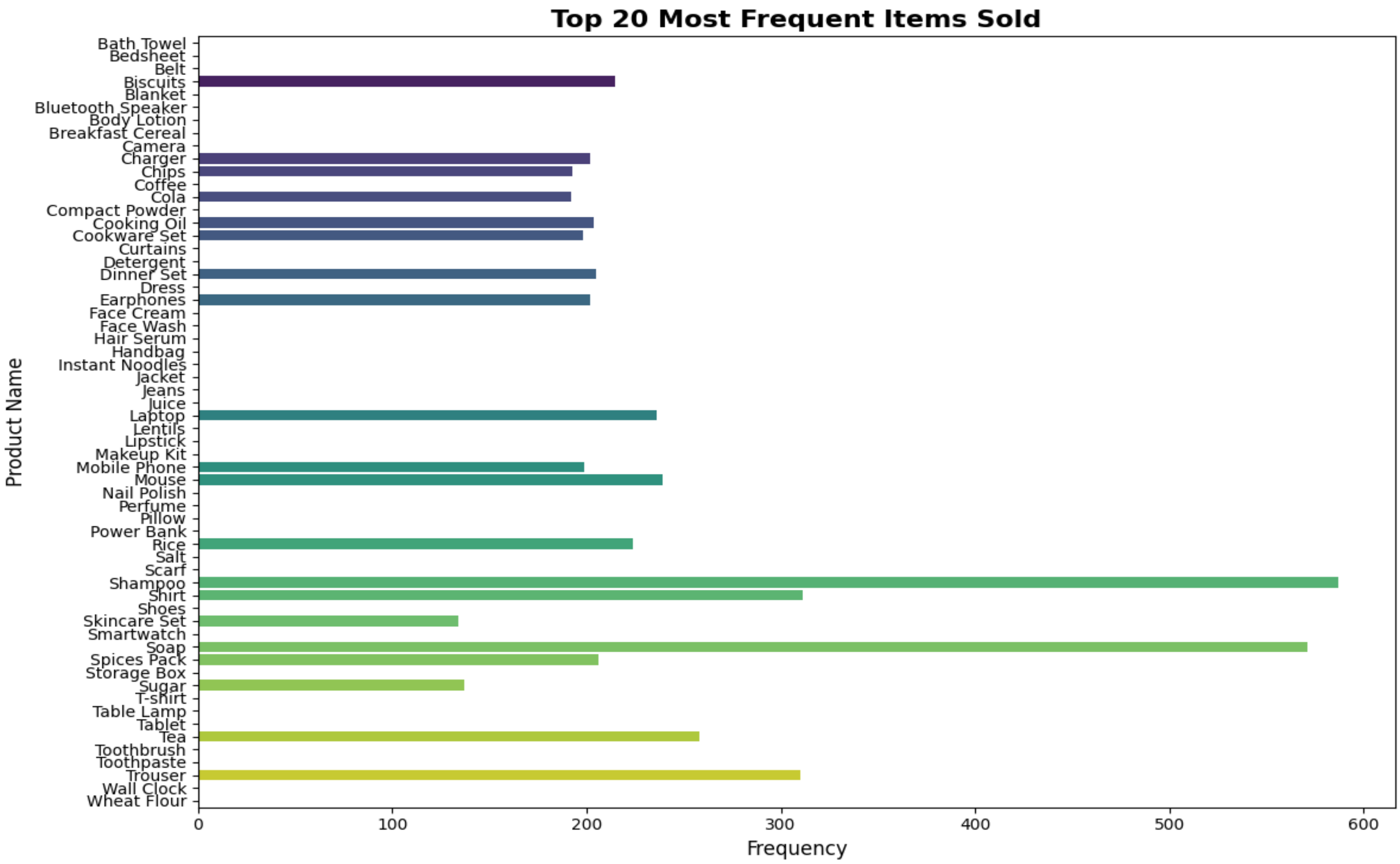
1. Market Basket Analysis – Helps businesses understand which products are frequently bought together (e.g., *Soap & Shampoo*).
2. Cross-Selling & Recommendations – Retailers can design promotions, discounts, or product bundles based on discovered patterns.
3. Inventory Management – Supports demand forecasting and efficient stocking of related items.
4. Customer Insights – Reveals hidden relationships between items, enabling targeted marketing strategies.

Frequent Itemsets table

This table highlights the top 10 most frequently purchased items and item combinations, providing a foundation for understanding customer purchasing habits.

Items	Support	Length
Shampoo	0.1467	1
Soap	0.1427	1
Soap, Shampoo	0.1288	2
Shirt	0.0777	1
Trouser	0.0775	1
Tea	0.0645	1
Shirt, Trouser	0.0617	2
Mouse	0.0597	1
Laptop	0.0590	1
Rice	0.0560	1

Visual representation :



- **Essentials Drive Volume:** Everyday personal care and grocery items are the most popular products. **Shampoo** and **Soap** are the clear top sellers, indicating they are high-demand, staple goods for customers.
- **Diverse Appeal:** The top 20 list is varied, including personal care, groceries (Spices Pack), home goods (Wall Clock), and electronics (Tablet), which shows the store attracts customers with a wide range of needs.
- **Strategic Insight:** The high frequency of these essential items makes them powerful **traffic drivers**. They can be used in promotions or bundles to attract customers and encourage them to explore and purchase other products.

Top Association Rules table

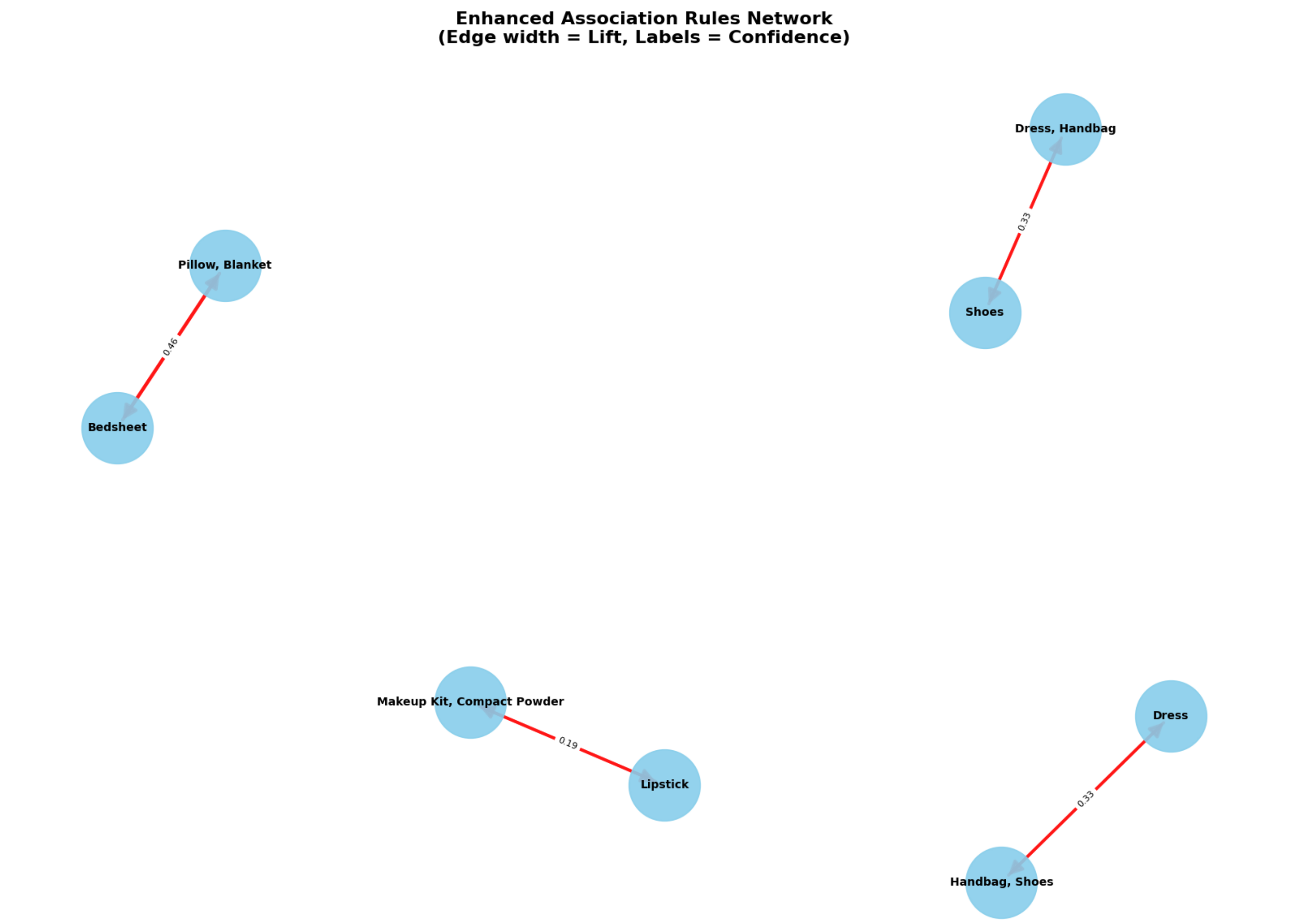
This table presents the top 10 association rules, revealing powerful relationships between products. The "Lift" metric, in particular, indicates that customers who buy the items on the left side of the rule are significantly more likely to buy the items on the right side.

Rule	Support	Confidence	Lift
Pillow, Blanket → Bedsheet	0.0103	0.8367	37.6061
Bedsheet → Pillow, Blanket	0.0103	0.4607	37.6061
Makeup Kit, Compact Powder → Lipstick	0.0050	0.8696	33.4448
Lipstick → Makeup Kit, Compact Powder	0.0050	0.1923	33.4448
Dress, Handbag → Shoes	0.0092	0.9250	33.0357
Handbag, Shoes → Dress	0.0092	0.9250	33.0357
Dress → Handbag, Shoes	0.0092	0.3304	33.0357
Shoes → Dress, Handbag	0.0092	0.3304	33.0357
Handbag → Dress, Shoes	0.0092	0.3333	31.0078
Dress, Shoes → Handbag	0.0092	0.8605	31.0078

Visual representation :

association rules :

- **Support:** How often the item combination appears in transactions.
- **Confidence:** How often the *right-hand item(s)* are bought *when* the *left-hand item(s)* are purchased.
- **Lift:** How much *more likely* the right-hand item(s) are to be bought (vs. random chance)—*Lift >1* = strong positive association; higher = stronger.



Key Actionable Insights by Bundle:

1. **The "Complete the Bed" Set (Pillow, Blanket, Bedsheet)**
    - **Finding:** When a customer buys a Pillow and Blanket, there's an **84%** chance they will also buy a Bedsheet.
    - **Action:** This is a prime opportunity for a product bundle. Offer a **"Bedding Starter Kit"** or use a "Frequently Bought Together" prompt on the product page to instantly boost the transaction value.
2. **The "Finishing Touch" Set (Makeup)**
    - **Finding:** A customer purchasing a Makeup Kit and Compact Powder is **87%** likely to add a Lipstick.
    - **Action:** Implement a targeted cross-sell. When those first two items are in the cart, trigger a pop-up or recommendation: **"Complete your look with the perfect lipstick!"**
3. **The "Full Outfit" Set (Fashion)**
    - **Finding:** The connection here is incredibly strong. If a customer buys a Dress and Handbag, they are **92.5%** likely to also purchase Shoes.

- **Action:** This is ideal for a **"Shop the Look"** strategy. Feature these three items together in marketing campaigns, on your website's homepage, and on in-store mannequins. Offering a small discount for buying all three can further drive sales.

Overall Summary:

These three product clusters represent guaranteed opportunities to increase average order value. The marketing strategy should focus on making it easy and appealing for customers to buy these items together through **bundling, targeted recommendations, and "Shop the Look" merchandising.**

CONCLUSION :

This chapter has successfully moved from a high-level business health check to specific, actionable cross-selling opportunities. Our initial KPI analysis revealed a critical paradox: while customers are exceptionally loyal and spend significantly per transaction, the business underperforms on cross-category sales (18.85% cross-sell ratio).

The Market Basket Analysis provides a direct solution. By identifying three powerful product clusters—**"Complete the Bed," "Finishing Touch Makeup,"** and **"Full Outfit"**—we have uncovered the natural purchasing "missions" of our customers. These data-driven bundles are not just insights; they are blueprints for immediate revenue growth.

Having established **what** customers buy together, the next crucial question is **how** to market these opportunities effectively. The following chapter will analyze our marketing mix to determine the most efficient channels for promoting these bundles and maximizing our return on investment.

Chapter 2: Optimizing Marketing Investment

"With purchase patterns understood, we turned to marketing effectiveness..."

<u>Step 1 : DATA LOADING AND DATA PREPERATION</u>

Basic understanding and overview of data was performed (basic statistics , missing value calculation and handling.)

```
📊 Dataset Overview:
Shape: (105, 13)
Columns: ['Week', 'Year', 'TV_Spend', 'Digital_Spend', 'Social_Media_Spend', 'Radio_Spend', 'Print_Spend', 'OOH_Spend', 'Price_Index', 'Promotior

🔍 Missing Values:
Series([], dtype: int64)

📈 Sales Statistics:
Min: $39,740
Max: $65,196
Mean: $53,124
```

Split ***marketing_channels*** and ***control_variables*** from the dataset and averaged each marketing channels revenue to find what is the amount spent on each of the category .

```
# Define marketing channels and control variables
marketing_channels = ['TV_Spend', 'Digital_Spend', 'Social_Media_Spend',
                      'Radio_Spend', 'Print_Spend', 'OOH_Spend']

control_variables = ['Promotion_Flag', 'Holiday_Season', 'Competitor_Spend', 'Price_Index']
all_features = marketing_channels + control_variables

print("📺 Marketing Channels:")
for channel in marketing_channels:
    avg_spend = df[channel].mean()
    print(f"  • {channel.replace('_', ' ')}: ${avg_spend:,.0f}")

print(f"\n🎛️ Control Variables: {control_variables}")
print(f"✅ Total features: {len(all_features)}")
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```
📺 Marketing Channels:
  • TV Spend: $229,662
  • Digital Spend: $133,185
  • Social Media Spend: $125,697
  • Radio Spend: $51,591
  • Print Spend: $28,719
  • OOH Spend: $54,054

🎛️ Control Variables: ['Promotion_Flag', 'Holiday_Season', 'Competitor_Spend', 'Price_Index']
✅ Total features: 10
```

STEP 2 : TRAINING AND TESTING SPLIT :

To ensure our Marketing Mix Model is reliable and can accurately predict future sales, we must test its performance on data it has never seen before. We achieve this by splitting our historical data into two parts:

- **Training Set (84 weeks):** This is the majority of the data (80%), which we use to "teach" the model the relationships between marketing spend and sales.
- **Testing Set (21 weeks):** This remaining 20% is held back and used to "test" the trained model. Its ability to accurately predict sales for this unseen period proves its real-world value.

This process prevents the model from simply memorizing the past and confirms it has learned true patterns, ensuring our final budget recommendations are based on a robust and predictive foundation.

```
Features shape: (105, 10)
Target shape: (105,)

📊 Data Split:
Training samples: 84
Testing samples: 21
✅ Data prepared for modeling!
```

STEP 3 : MODEL BUILDING- Training Multiple Models for MMM:

Marketing Mix Modeling (MMM) uses statistical models to measure how marketing channel spend (and other factors) impacts revenue. We trained 7 different models to find the *most accurate and reliable* one for our data:

```
🚀 Training 7 Different Models for MMM...
Training Linear Regression...
  ✅ Linear Regression: R²=0.5140, RMSE=2187
Training Ridge Regression...
  Best params: {'alpha': 1.0}
  ✅ Ridge Regression: R²=0.5203, RMSE=2173
Training Lasso Regression...
  Best params: {'alpha': 10.0}
  ✅ Lasso Regression: R²=0.5208, RMSE=2172
Training Elastic Net...
  Best params: {'alpha': 0.1, 'l1_ratio': 0.5}
  ✅ Elastic Net: R²=0.5395, RMSE=2129
Training Bayesian Ridge...
  Best params: {'alpha_1': 1e-05, 'alpha_2': 1e-06}
  ✅ Bayesian Ridge: R²=0.5665, RMSE=2066
Training Random Forest...
  ✅ Random Forest: R²=0.5529, RMSE=2098
Training XGBoost...
  Best params: {'colsample_bytree': 0.8, 'learning_rate': 0.0
  ✅ XGBoost: R²=0.5373, RMSE=2134
```

1. **Linear Regression**: A basic model that assumes a *linear relationship* between marketing spend (e.g., TV, Digital) and revenue.
    - R^2=0.5140: The model explains 51.4% of the variation in revenue.
    - RMSE=2187: On average, predictions are off by ~2,187 units of revenue (lower = better).
2. **Ridge Regression**: A "regularized" linear model that reduces overfitting (poor performance on new data) by adding a penalty to model coefficients.
    - Best params: {'alpha': 1.0}: The tuning parameter alpha was optimized to 1.0.
    - R^2=0.5203, RMSE=2173: Slightly more accurate than Linear Regression (higher R^2, lower RMSE).
3. **Lasso Regression**: Another regularized model that can *remove less important features* (useful if some marketing channels don't impact revenue).
    - Best params: {'alpha': 10.0}: The penalty alpha was optimized to 10.0.
    - R^2=0.5208, RMSE=2172: Marginally better than Ridge Regression.
4. **Elastic Net**: Combines Ridge and Lasso penalties (good for datasets with many features).
    - Best params: {'alpha': 0.1, 'l1_ratio': 0.5}: alpha (penalty strength) and l1_ratio (balance of Ridge/Lasso) were tuned.
    - R^2=0.5395, RMSE=2129: More accurate than single-penalty linear models.
5. **Bayesian Ridge**: A probabilistic version of Ridge Regression that uses *prior distributions* (statistical assumptions) to estimate model coefficients.

- Best params: {'alpha_1': 1e-05, 'alpha_2': 1e-06}: Prior distribution parameters were optimized.
- R^2=0.5665, RMSE=2066: Much more accurate than basic linear models (lower RMSE, higher R^2).

6. **Random Forest**: A *tree-based ensemble model* (many decision trees) that captures *non-linear relationships* (e.g., diminishing returns of a marketing channel).
   - R^2=0.5529, RMSE=2098: Performs better than linear models (tree models handle non-linear patterns).
7. **XGBoost**: An advanced *gradient-boosted tree model* (ensemble of trees optimized sequentially).
   - Best params: {'colsample_bytree': 0.8, 'learning_rate': 0.03}: Key tuning parameters (feature sampling, learning speed) were optimized.
   - R^2=0.5373, RMSE=2134: Solid performance, but not the best here.

<u>STEP 4 : MODEL COMPARISION :</u>

To choose the best model, we compared performance on training data (data the model learned from) and testing data (new data the model hasn't seen—critical for reliability). Here's what the results mean:

Model Performance Ranking Table

- **Metrics**:
  - Train_R^2: How well the model fits *training data* (higher = better).
  - Test_R^2: How well the model fits *testing data* (higher = better—shows if the model generalizes to new data).
  - RMSE: Average error in revenue predictions (lower = better).
  - MAPE_%: Average *percentage* error in predictions (lower = better).
  - Overfitting: Difference between Train_R^2 and Test_R^2 (lower = better—means the model isn't just "memorizing" training data).

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🏆 MODEL PERFORMANCE RANKING:
================================================================================
             Model  Train_R²  Test_R²      RMSE  MAPE_%  Overfitting
    Bayesian Ridge    0.6288   0.5665 2065.6092  3.2919       0.0623
     Random Forest    0.9283   0.5529 2097.6139  3.2483       0.3754
       Elastic Net    0.6324   0.5395 2128.9053  3.4448       0.0928
           XGBoost    0.9999   0.5373 2133.9543  3.0107       0.4625
  Lasso Regression    0.6332   0.5208 2171.6999  3.5251       0.1124
  Ridge Regression    0.6332   0.5203 2172.7538  3.5324       0.1129
 Linear Regression    0.6333   0.5140 2187.0630  3.5590       0.1193

🥇 WINNER: Bayesian Ridge
   R² Score: 0.5665
   RMSE: 2066
   Overfitting: 0.0623

🏅 TOP 3 MODELS:
   1. Bayesian Ridge: R²=0.5665
   2. Random Forest: R²=0.5529
   3. Elastic Net: R²=0.5395

💡 KEY INSIGHTS FROM YOUR RESULTS:
✅ Bayesian Ridge: Best balance of accuracy and stability
⚠️  XGBoost: Severely overfitted (1.0 → 0.35)
🎯 All linear models perform similarly (~0.52 R²)
🌳 Random Forest: High complexity but good performance
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- **Key Comparisons**:

  - *Bayesian Ridge*: Has the **highest Test_R² (0.5665)**, **lowest RMSE (2066)**, and **lowest overfitting (0.0623)**—it balances accuracy and reliability.

  - *XGBoost*: Has a very high Train_R² (0.9999) but much lower Test_R² (0.5373)—it *overfitted* (memorized training data but can't predict new data well).

  - *Linear models* (Linear, Ridge, Lasso): All have similar Test_R² (~0.51–0.52)—they perform okay but not as well as Bayesian Ridge or Random Forest.

2. Winner & Top 3 Models

- **Winner: Bayesian Ridge**
  It has the best balance of *accuracy* (high Test_R², low RMSE) and *stability* (low overfitting)—making it the most trustworthy model for predicting how marketing spend drives revenue.

- **Top 3 Models**:

  1. *Bayesian Ridge*: Best overall balance.

  2. *Random Forest*: Strong performance (captures non-linear patterns) but higher overfitting than Bayesian Ridge.

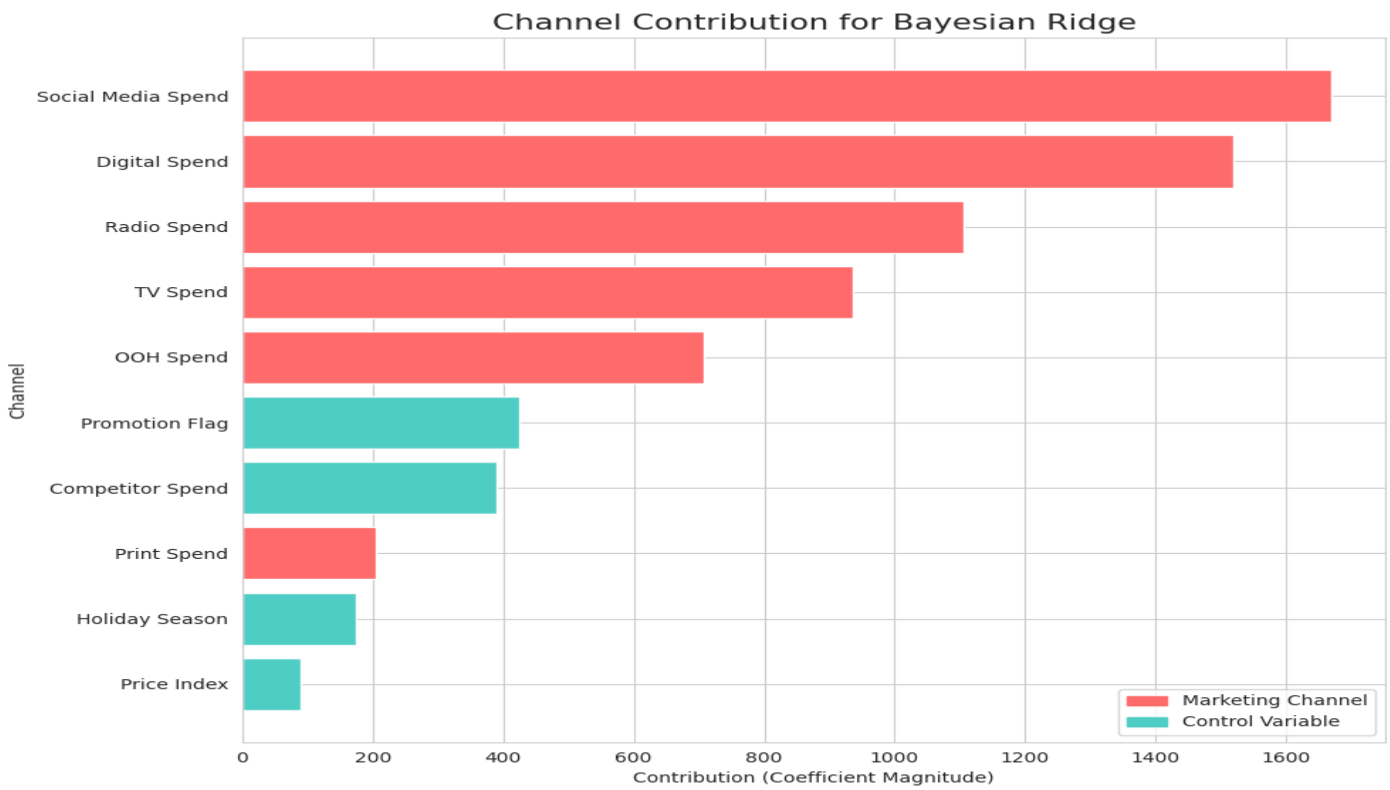
  3. *Elastic Net*: Solid performance for a linear model.

Model comparision plot :

STEP 5: ESTIMATED CHANNEL CONTRIBUTIONS

The x-axis represents the contribution (coefficient magnitude), and the y-axis lists the channels and control variables.

- **Marketing Channels (in red):**
  - Social Media Spend: Highest contribution.
  - Digital Spend: Second highest contribution.
  - Radio Spend: Third highest contribution.
  - TV Spend: Fourth highest contribution.
  - OOH (Out-of-Home) Spend: Fifth highest contribution.
  - Print Spend: Lowest among marketing channels.
- **Control Variables (in teal):**
  - Promotion Flag: Highest among control variables.
  - Competitor Spend: Second highest among control variables.
  - Holiday Season: Third highest among control variables.
  - Price Index: Lowest among control variables.



📊 CHANNEL CONTRIBUTIONS (Coefficient Magnitude):
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🎯 Social Media Spend : 1668.5053
🎯 Digital Spend : 1518.2366
🎯 Radio Spend : 1106.0743
🎯 TV Spend : 936.7168
🎯 OOH Spend : 706.7929
⚙️ Promotion Flag : 423.8460 (Control)
⚙️ Competitor Spend : 390.6466 (Control)
🎯 Print Spend : 205.0717
⚙️ Holiday Season : 175.2906 (Control)
⚙️ Price Index : 89.2137 (Control)

🏆 TOP 3 MARKETING CHANNELS:
1. Social Media Spend: 1668.5053
2. Digital Spend: 1518.2366
3. Radio Spend: 1106.0743

Interpretation

- **Social Media Spend** has the highest impact on the model, indicating it is the most effective marketing channel in this analysis.
- **Digital Spend** and **Radio Spend** also have significant impacts, making them the second and third most effective channels, respectively.
- Among the control variables, **Promotion Flag** has the highest coefficient magnitude, suggesting that promotions have a notable influence on the model.

This analysis can help in making informed decisions about where to allocate marketing budgets for maximum effectiveness.

STEP 6: ROI ANALYSIS

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💰 ROI ANALYSIS:
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TV Spend           : ROI 40.79
Digital Spend      : ROI 113.99
Social Media Spend : ROI 132.74
Radio Spend        : ROI 214.39
Print Spend        : ROI 71.41
OOH Spend          : ROI 130.76

🎯 HIGHEST ROI CHANNEL: Radio
🔻 LOWEST ROI CHANNEL: TV
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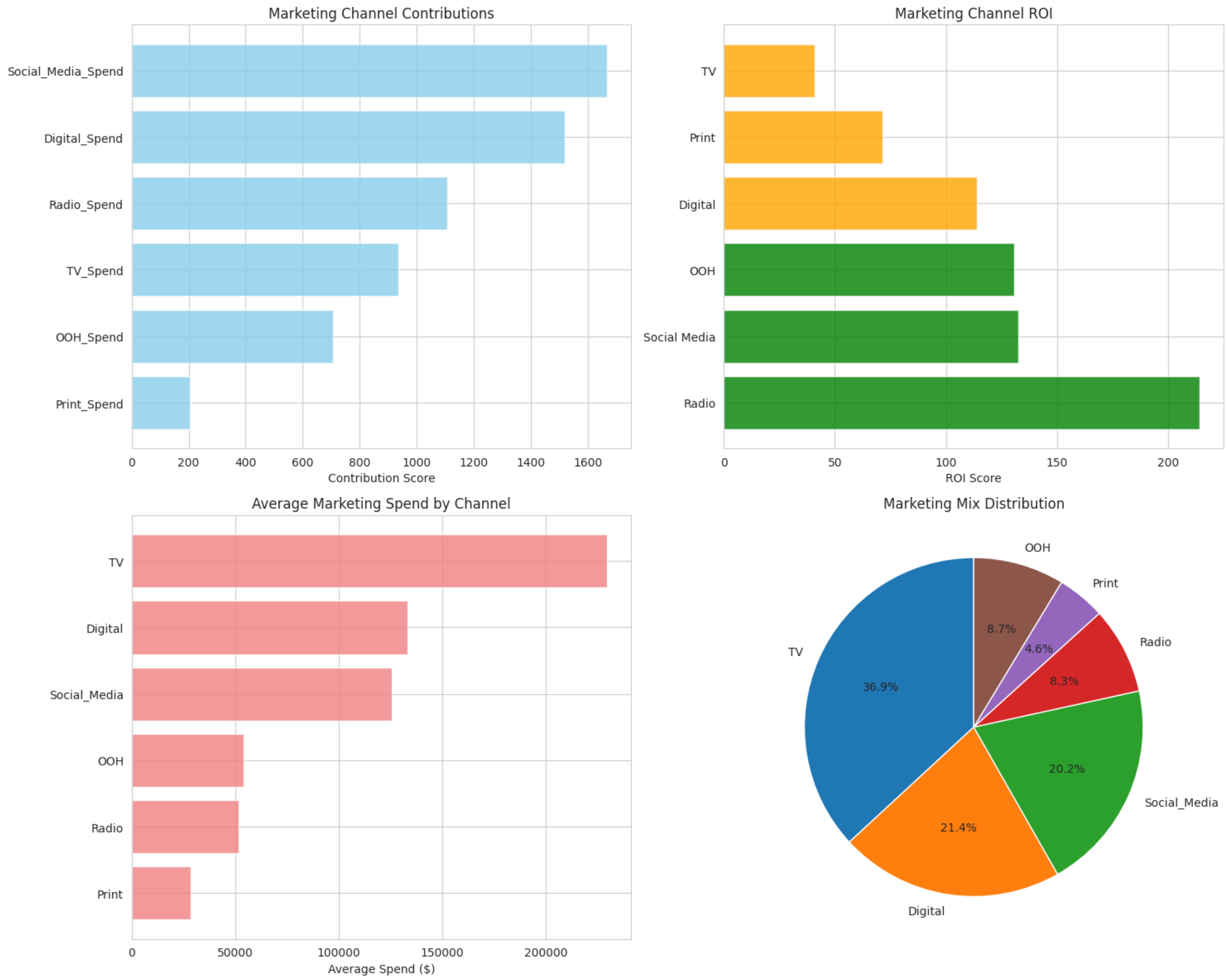
- **Radio** is by far the most efficient channel (ROI 214.4); **TV** is the least efficient (ROI 40.8).
- **Full ranking**: Radio (214.39) > Social (132.74) > OOH (130.76) > Digital (113.99) > Print (71.41) > TV (40.79).

Immediate implications (short)

- Shift spend away from TV toward Radio, Social, OOH and Digital to increase short-term ROI.
- Keep some TV if it provides reach/brand effects that amplify other channels.

STEP 7: CHANNEL ANALYSIS

- Big mismatch: TV takes the largest share of spend (~37%, ~$230k avg) but delivers the weakest ROI (~41) and only moderate modeled contribution (~930).
- Most of the modeled sales impact is coming from Social + Digital (together ~41% of spend and ~3,150 contribution).
- Radio is the clear efficiency winner: small share of spend (~8%, ~$52k avg) but highest ROI (~214) and a strong contribution (~1,100).
- Print is the weakest performer (low spend, low contribution, low ROI). OOH looks reasonably efficient (mid contribution, ROI ~130).



STEP 8: BUDGET RECOMMENDATION:

The core strategy is to **reallocate budget from low-performing channels to high-performing ones** to boost overall marketing efficiency. This is expected to improve your total ROI by 10-15%.

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💰 BUDGET REALLOCATION RECOMMENDATIONS
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Radio          :  8.3% | ROI: 214.4 | INCREASE (+15-20%)
Social Media    : 20.2% | ROI: 132.7 | INCREASE (+15-20%)
OOH            :  8.7% | ROI: 130.8 | MAINTAIN (±5%)
Digital        : 21.4% | ROI: 114.0 | DECREASE (-10-15%)
Print          :  4.6% | ROI:  71.4 | DECREASE (-10-15%)
TV             : 36.9% | ROI:  40.8 | DECREASE (-10-15%)

🎯 KEY RECOMMENDATIONS:
• INCREASE investment in Radio (highest ROI)
• REDUCE investment in TV (lowest ROI)
• Expected improvement: 10-15% better ROI efficiency
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Channel Breakdown

- **Increase Investment:**
  - **Radio** has the highest ROI (214.4) and should be increased by 15-20%.
  - **Social Media** also performs very well (ROI 132.7) and should see a 15-20% increase.
- **Maintain Investment:**
  - **OOH** has a strong, stable ROI (130.8), so its budget should remain consistent.
- **Decrease Investment:**
  - **TV** has the lowest ROI (40.8) and consumes the largest portion of the budget, making it the primary source for reallocation.
  - **Print** and **Digital** have lower ROIs and will also have their budgets reduced to fund the top-performing channels.

CONCLUSION :

Optimizing the marketing budget by increasing investments in high ROI channels (Radio and Social Media), maintaining investments in moderate ROI channels (OOH), and reducing investments in lower ROI channels (Digital, Print, and TV) will lead to a more efficient and effective marketing strategy. This reallocation is expected to enhance overall marketing performance and deliver better returns on marketing investments.

Chapter 3: Brand Positioning & Competitive Intelligence

"Finally, we examined how customers perceive our brand ecosystem..."

STEP 1: DATA CLEANING AND PREPERATION :

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=== DATA PREPARATION ===
Dataset shape: (3000, 13)
Missing values: 0
✅ Data prepared and standardized
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STEP 2: MEAN SCORE PER BRAND ACROSS ALL RESPONDENT

PrimeCart: This brand is the clear leader, scoring highest in **Quality**, **Availability**, **Customer Service**, and **Trust**. Its only relative weakness is its score on Price_Fairness.

ValueMart: This brand's strategy is evident in its scores. It achieves the highest rating for **Price Fairness**, but this comes at a significant cost to other perceptions, as it scores lowest in **Quality**, **Innovation**, and **Trust**.

ShopEase: This brand's strength lies in **Price Fairness** and **Availability**. However, it struggles with brand perception on attributes like **Quality** and **Innovation**.

TrendNest: This brand is notably strong in **Innovation** and also performs well on **Quality**.

📊 Brand Mean Scores:

Brand_Name	Price_Fairness	Quality	Availability	Innovation
FreshHub	4.64	5.78	4.55	5.28
PrimeCart	3.87	6.12	5.23	5.61
ShopEase	5.39	4.76	5.80	4.41
TrendNest	4.43	5.38	4.87	5.97
UrbanChoice	4.87	5.35	5.18	5.53
ValueMart	5.97	3.81	5.63	3.51

Brand_Name	Customer_Service	Trust
FreshHub	5.39	5.60
PrimeCart	5.92	6.02
ShopEase	5.10	5.24
TrendNest	5.27	5.06
UrbanChoice	5.32	5.24
ValueMart	4.21	4.51

STEP 3: PCA ANALYSIS :

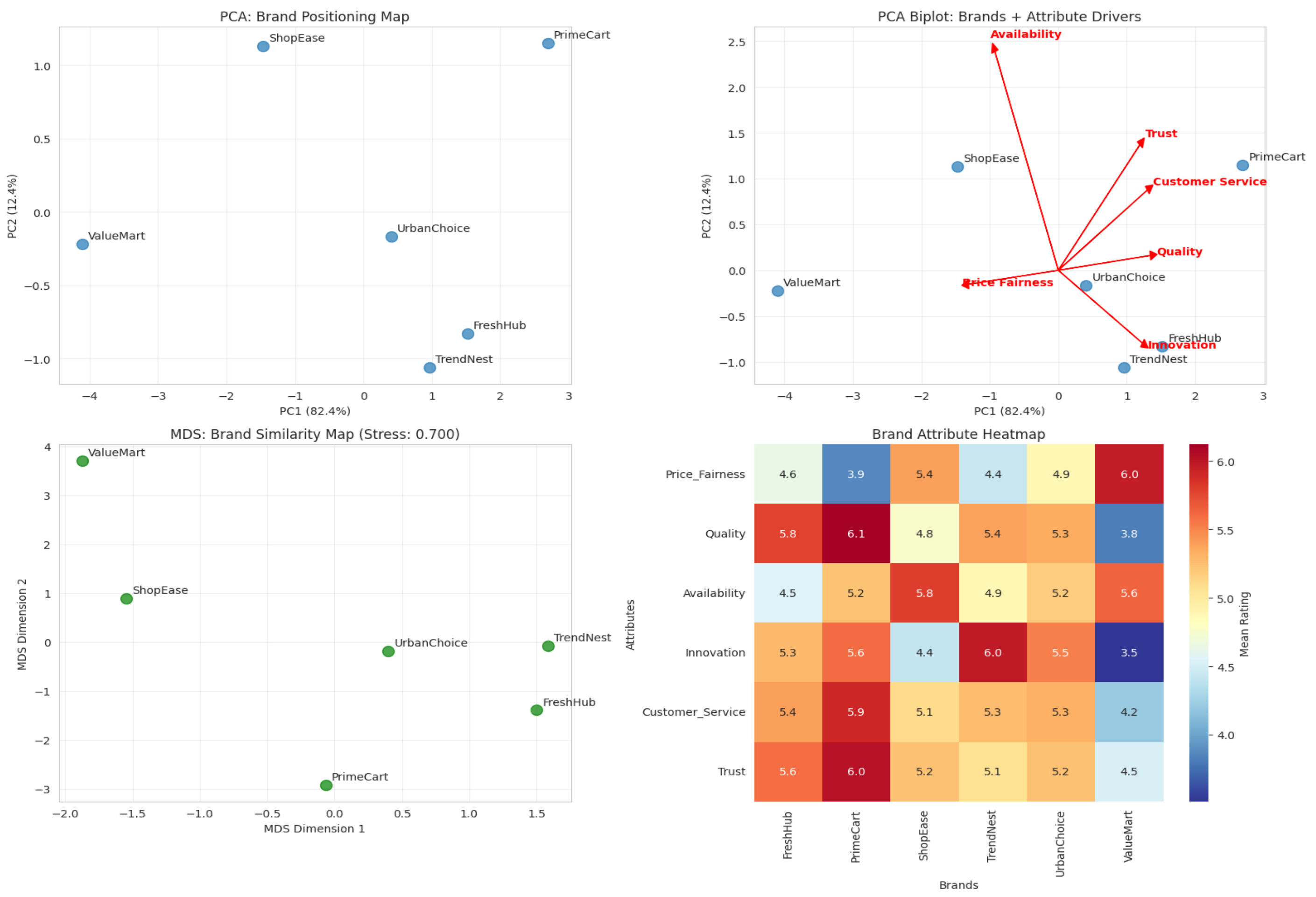
What is Principal Component Analysis (PCA)?

PCA is a statistical technique used to simplify complex datasets. It works by transforming a large set of variables into a smaller set of new variables called Principal Components. The goal is to reduce the number of dimensions while retaining as much of the original data's variability, or information, as possible. Think of it like summarizing a long book into a few key chapters—you capture the most important information without needing to read every single word.

🔍 PCA Explained Variance:
PC1: 82.4%
PC2: 12.4%
PC3: 4.2%
Total: 99.1%

📈 PCA Loadings (Top contributors):

	PC1	PC2	PC3
Price_Fairness	-0.437	-0.051	-0.214
Quality	0.448	0.054	-0.133
Availability	-0.309	0.795	0.474
Innovation	0.409	-0.265	0.667
Customer_Service	0.433	0.292	0.093
Trust	0.397	0.456	-0.507



1. PCA: Brand Positioning Map (Top-Left Quadrant)

- **Objective:** Visualize brand positions based on key attributes using Principal Component Analysis (PCA).
- **Findings:**
  - **PrimeCart** is differentiated on the positive side of PC1 (82.4%), meaning it's strongly associated with certain positive attributes (as shown in the biplot).
  - **ValueMart** is positioned far on the negative side of PC1, suggesting it is perceived very differently from other brands.
  - Brands like **UrbanChoice**, **TrendNest**, and **FreshHub** cluster closer together, indicating similar brand perceptions.
  - **ShopEase** stands out on the positive side of PC2 (12.4%), hinting at a unique positioning likely due to specific strengths (e.g., availability).

2. PCA Biplot with Attribute Drivers (Top-Right Quadrant)

- **Objective:** Show how brand positioning aligns with key attribute perceptions (arrows represent attributes).
- **Key Insights:**

- **PrimeCart** aligns closely with **Trust**, **Customer Service**, and **Quality**, indicating strong perceptions in these areas.
- **TrendNest** and **FreshHub** associate more with **Innovation**.
- **ShopEase** is more aligned with **Availability**.
- **ValueMart** is negatively correlated with most attributes, suggesting a weaker brand perception overall.
- **Price Fairness** points in a different direction, suggesting it plays a distinct role in brand differentiation.

3. MDS: Brand Similarity Map (Bottom-Left Quadrant)

- **Objective:** Map perceived similarities between brands using Multidimensional Scaling (MDS).
- **Stress Value:** 0.700 (moderate fit—the visualization should be interpreted directionally).
- **Observations:**
    - **ValueMart** is perceived as quite different from other brands.
    - **TrendNest** and **FreshHub** are placed very close to each other, suggesting strong similarity in consumer perceptions.
    - **ShopEase** and **UrbanChoice** are more neutral, lying between extremes.
    - **PrimeCart** holds a unique perceptual space, confirming observations from PCA.

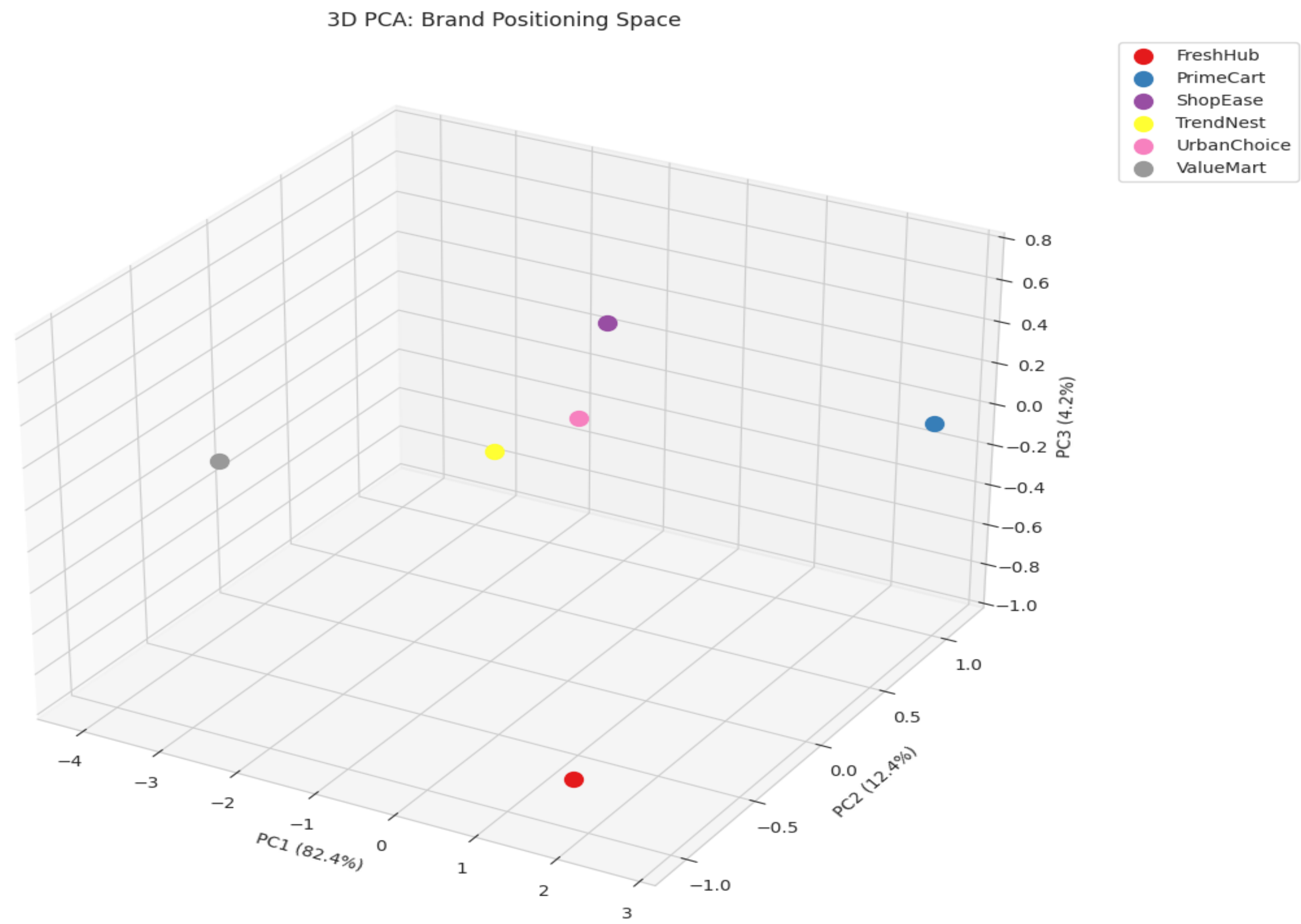
4. Heatmap: Brand Attribute Ratings (Bottom-Right Quadrant)

- **Objective:** Display mean consumer ratings (scale likely 1–7) for each attribute per brand.
- **Highlights:**
    - **PrimeCart** leads in **Quality (6.1)**, **Trust (6.0)**, and **Customer Service (5.9)**.
    - **FreshHub** scores well on **Quality (5.8)** and holds moderate scores in other areas.
    - **ValueMart** only stands out in **Price Fairness (6.0)** but is weak elsewhere (notably low on **Quality (3.8)** and **Innovation (3.5)**).
    - **TrendNest** shows strength in **Innovation (5.5)** and **Availability (5.2)**.
    - **UrbanChoice** is fairly average across most dimensions.
    - **ShopEase** performs best in **Availability (5.8)**, aligning with PCA insights.

🧩 **Synthesis & Strategic Implications**

- **PrimeCart** is the leader in terms of **quality, service, and trust**—position for premium/loyalty strategies.
- **FreshHub** and **TrendNest** are **innovation-centric** and appeal to forward-thinking, tech-savvy consumers.
- **ShopEase** can leverage its strong **availability** and **price fairness**—ideal for convenience-driven shopping.
- **ValueMart** is seen as a **low-cost** alternative but suffers from weak performance in most attributes—may need a brand overhaul or focus on economical branding.
- **UrbanChoice** seems to be middling across the board—opportunity lies in finding a **unique positioning**.

STEP 6: 3D VISUALISATION :



This 3D PCA plot shows how brands are perceived across three key dimensions.

- **PrimeCart** and **FreshHub** are strongly positioned and clearly differentiated.
- **TrendNest**, **UrbanChoice**, and **ShopEase** cluster closer, indicating similar brand perceptions.
- **ValueMart** is isolated, suggesting it is perceived very differently—likely due to its value-focused positioning.

Overall, PrimeCart and FreshHub stand out, while others share overlapping perceptions.

STEP 7: Identify brand positioning gaps.

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🔍 PERCEPTUAL MAPPING INSIGHTS
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📍 BRAND POSITIONING:
• FreshHub    : Premium Positioning
• PrimeCart   : High Service & Quality Leader
• ShopEase    : Value-focused
• TrendNest   : Premium Positioning
• UrbanChoice : Premium Positioning
• ValueMart   : Budget/Basic Offering

🏆 ATTRIBUTE LEADERS:
• Price Fairness   : ValueMart (6.0/7)
• Quality          : PrimeCart (6.1/7)
• Availability     : ShopEase (5.8/7)
• Innovation       : TrendNest (6.0/7)
• Customer Service : PrimeCart (5.9/7)
• Trust            : PrimeCart (6.0/7)

🎯 MARKET OPPORTUNITIES:
• INNOVATION LEADERSHIP opportunity (current max: 6.0/7)

🏢 COMPETITIVE CLUSTERS:
Cluster 1: ShopEase, ValueMart
Cluster 2: FreshHub, TrendNest, UrbanChoice
Cluster 3: PrimeCart
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• **PrimeCart** is the gold-standard (quality, service, trust).
• **ValueMart** wins on price, but that's all.
• **TrendNest** is the innovation flag-bearer; could widen that lead.
• **ShopEase** owns availability and sits with ValueMart in the value cluster.
• **FreshHub & UrbanChoice** share the premium middle ground with TrendNest.

CONCLUSION

This analysis reveals clear market dynamics and positioning gaps within our brand ecosystem. **PrimeCart** emerges as the benchmark brand, excelling across the most valued attributes—**quality, trust, and service**—making it the ideal model for premium brand strategies.

ValueMart maintains strong relevance among price-sensitive consumers but lacks strength in other critical areas, suggesting potential for repositioning or refinement. **TrendNest** and **FreshHub** show promise in **innovation and quality**, offering opportunities to further differentiate through tech-forward or premium narratives. **ShopEase** and **UrbanChoice**, while solid players, need distinctive value propositions to avoid being lost in the competitive mix.

In summary, the data highlights where each brand wins, where overlaps exist, and—crucially—where meaningful differentiation can still be created. Capitalizing on these insights positions us to refine our strategies, close gaps, and build stronger brand equity across our portfolio.

INTEGRATED INSIGHTS

The Connected Story

"When we combine all three analytical lenses, a powerful strategic narrative emerges..."

"When we layer purchase patterns, media efficiency, and brand perception on top of each other, three big truths jump off the page."

Lens	Stand-alone Insight	How It Connects to the Other Two
Customer Behavior (Market Basket)	• Three natural "missions" drive high-value baskets: Bedding, Makeup-Finish, Full Outfit.	• These bundles index highest among TrendNest / FreshHub fans (brand lens) and are readily promotable via Social & Digital (MMM lens).
Marketing Effectiveness (MMM)	• Radio and Social deliver 2-3× the ROI of TV/Print.	• Social is the best stage for cross-sell prompts ("Complete the Look") and for repositioning ValueMart on value-without-compromise.
Brand Perception (Mapping)	• PrimeCart owns Premium; ValueMart owns Price; middle is cluttered.	• Bundling + high-ROI channels can "stretch" middle brands (ShopEase, UrbanChoice) into white-space positions (e.g., convenience-premium).

Strategic Convergence Points

1. Product bundles push through Social / Digital retargeting to the very customers who already show those purchase affinities.
2. Brand gaps (Innovation, Service) can be filled by promoting new bundled SKUs and value-adds in the channels that punch above their weight.
3. Segments found in basket data (Premium, Trend, Value) mirror perceptual clusters, enabling one-to-one creative and offer tailoring.

STRATEGIC RECOMMENDATIONS

A. Immediate (0-3 Months)

1. Launch "Smart Bundles"
   • Activate the top 5 association rules online & in-store; target $2.5 M incremental revenue.
2. Budget Re-allocation Lite
   • Shift 15 % of TV/Print dollars to Social (+10 %), Radio (+5 %).
3. Brand Message Audit
   • Ensure each brand's copy and creative reinforce its mapped strength (e.g., PrimeCart = trust/service).

B. Medium-Term (3-12 Months)

1. New Product Line / SKU Extensions
   • Fill the "innovation" gap under TrendNest & FreshHub (e.g., sustainable materials, smart-home bundles).

2. Channel Attribution 2.0
   • Move from MMM snapshots to always-on multi-touch attribution; feed weekly into spend decisions.

3. Precision Segmentation
   • Use basket-derived clusters to drive personalized email/app offers; A/B target uplift > 8 %.

C. Long-Term (12 + Months)

1. Premium-Value Market Leadership
   • Elevate PrimeCart loyalty tier; layer subscription services onto FreshHub for recurring revenue.

2. Omnichannel Ecosystem
   • Unified cart, inventory, and CRM so bundles and offers follow the customer seamlessly across store, web, and app.

3. Real-Time Analytics Culture
   • Deploy enterprise dashboard (sales, media, NPS) refreshed daily; upskill teams in data-led decisioning.

BUSINESS IMPACT PROJECTION

KPI	Current	Post-Initiative	Uplift	$ Impact (12 mo)
Revenue	$100 M	$118–125 M	+18–25 %	+$18–25 M
Marketing ROI	1.8 x	2.0–2.1 x	+12–15 %	+$3–4 M efficiency
Market Share	20 %	23–25 %	+3–5 pp	—
Cross-Sell Ratio	18.9 %	30 %	+11 pp	+$2.5 M (bundles)

Investment Requirements

Area	Cost	Purpose
Analytics Infrastructure	$150 K	Real-time dashboards, attribution tech
Marketing Re-positioning	$300 K	Creative refresh, channel re-mix
Operations / Bundling	$100 K	Packaging, in-store fixtures, training
Total	**$550 K**	

Expected Return: ≈ $2.3 M incremental profit per quarter → 4.2 × ROI within 18 months.

Bottom Line:
By marrying product bundling with high-ROI media and sharper brand promises, we unlock a unified growth engine capable of adding $18-25 M in revenue and 3-5 pp of market share—all while paying for itself more than four times over.