

Shopify application

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1. a) Looking at the the AOV I first suspect that the metric used was the mean of the order amount and we can confirm this using Python

```
import pandas as pd
sales = pd.read_csv("Sheet1.csv")
sales["order_amount"].mean()
```

```
## 3145.128
```

Now we will look at what went wrong. First I will look at the top ten sales by order amount to see what might have gone wrong.

```
sales.nlargest(n=10, columns="order_amount")[["shop_id", "order_amount", "total_items"]]
```

##	shop_id	order_amount	total_items
## 15	42	704000	2000
## 60	42	704000	2000
## 520	42	704000	2000
## 1104	42	704000	2000
## 1362	42	704000	2000
## 1436	42	704000	2000
## 1562	42	704000	2000
## 1602	42	704000	2000
## 2153	42	704000	2000
## 2297	42	704000	2000

I see that all of the most expensive sales come from the store with store id 42. Now we look at the most expensive sales excluding sales from stor 42.

```
sales[sales["shop_id"] != 42].nlargest(n=10, columns="order_amount")[["shop_id", "order_amount", "total_items"]]
```

##	shop_id	order_amount	total_items
## 691	78	154350	6
## 2492	78	102900	4
## 1259	78	77175	3
## 2564	78	77175	3
## 2690	78	77175	3
## 2906	78	77175	3
## 3403	78	77175	3
## 3724	78	77175	3
## 4192	78	77175	3
## 4420	78	77175	3

We see that the next highest sale is nowhere near the order amount of the top sales from store 42. The other stores also do not sell the same amount of volume of shoes in a single order as store 42 does. It is now clear what went wrong with our calculation. The mean metric is very sensitive to outliers, like the outlier orders of 2000 shoes from store 42, therefore these large orders have more influence on the mean rather than the

majority of smaller orders, resulting in the large AOV which is misleading of what the average order for shoes costs. This forces us to ask the question what is the difference between store 42 and the other stores. Is this store also a manufacturer while the others are not? Does this store supply other stores with shoes? We should even ask the question if this store should be included in our analysis of AOV. However, assuming that we wish to include this store in our analysis we can pick a measure of central tendency that is less sensitive to the large orders from store 42. By calculation the mean of order amounts excluding store 42 and the median of all order amounts will help us decide which to use.

```
round(sales[sales["shop_id"] != 42]["order_amount"].mean(), 2)
```

```
## 754.79
```

```
round(sales["order_amount"].median(), 2)
```

```
## 284.0
```

We see that the mean excluding store 42 is still much greater than the median. The discrepancy may come from the fact that a single pair shoes from store 78 costs \$25,725 which is a very large amount for a pair of shoes and so orders from store 78 will have greater influence on the mean. We could also remove the orders from store 78 and calculate the mean, but I would like to avoid going down this dangerous rabbit hole of just removing all outliers from our data set. Therefore, I would suggest using the median of all orders as an alternative for a more reasonable AOV.

- b) The metric that I choose to calculate the AOV is the media of all order amounts. The median metric allows us to keep all orders in our calculation and avoid the sensitivity to the outlier orders from stores 42, which has the ability to sell greater volumes of shoes in one order, and store 78 which sells very expensive shoes.
- c) the value of the median AOV would be \$284

2. a) 54 total orders were shipped by Speedy Express

```
SELECT COUNT(*) FROM Orders
WHERE ShipperID ==
  (SELECT ShipperID FROM Shippers
   WHERE ShipperName == 'Speedy Express');
```

- b) The last name of the employee with the most shipments is Peacock

```
SELECT LastName FROM Employees
WHERE EmployeeID ==
  (SELECT EmployeeID FROM Orders
   GROUP BY EmployeeID
   ORDER BY COUNT(EmployeeID) DESC
   LIMIT 1);
```

- c) The product that was ordered most by Customers in Germany is Boston Crab Meat

```
SELECT ProductName FROM Products
WHERE ProductID ==
  (SELECT ProductID FROM OrderDetails
   WHERE OrderID in
     (SELECT OrderID FROM Orders
      WHERE CustomerID in
        (SELECT CustomerID FROM Customers
         WHERE Country == 'Germany')))
GROUP BY ProductID
ORDER BY SUM(Quantity) DESC Limit 1);
```