### R Notebook

#### Introduction

### a) **Specifying the Question**

The main objective of the study is to identify customer groups and their characteristics thus aiding Kira Plastinina's Sales and Marketing team in formulating their strategies.

#### b) **Defining the Metric for Success**

- Determining and visualising the descriptive statistics of the variables in the dataset.
- Identifying customer groups through clustering methods.
- Identifying the characteristics of clusters.

### c) Understanding the context

Sales and Marketing teams aim to maximise a business' profit. Being able to understand a customer's behaviour allows for the planning of more targeted and effective campaigns, as different customer groups may prioritise different products or services.

### d) Recording the Experimental Design

- Determine the main objectives.
- Load and preview the dataset.
- Understand the data.
- Prepare the dataset Identify outliers, anomalies, duplicates, missing values, and determine how deal with them, drop unnecessary columns etc.
- Analyse the dataset using univariate, bivariate, and multivariate analysis techniques.
- Challenge the solution.
- Conclusion and recommendations

### e) Data Relevance

The dataset provided (here) is relevant to the research question. It has relevant information on customer behaviour on the website.

### **Loading the dataset**

```
#loading some required libraries
library(readr)
library(data.table)
library(caret)
```

```
## Loading required package: ggplot2
## Loading required package: lattice
library(psych)
## Attaching package: 'psych'
## The following objects are masked from 'package:ggplot2':
##
##
       %+%, alpha
library(Metrics)
##
## Attaching package: 'Metrics'
## The following objects are masked from 'package:caret':
##
       precision, recall
##
library(Amelia)
## Loading required package: Rcpp
## ##
## ## Amelia II: Multiple Imputation
## ## (Version 1.8.0, built: 2021-05-26)
## ## Copyright (C) 2005-2022 James Honaker, Gary King and Matthew Blackwell
## ## Refer to http://gking.harvard.edu/amelia/ for more information
## ##
library(tidyverse)
## — Attaching packages
## tidyverse 1.3.2 —
## √ tibble 3.1.7

√ dplyr

                                  1.0.9
## √ tidyr
             1.2.0

√ stringr 1.4.0

## √ purrr
             0.3.4

√ forcats 0.5.1

## — Conflicts —
tidyverse_conflicts() —
## X psych::%+%()
                        masks ggplot2::%+%()
## X psych::alpha()
                        masks ggplot2::alpha()
## X dplyr::between()
                        masks data.table::between()
## X dplyr::filter()
                        masks stats::filter()
## X dplyr::first()
                         masks data.table::first()
## X dplyr::lag()
                         masks stats::lag()
## X dplyr::last()
                        masks data.table::last()
```

```
## X purrr::lift() masks caret::lift()
## X purrr::transpose() masks data.table::transpose()

df <- fread("http://bit.ly/EcommerceCustomersDataset")

df <- data.frame(df)</pre>
```

### **Checking the Data**

Determining the no. of records in the dataset:

```
dim(df)
## [1] 12330    18
#the dataset has 12330 rows and 18 columns
```

Previewing the top of the dataset:

```
head(df)
     Administrative Administrative Duration Informational
Informational_Duration
## 1
                                            0
                                                           0
0
## 2
                   0
                                            0
                                                           0
0
## 3
                   0
                                           -1
                                                           0
-1
## 4
                   0
                                            0
                                                           0
0
## 5
                   0
                                            0
                                                           0
0
                   0
                                            0
## 6
0
     ProductRelated ProductRelated Duration BounceRates ExitRates PageValues
##
## 1
                   1
                                     0.000000 0.20000000 0.2000000
                   2
## 2
                                    64.000000 0.00000000 0.1000000
                                                                               0
                  1
                                                                               0
## 3
                                    -1.000000 0.20000000 0.2000000
                  2
## 4
                                     2.666667 0.05000000 0.1400000
                                                                               0
## 5
                  10
                                  627.500000
                                               0.02000000 0.0500000
## 6
                  19
                                  154.216667
                                               0.01578947 0.0245614
     SpecialDay Month OperatingSystems Browser Region TrafficType
## 1
              0
                  Feb
                                       1
                                               1
                                                       1
                                                                   1
                                               2
                                                                   2
              0
                   Feb
                                       2
                                                       1
## 2
## 3
              0
                   Feb
                                       4
                                               1
                                                       9
                                                                   3
                                       3
                                               2
                                                       2
## 4
              0
                   Feb
                                                                   4
                                       3
                                                       1
## 5
                   Feb
                                               3
                                                                   4
## 6
                   Feb
                                       2
                                               2
                                                       1
                                                                   3
           VisitorType Weekend Revenue
## 1 Returning_Visitor
                                  FALSE
                          FALSE
```

```
## 2 Returning_Visitor FALSE FALSE
## 3 Returning_Visitor FALSE FALSE
## 4 Returning_Visitor FALSE FALSE
## 5 Returning_Visitor TRUE FALSE
## 6 Returning_Visitor FALSE FALSE
```

Previewing the bottom of the dataset:

tail(df)					
## Administrative Administrative_Duration Informational					
## 12325 0		0	1		
## 12326 3		145	(	)	
## 12327 0		0	(	9	
## 12328 0		0	(	)	
## 12329 4		75	(	9	
## 12330 0		0	(		
## Informational_Duration ProductRelated ProductRelated_Duration					
BounceRates					
## 12325	0	16		503.00	0
0.000000000					
## 12326	0	53		1783.79	2
0.007142857					
## 12327	0	5		465.75	0
0.000000000					
## 12328	0	6		184.25	0
0.083333333					
## 12329	0	15		346.00	0
0.000000000					
## 12330	0	3		21.25	0
0.000000000					
## ExitRates PageValue	s SpecialDay	Month	OperatingSyst	tems Brow	ser
Region	-				
## 12325 0.03764706 0.00000	9 0	Nov		2	2
1					
## 12326 0.02903061 12.2417	2 0	Dec		4	6
1					
## 12327 0.02133333 0.0000	9 0	Nov		3	2
1					
## 12328 0.08666667 0.00000	9 0	Nov		3	2
1					
## 12329 0.02105263 0.00000	9 0	Nov		2	2
3					
## 12330 0.06666667 0.00000	9 0	Nov		3	2
1					
## TrafficType VisitorType Weekend Revenue					
## 12325 1 Returning	-	FALSE	FALSE		
## 12326 1 Returning	<b>_</b>	TRUE	FALSE		
## 12327 8 Returning		TRUE	FALSE		
## 12328 13 Returning	g_Visitor	TRUE	FALSE		

Checking datatype of each column:

```
str(df)
                  12330 obs. of 18 variables:
## 'data.frame':
   $ Administrative
                          : int 000000100...
  $ Administrative Duration: num 00-1000-1-100...
## $ Informational
                          : int 0000000000...
## $ Informational Duration : num 0 0 -1 0 0 0 -1 -1 0 0 ...
## $ ProductRelated
                          : int
                                1 2 1 2 10 19 1 1 2 3 ...
## $ ProductRelated Duration: num 0 64 -1 2.67 627.5 ...
## $ BounceRates
                         : num 0.2 0 0.2 0.05 0.02 ...
## $ ExitRates
                                0.2 0.1 0.2 0.14 0.05 ...
                          : num
## $ PageValues
                          : num 0000000000...
## $ SpecialDay
                                0 0 0 0 0 0 0.4 0 0.8 0.4 ...
                          : num
## $ Month
                          : chr
                                "Feb" "Feb" "Feb" "Feb" ...
## $ OperatingSystems
                          : int 1243322122...
                          : int 1212324224 ...
## $ Browser
## $ Region
                          : int 1192113121...
## $ TrafficType
                                1 2 3 4 4 3 3 5 3 2 ...
                          : int
## $ VisitorType
                          : chr
                                "Returning_Visitor" "Returning_Visitor"
"Returning_Visitor" "Returning_Visitor" ...
## $ Weekend
                          : logi FALSE FALSE FALSE TRUE FALSE ...
## $ Revenue
                          : logi FALSE FALSE FALSE FALSE FALSE ...
```

#### **Tidying the Dataset**

```
#checking column names
colnames(df)
##
    [1] "Administrative"
                                   "Administrative Duration"
   [3] "Informational"
                                   "Informational Duration"
    [5] "ProductRelated"
                                   "ProductRelated_Duration"
##
## [7] "BounceRates"
                                   "ExitRates"
## [9] "PageValues"
                                   "SpecialDay"
## [11] "Month"
                                   "OperatingSystems"
## [13] "Browser"
                                   "Region"
## [15] "TrafficType"
                                   "VisitorType"
## [17] "Weekend"
                                   "Revenue"
#converting column names to lowercase
colnames(df) = tolower(colnames(df))
colnames(df)
    [1] "administrative"
##
                                   "administrative duration"
  [3] "informational"
                                   "informational duration"
##
##
   [5] "productrelated"
                                   "productrelated_duration"
  [7] "bouncerates"
                                   "exitrates"
  [9] "pagevalues"
                                   "specialday"
```

```
## [11] "month"
                                    "operatingsystems"
## [13] "browser"
                                    "region"
## [15] "traffictype"
                                    "visitortype"
## [17] "weekend"
                                    "revenue"
#checking for missing values
data.frame(colSums(is.na(df)))
##
                            colSums.is.na.df..
## administrative
                                             14
## administrative duration
                                             14
## informational
                                             14
## informational duration
                                             14
## productrelated
                                             14
## productrelated_duration
                                             14
## bouncerates
                                             14
                                             14
## exitrates
                                              0
## pagevalues
## specialday
                                              0
                                              0
## month
## operatingsystems
                                              0
## browser
                                              0
## region
                                              0
                                              0
## traffictype
                                              0
## visitortype
## weekend
                                              0
## revenue
```

There were 14 missing values in administrative, administrative\_duration, informational, informational\_duration, productrelated, productrelated\_duration, bouncerates, and exitrates columns. Given that the dataset has 12330 rows, the missing values will be dropped

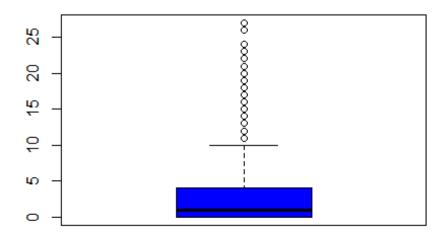
```
#dropping missing values
df <- na.omit(df)</pre>
#the 14 nulls have been dropped
print(data.frame(colSums(is.na(df))))
##
                            colSums.is.na.df..
## administrative
## administrative duration
                                              0
## informational
                                              0
## informational duration
                                              0
## productrelated
                                              0
## productrelated duration
                                              0
## bouncerates
                                              0
                                              0
## exitrates
                                              0
## pagevalues
                                              0
## specialday
## month
```

```
## operatingsystems
                                              0
## browser
                                              0
## region
                                              0
## traffictype
                                              0
## visitortype
                                              0
## weekend
                                              0
## revenue
                                              0
print(dim(df))
## [1] 12316
                18
#checking for duplicates
nrow(df[duplicated(df),])
## [1] 117
```

There were 117 duplicates which will not be dropped because it is possible for user behaviour and characteristics on the website to be similar.

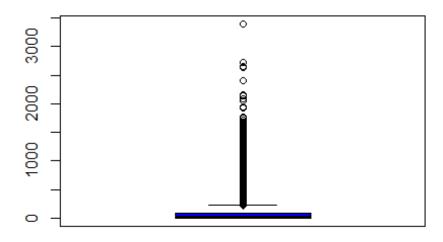
```
#separating continuous and categorical
colnames(df)
## [1] "administrative"
                                     "administrative duration"
## [3] "informational"
                                     "informational duration"
                                     "productrelated duration"
## [5] "productrelated"
## [7] "bouncerates"
                                     "exitrates"
## [9] "pagevalues"
                                     "specialday"
## [11] "month"
                                     "operatingsystems"
## [13] "browser"
                                     "region"
## [15] "traffictype"
                                     "visitortype"
## [17] "weekend"
                                     "revenue"
contin = c( "administrative", "administrative_duration",
"informational", "informational_duration",
"productrelated", "productrelated_duration",
"bouncerates", "exitrates", "pagevalues")
cat = c("specialday", "month", "operatingsystems", "browser", "region",
"traffictype", "visitortype", "weekend", "revenue")
#checking for outliers in continuous columns
for (x in contin){
  boxplot(df[x], main=x, xlab=x, col="blue")
}
```

## administrative



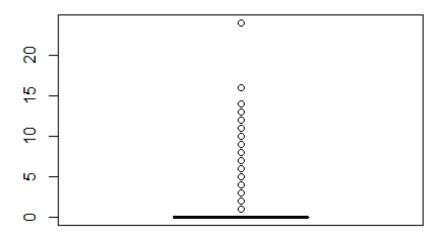
administrative

# $administrative\_duration$



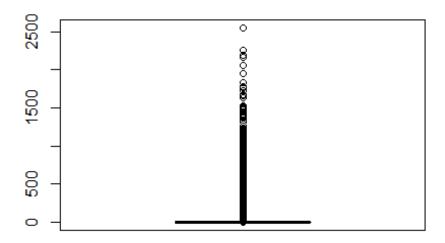
administrative\_duration

# informational



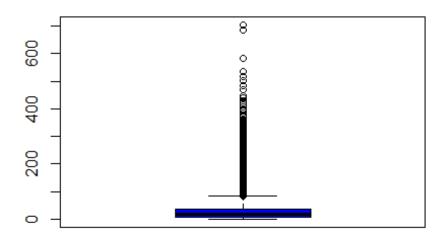
informational

# informational\_duration



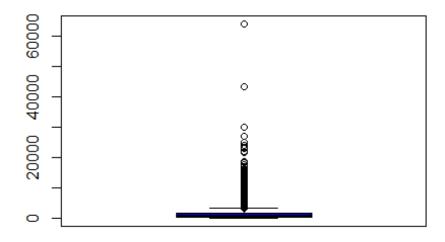
informational\_duration

# productrelated



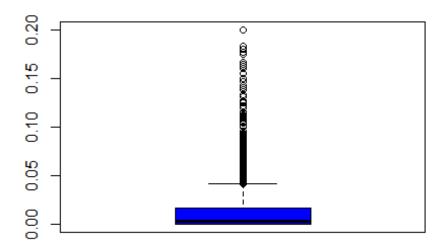
productrelated

# productrelated\_duration



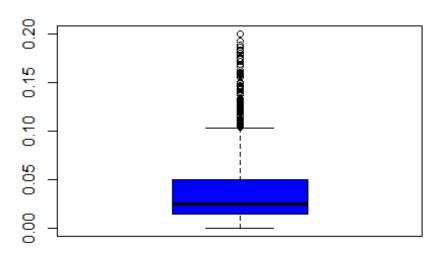
productrelated\_duration

# bouncerates



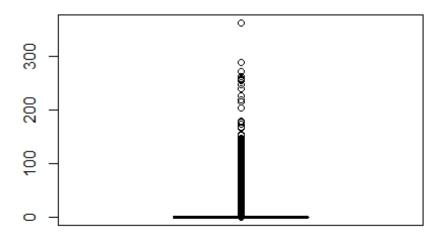
bouncerates

# exitrates



exitrates

## pagevalues



### pagevalues

There were outliers in the "administrative", "administrative\_duration", "informational", "informational\_duration", "productrelated", "productrelated\_duration", "bouncerates", "exitrates" and "pagevalues" columns. They will not be dropped as it is possible for some users to have spent longer than average on the site navigating through the numerous webpages.

```
#checking for anomalies in continuous
#the number of different types of pages visited by the visitor in the session
and total time spent in each of these page categories should not be less than
zero.
for (x in contin){
  print(paste(x, nrow(subset(df, df[x] < 0))))</pre>
}
## [1] "administrative 0"
## [1] "administrative_duration 33"
## [1] "informational 0"
## [1] "informational_duration 33"
## [1] "productrelated 0"
## [1] "productrelated duration 33"
## [1] "bouncerates 0"
## [1] "exitrates 0"
## [1] "pagevalues 0"
dim(df)
```

```
## [1] 12316
#dropping observations that have the values above < 0 as those are anomalies
df <- subset(df, df["administrative_duration"] >= 0)
#checking that the 33 observations have been dropped
print(dim(df))
## [1] 12283
               18
for (x in contin){
 print(paste(x, nrow(subset(df, df[x] < 0))))</pre>
## [1] "administrative 0"
## [1] "administrative_duration 0"
## [1] "informational 0"
## [1] "informational duration 0"
## [1] "productrelated 0"
## [1] "productrelated_duration 0"
## [1] "bouncerates 0"
## [1] "exitrates 0"
## [1] "pagevalues 0"
#checking for number of unique values in categorical columns
for (x in cat){
 print(paste(x, length(unique(df[[x]]))))
## [1] "specialday 6"
## [1] "month 10"
## [1] "operatingsystems 8"
## [1] "browser 13"
## [1] "region 9"
## [1] "traffictype 20"
## [1] "visitortype 3"
## [1] "weekend 2"
## [1] "revenue 2"
#checking for anomalies in categorical
for (x in cat){
 print(x)
 print(unique(df[[x]]))
 }
```

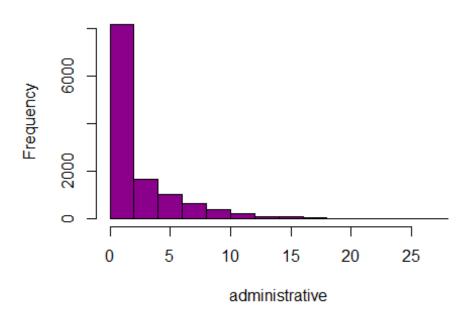
```
## [1] "specialday"
## [1] 0.0 0.8 0.4 1.0 0.2 0.6
## [1] "************************
## [1] "month"
                                          "Aug" "Nov" "Sep" "Dec"
## [1] "Feb" "Mar" "May" "Oct" "June" "Jul"
## [1] "***************************
## [1] "operatingsystems"
## [1] 1 2 3 4 7 6 8 5
## [1] "***********************
## [1] "browser"
## [1] 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 10 8 9 12 13 11
## [1] "*************************
## [1] "region"
## [1] 1 2 3 4 9 5 6 7 8
## [1] "************************
## [1] "traffictype"
## [1] 1 2 4 3 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 18 19 16 17 20
## [1] "***********************
## [1] "visitortype"
## [1] "Returning_Visitor" "New_Visitor"
                                        "Other"
## [1] "***********************************
## [1] "weekend"
## [1] FALSE TRUE
## [1] "**************************
## [1] "revenue"
## [1] FALSE TRUE
## [1] "*************************
```

No anomalous values observed

#### **Univariate Analysis**

```
#loading ggplot 2 library for visualisation
library(ggplot2)
contin
## [1] "administrative"
                                 "administrative duration"
## [3] "informational"
                                 "informational_duration"
## [5] "productrelated"
                                 "productrelated duration"
## [7] "bouncerates"
                                 "exitrates"
## [9] "pagevalues"
#statistical summary of administrative variable
data.frame(describe(df$administrative))
##
      vars
                     mean
                                sd median trimmed
                                                       mad min max range
skew
## X1
         1 12283 2.323862 3.325128
                                        1 1.638852 1.4826
                                                             0 27
                                                                      27
1.954851
      kurtosis
                       SP
## X1 4.674564 0.03000241
```

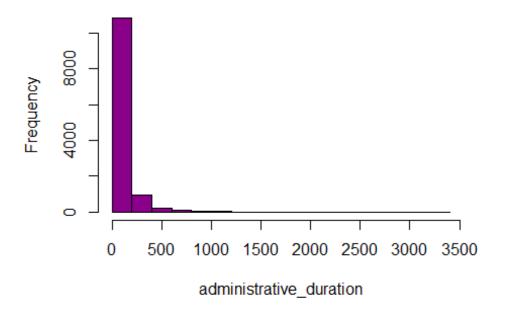
## Histogram of administrative page type



The number of administrative page types visited in a given session mostly ranged from 0 to 2.

```
#statistical sumary of administrative_duration
describe(df$administrative_duration)
##
                           sd median trimmed
                                               mad min
                                                                 range skew
      vars
               n mean
                                                           max
## X1
         1 12283 81.13 177.05
                                  8
                                       42.37 11.86
                                                     0 3398.75 3398.75 5.61
      kurtosis se
        50.37 1.6
## X1
#histogram of administrative duration
hist(df$administrative_duration, col="darkmagenta",
     main="Histogram of duration on administrative type",
     xlab="administrative_duration")
```

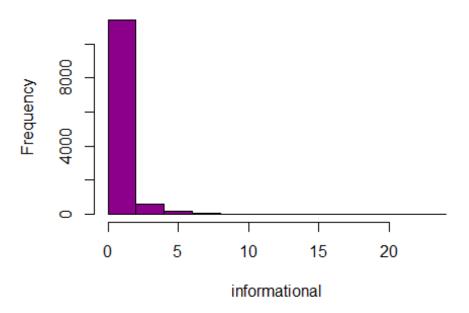
## Histogram of duration on administrative type



The duration on administrative page types in a given session mostly ranged from 0 to 200.

```
#statistical sumary of informational variable
describe(df$informational)
##
                        sd median trimmed mad min max range skew kurtosis
      vars
               n mean
se
                                                          24 4.03
## X1
         1 12283 0.51 1.27
                                     0.18
                                                 0
                                                   24
                                                                     26.82
0.01
#histogram of informational
hist(df$informational, col="darkmagenta",
     main="Histogram of informational page type",
     xlab="informational")
```

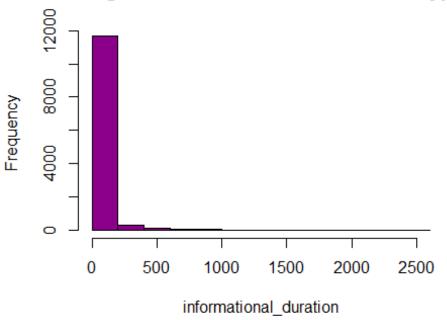
## Histogram of informational page type



The number of informational page types visited in a given session mostly ranged from 0 to 2.

```
#statistical summary of informational_duration variable
describe(df$informational_duration)
##
               n mean sd median trimmed mad min
      vars
                                                            range skew
                                                     max
kurtosis
## X1
        1 12283 34.6 141
                                               0 2549.38 2549.38 7.56
                               0
                                    3.63
75.98
##
        se
## X1 1.27
#histogram of informational_duration
hist(df$informational_duration, col="darkmagenta",
     main="Histogram of duration on informational type",
     xlab="informational_duration")
```

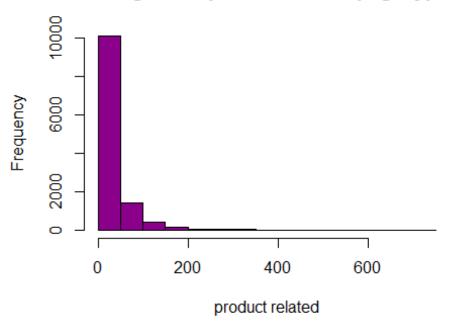
## Histogram of duration on informational type



The duration on informational page types visited in a given session mostly ranged from 0 to 200.

```
#statistical sumary of productrelated variable
describe(df$productrelated)
##
                          sd median trimmed
                                               mad min max range skew kurtosis
      vars
               n mean
se
## X1
         1 12283 31.85 44.52
                                 18
                                      22.86 19.27
                                                     0 705
                                                             705 4.34
                                                                         31.14
0.4
#histogram of productrelated
hist(df$productrelated, col="darkmagenta",
     main="Histogram of product related page type",
     xlab="product related")
```

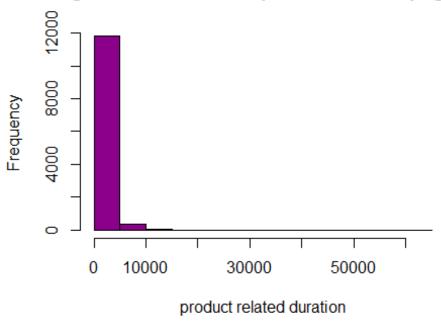
## Histogram of product related page type



The number of product related page types visited in a given session mostly ranged from 0 to 50.

```
#statistical sumary of productrelated_duration variable
describe(df$productrelated_duration)
##
                              sd median trimmed
                                                   mad min
      vars
                    mean
                                                                 max
                                                                        range
skew
## X1
         1 12283 1199.25 1915.94 602.5 824.43 744.39
                                                         0 63973.52 63973.52
7.26
##
      kurtosis
                  se
## X1
         136.9 17.29
#histogram of productrelated_duration
hist(df$productrelated_duration, col="darkmagenta",
     main="Histogram of duration on product related page type",
     xlab="product related duration")
```

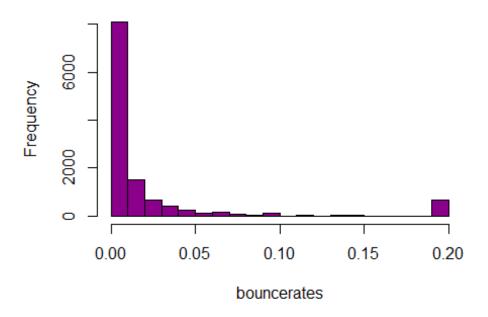
## Histogram of duration on product related page type



The duration on product-related page types in a given session mostly ranged from 0 to 5000.

```
contin
## [1] "administrative"
                                  "administrative_duration"
## [3] "informational"
                                 "informational duration"
## [5] "productrelated"
                                 "productrelated_duration"
## [7] "bouncerates"
                                 "exitrates"
## [9] "pagevalues"
#statistical sumary of bouncerates variable
describe(df$bouncerates)
                        sd median trimmed mad min max range skew kurtosis se
##
      vars
## X1
         1 12283 0.02 0.05
                                                 0 0.2
                                0
                                     0.01
                                            0
                                                         0.2
                                                                       8.1 0
                                                                3
#histogram of bouncerates
hist(df$bouncerates, col="darkmagenta",
     main="Histogram of bounce rates",
     xlab="bouncerates")
```

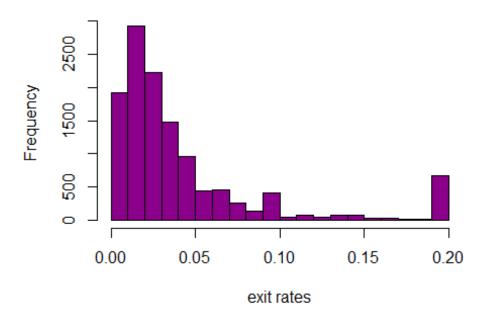
## Histogram of bounce rates



Bounce rates mostly ranged from 0 to 0.01

```
#statistical sumary of exitrates variable
describe(df$exitrates)
##
                        sd median trimmed mad min max range skew kurtosis se
      vars
               n mean
## X1
         1 12283 0.04 0.05
                             0.03
                                     0.03 0.02
                                                 0 0.2
                                                         0.2 2.17
                                                                      4.18 0
#histogram of exitrates
hist(df$exitrates, col="darkmagenta",
     main="Histogram of exit rates",
     xlab="exit rates")
```

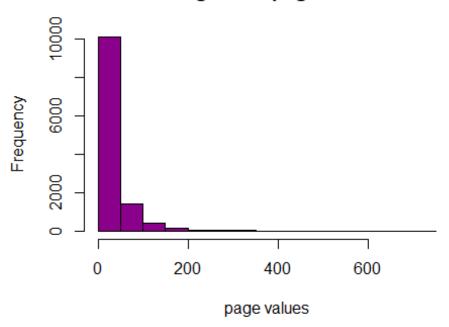
## Histogram of exit rates



Exit rates mostly ranged from 0.01 to 0.02

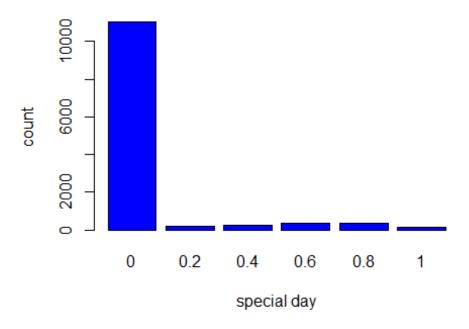
```
#statistical sumary of page values variable
describe(df$pagevalues)
##
      vars
                        sd median trimmed mad min
                                                          range skew kurtosis
               n mean
                                                     max
se
                                                0 361.76 361.76 6.37
## X1
         1 12283 5.91 18.6
                                     1.31
                                            0
                                                                         65.36
0.17
#histogram of page values
hist(df$productrelated, col="darkmagenta",
     main="Histogram of page values",
     xlab="page values")
```

## Histogram of page values

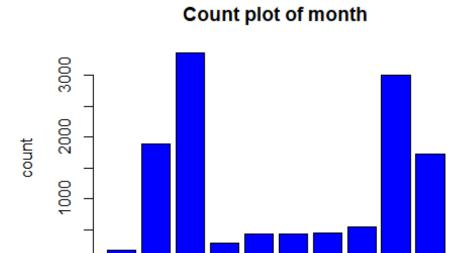


Page values mostly ranged from 0 to 50

## Count plot of proximity to special day



closeness of the site visiting time to a specific special day. Most visits were not close to a special day



May was the month with the most visits according to the dataset

Jul

month

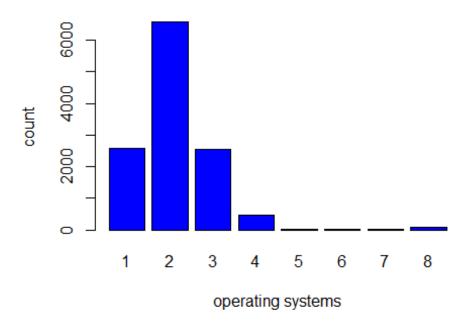
May

Feb

Sep

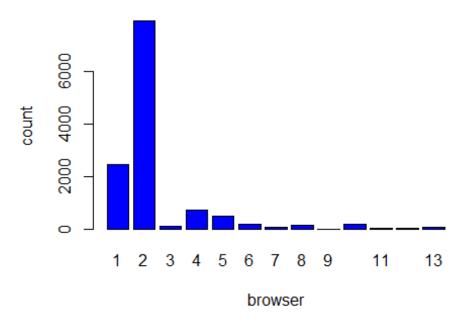
Nov

## Count plot of operatings ystems



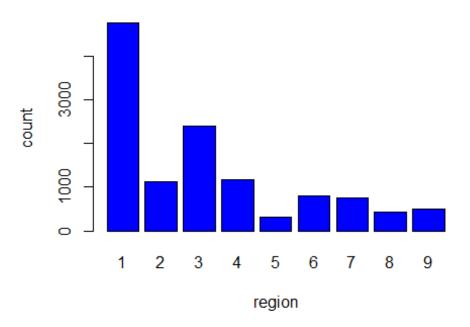
Operating system type 2 was the most common

# Count plot of browser



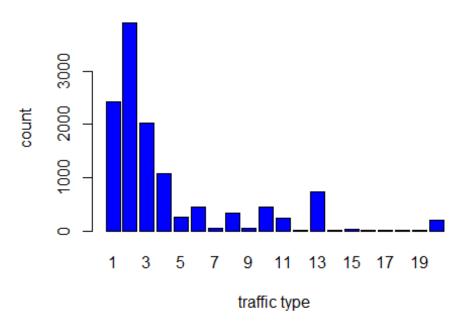
Browser 2 was the most used browser

# Count plot of region



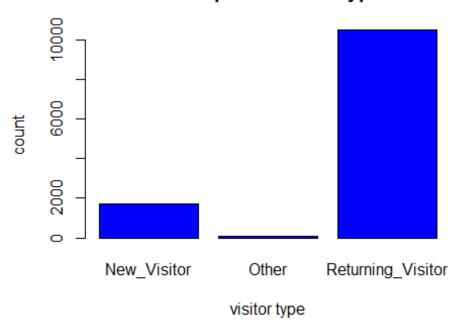
## Region 1 was the most represented

# Count plot of traffic type



### traffic type 2 was the most common

# Count plot of visitor type



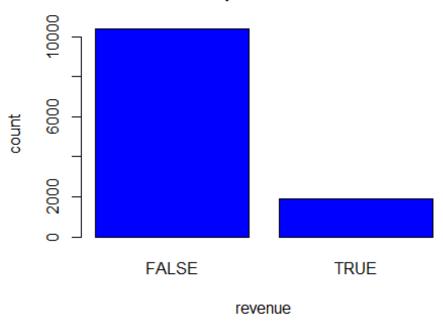
### Most visitors were returning visitors

# Count plot of weekend



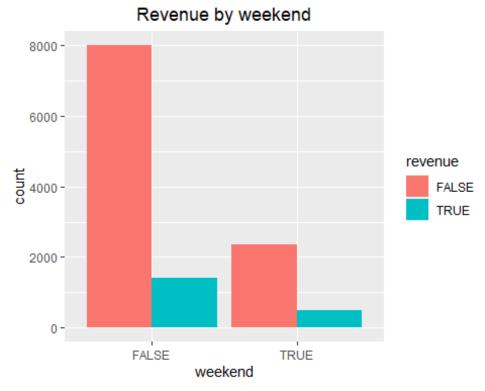
Most visits were not during the weekend

## Count plot of revenue



Most site visits did not result in revenue generation (did not end in a transaction)

### **Bivariate Analysis**



```
prop.table(table(df$weekend, df$revenue), 1)

##

## FALSE TRUE

## FALSE 0.8504405 0.1495595

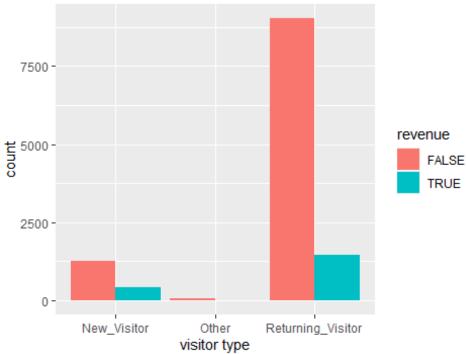
## TRUE 0.8256464 0.1743536

#rows false true represent weekend
```

The proportion of visits that generated revenue during weekends (0.17) was higher than revenue producing visits during the weekdays (0.14)

```
table(df$weekend, df$revenue)
##
##
           FALSE TRUE
##
     FALSE 8012 1409
           2363 499
     TRUE
##
#revenue by visitortype
ggplot() + geom_bar(
    data=df,
    aes(x=factor(visitortype), fill = factor(revenue)
    ), position="dodge") + labs(title = "revenue by visitor type",
           y="count", x="visitor type", fill="revenue") + theme(plot.title =
element_text(hjust=0.5))
```





```
prop.table(table(df$visitortype, df$revenue), 1)

##

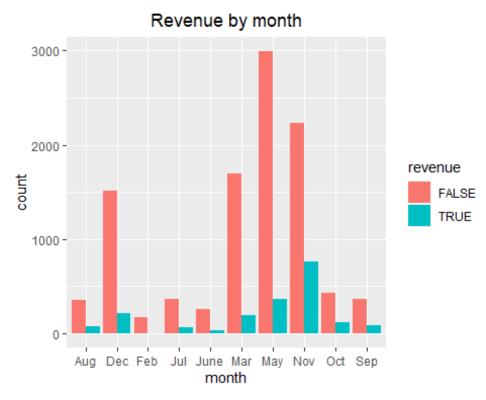
## FALSE TRUE

## New_Visitor 0.7508855 0.2491145

## Other 0.8117647 0.1882353

## Returning_Visitor 0.8600533 0.1399467
```

The proportion of revenue producing visits was highest among new visitors (0.24).

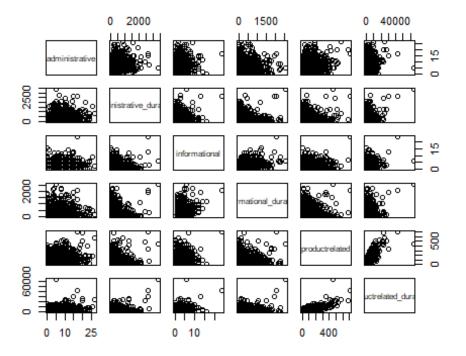


```
prop.table(table(df$month, df$revenue), 1)
##
##
                           TRUE
               FALSE
##
     Aug 0.82448037 0.17551963
##
     Dec 0.87492762 0.12507238
##
     Feb 0.98245614 0.01754386
##
     Jul 0.84686775 0.15313225
     June 0.89930556 0.10069444
##
##
     Mar 0.89808917 0.10191083
##
     May 0.89127197 0.10872803
##
     Nov
         0.74624374 0.25375626
##
     Oct 0.79052823 0.20947177
##
     Sep 0.80803571 0.19196429
```

The month with the highest proportion of revenue generating visits was November (0.25).

Scatterplots of continuous columns

```
#creating dataframe that containing the continuous variables
scatterp = subset(df, select = c("administrative"
,"administrative_duration", "informational",
"informational_duration", "productrelated",
"productrelated_duration"))
head(scatterp)
     administrative administrative_duration informational
informational_duration
## 1
                                                0
                                                                0
0
## 2
                    0
                                                0
                                                                0
0
## 4
                    0
                                                0
                                                                0
0
## 5
                     0
                                                0
                                                                0
0
## 6
                    0
                                                0
                                                                0
0
## 9
                                                                0
                     0
                                                0
0
     productrelated productrelated_duration
##
## 1
                    1
                                        0.000000
                    2
## 2
                                       64.000000
                    2
## 4
                                        2.666667
## 5
                   10
                                      627.500000
                   19
                                     154.216667
## 6
## 9
                    2
                                       37.000000
#loading library for pair plot
library(GGally)
## Registered S3 method overwritten by 'GGally':
##
     method from
##
             ggplot2
     +.gg
#plotting scatterplots of continuous variables
plot(scatterp)
```



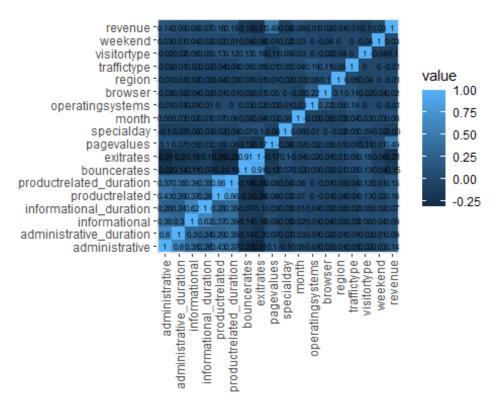
There are is a positive correlation between administrative (number of page type visited in a session) and administrative duration (duration on said page type). Similarly, between informational and informational duration, and product related and product related duration.

#### Correlation matrix

```
str(df)
  'data.frame':
                  12283 obs. of
                                 18 variables:
##
   $ administrative
                           : int
                                  0000000000...
  $ administrative_duration: num 0000000000...
##
                           : int
##
   $ informational
                                 0000000000
## $ informational duration : num
                                  0000000000...
##
   $ productrelated
                           : int
                                  1 2 2 10 19 2 3 3 16 7 ...
  $ productrelated duration: num
                                  0 64 2.67 627.5 154.22 ...
##
##
  $ bouncerates
                                  0.2 0 0.05 0.02 0.0158 ...
                             num
##
  $ exitrates
                                  0.2 0.1 0.14 0.05 0.0246 ...
                           : num
   $ pagevalues
                                  00000000000...
##
                             num
##
  $ specialday
                                  0 0 0 0 0 0.8 0.4 0 0.4 0 ...
                           : num
                                  "Feb" "Feb" "Feb" "Feb"
## $ month
                           : chr
  $ operatingsystems
                           : int
##
                                 1 2 3 3 2 2 2 1 1 1 ...
                                  1 2 2 3 2 2 4 1 1 1 ...
## $ browser
                           : int
##
  $ region
                           : int
                                  1 1 2 1 1 2 1 3 4 1 ...
##
  $ traffictype
                                  1 2 4 4 3 3 2 3 3 3 ...
                           : int
## $ visitortype
                                  "Returning_Visitor" "Returning_Visitor"
                           : chr
"Returning_Visitor" "Returning_Visitor" ...
```

```
## $ weekend
                           : logi FALSE FALSE FALSE TRUE FALSE FALSE ...
## $ revenue
                           : logi FALSE FALSE FALSE FALSE FALSE ...
#converting categorical to numerical
#removing timestamp column
#dataframe for correlation matrix
enc_df <- copy(df)
enc_df$month <- as.numeric(factor(enc_df$month))</pre>
enc_df$weekend <- as.numeric(factor(enc_df$weekend))</pre>
enc_df$visitortype <- as.numeric(factor(enc_df$visitortype))</pre>
enc_df$revenue <- as.numeric(factor(enc_df$revenue))</pre>
#checking that datatype conversion worked
str(enc_df)
## 'data.frame':
                  12283 obs. of 18 variables:
## $ administrative
                           : int 0000000000...
##
   $ administrative_duration: num 0000000000...
## $ informational
                          : int 0000000000...
## $ informational duration : num 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 ...
## $ productrelated
                     : int 1 2 2 10 19 2 3 3 16 7 ...
## $ productrelated duration: num 0 64 2.67 627.5 154.22 ...
## $ bouncerates
                          : num 0.2 0 0.05 0.02 0.0158 ...
## $ exitrates
                           : num 0.2 0.1 0.14 0.05 0.0246 ...
## $ pagevalues
                          : num 0000000000...
                          : num 000000.80.400.40...
## $ specialday
                          : num 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 ...
## $ month
                          : int 1233222111...
## $ operatingsystems
## $ browser
                          : int
                                 1 2 2 3 2 2 4 1 1 1 ...
## $ region
                          : int 1121121341...
## $ traffictype
                          : int 1 2 4 4 3 3 2 3 3 3 ...
## $ visitortype
                          : num 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 ...
## $ weekend
                          : num 111211111...
##
  $ revenue
                          : num 111111111...
library(reshape2)
##
## Attaching package: 'reshape2'
## The following object is masked from 'package:tidyr':
##
##
      smiths
## The following objects are masked from 'package:data.table':
##
##
      dcast, melt
#plotting the correlation heatmap
datam = melt(round(cor(enc df),2))
```

```
ggplot(data=datam, aes(x=Var1, y=Var2, fill=value)) + geom_tile() +
geom_text(aes(Var2, Var1, label=value), color="black", size=2) +
theme(axis.text.x=element_text(angle=90, vjust=0.5, hjust=1), axis.title.x =
element_blank(), axis.title.y = element_blank())
```



According to the correlation heatmap above, revenue seems to be most strongly correlated to page values, exit rates, and product-related, in that order.

Variables with strongest positive correlations: exit rates and bounce rates, product related and product related duration.

### Modelling

```
library(caret)
library(factoextra)

## Welcome! Want to learn more? See two factoextra-related books at https://goo.gl/ve3WBa

# Library("psych")
```

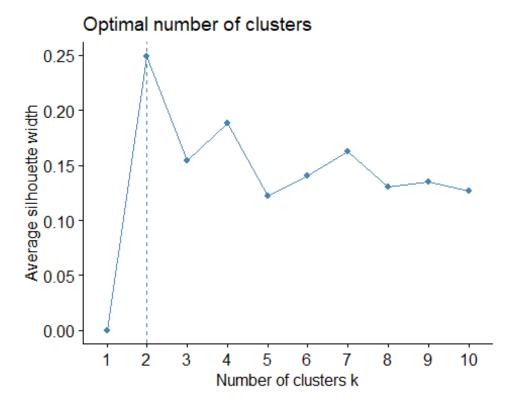
### 1. K-Means clustering

```
#describe
describe(enc_df)
##
                                                    sd median trimmed
                           vars
                                     n
                                          mean
                                                                          mad
min
## administrative
                               1 12283
                                          2.32
                                                  3.33
                                                         1.00
                                                                  1.64
                                                                         1.48
```

0									
	administrative_duration	2	1228	3 81.13	177.0	5 8.00	42.37	11.86	
	informational	3	1228	3 0.51	1.2	7 0.00	0.18	0.00	
## 0	informational_duration	4	1228	3 34.60	141.0	0.00	3.63	0.00	
	productrelated	5	1228	3 31.85	44.5	2 18.00	22.86	19.27	
## 0	<pre>productrelated_duration</pre>	6	1228	3 1199.25	1915.9	4 602.50	824.43	744.39	
## 0	bouncerates	7	1228	3 0.02	0.0	5 0.00	0.01	0.00	
## 0	exitrates	8	1228	3 0.04	0.0	5 0.03	0.03	0.02	
## 0	pagevalues	9	1228	3 5.91	18.6	0.00	1.31	0.00	
## 0	specialday	10	1228	3 0.06	0.2	0.00	0.00	0.00	
## 1	month	11	1228	3 6.17	2.3	7 7.00	6.36	1.48	
## 1	operatingsystems	12	1228	3 2.12	0.9	1 2.00	2.06	0.00	
## 1	browser	13	1228	3 2.36	1.7	2 2.00	2.00	0.00	
## 1	region	14	1228	3 3.15	2.4	0 3.00	2.79	2.97	
## 1	traffictype	15	1228	3 4.07	4.0	3 2.00	3.22	1.48	
1	visitortype		1228					0.00	
1	weekend		1228					0.00	
1	revenue	18	1228					0.00	
## ##	administrative	2.	max 7.00	range 27.00		urtosis 4.67	se 0.03		
	administrative duration		3.75	3398.75	5.61	50.37	1.60		
	informational		1.00		4.03	26.82			
##	<pre>informational_duration</pre>		9.38		7.56	75.98			
##	productrelated	705	5.00	705.00	4.34	31.14	0.40		
	<pre>productrelated_duration</pre>				7.26	136.90			
	bouncerates		20		3.00	8.10	0.00		
	exitrates		2.20	0.20	2.17	4.18	0.00		
	pagevalues specialday		1.76 1.00		6.37 3.30	65.36 9.89			
	month		0.00		-0.83	-0.37			
	operatingsystems		3.00		2.07	10.47			
	browser		3.00		3.24	12.76	0.02		
##	region	9	9.00	8.00	0.98	-0.15	0.02		

```
## traffictype
                              20.00
                                       19.00 1.96
                                                       3.47 0.04
                               3.00
## visitortype
                                        2.00 -2.06
                                                       2.27
                                                             0.01
## weekend
                               2.00
                                        1.00 1.26
                                                       -0.40 0.00
## revenue
                               2.00
                                        1.00 1.90
                                                       1.62 0.00
#scaling the variables
enc_df_sc <- copy(enc_df)</pre>
for (col in colnames(enc df sc)){
  enc_df_sc[col] <- scale(enc_df_sc[col])</pre>
}
summary(enc df sc)
    administrative.administrative
administrative duration.administrative duration
## Min.
           :-0.698879
                                  Min.
                                         :-0.458219
##
   1st Ou.:-0.698879
                                  1st Ou.:-0.458219
## Median :-0.398139
                                  Median :-0.413033
##
   Mean
           : 0.000000
                                  Mean
                                         : 0.000000
                                  3rd Qu.: 0.072432
## 3rd Qu.: 0.504082
## Max.
           : 7.421108
                                  Max.
                                         :18.738678
##
    informational.informational informational_duration.informational_duration
                                       :-0.245398
##
   Min.
           :-0.397231
                                Min.
    1st Ou.:-0.397231
                                1st Ou.:-0.245398
## Median :-0.397231
                                Median :-0.245398
## Mean
           : 0.000000
                                Mean
                                       : 0.000000
##
   3rd Qu.:-0.397231
                                3rd Qu.:-0.245398
## Max.
           :18.468643
                                Max.
                                       :17.834955
   productrelated.productrelated
productrelated duration.productrelated duration
## Min.
           :-0.715308
                                  Min.
                                         :-0.62594
   1st Ou.:-0.558080
##
                                  1st Ou.:-0.52828
## Median :-0.311008
                                  Median :-0.31147
## Mean
           : 0.000000
                                         : 0.00000
                                  Mean
                                  3rd Ou.: 0.14179
##
    3rd Ou.: 0.138213
## Max.
           :15.119758
                                         :32.76429
                                  Max.
##
    bouncerates.bouncerates exitrates.exitrates pagevalues.pagevalues
## Min.
          :-0.455556
                            Min.
                                   :-0.888394
                                                Min.
                                                       :-0.317832
##
    1st Qu.:-0.455556
                            1st Qu.:-0.590549
                                                1st Qu.:-0.317832
   Median :-0.391031
                            Median :-0.367165
                                                Median :-0.317832
##
          : 0.000000
                                                       : 0.000000
   Mean
                            Mean
                                   : 0.000000
                                                Mean
##
    3rd Qu.:-0.106045
                            3rd Qu.: 0.154063
                                                3rd Qu.:-0.317832
## Max.
          : 3.738574
                                   : 3.281431
                                                Max.
                                                       :19.131465
                            Max.
                              month.month
    specialday.specialday
operatingsystems.operatingsystems
                                               Min.
## Min.
           :-0.309018
                          Min.
                                 :-2.1781515
                                                       :-1.233186
   1st Qu.:-0.309018
                          1st Qu.:-0.0703571
                                               1st Qu.:-0.136356
## Median :-0.309018
                          Median : 0.3512018
                                               Median :-0.136356
## Mean
           : 0.000000
                          Mean
                                 : 0.0000000
                                               Mean
                                                       : 0.000000
                                               3rd Qu.: 0.960474
    3rd Qu.:-0.309018
##
                          3rd Qu.: 0.7727607
   Max. : 4.713039
                                               Max. : 6.444625
                          Max. : 1.6158785
```

```
##
     browser.browser
                         region.region
                                          traffictype.traffictype
## Min.
          :-0.790209
                      Min.
                             :-0.8938929
                                          Min.
                                                 :-0.763141
## 1st Qu.:-0.207887
                      1st Qu.:-0.8938929
                                          1st Qu.:-0.514720
## Median :-0.207887
                      Median :-0.0612469
                                          Median :-0.514720
## Mean
         : 0.000000
                      Mean
                             : 0.0000000
                                          Mean
                                                 : 0.000000
   3rd Qu.:-0.207887
                      3rd Qu.: 0.3550761
##
                                          3rd Qu.:-0.017879
         : 6.197651
                            : 2.4366911
                                               : 3.956854
## Max.
                      Max.
                                          Max.
## visitortype.visitortype
                            weekend.weekend
                                                revenue.revenue
                                 :-0.5511485
          :-2.4820823
                          Min.
                                              Min.
                                                    :-0.4288224
##
   1st Qu.: 0.4086793
                          1st Qu.:-0.5511485
                                              1st Qu.:-0.4288224
## Median : 0.4086793
                          Median :-0.5511485
                                              Median :-0.4288224
                                 : 0.0000000
## Mean : 0.000000
                          Mean
                                              Mean : 0.0000000
   3rd Qu.: 0.4086793
                          3rd Qu.:-0.5511485
##
                                              3rd Qu.:-0.4288224
## Max.
         : 0.4086793
                          Max.
                                 : 1.8142453
                                              Max. : 2.3317779
set.seed(123)
grouping <- kmeans(enc df sc, 3)
print("Cluster sizes:")
## [1] "Cluster sizes:"
grouping$size
## [1] 1030 9596 1657
print("Within cluster sum of squares")
## [1] "Within cluster sum of squares"
grouping$withinss
## [1] 10553.72 116122.10 50696.39
print("Total sum of squares (including between ss)")
## [1] "Total sum of squares (including between ss)"
grouping$tot.withinss
## [1] 177372.2
*****")
# # grouping$cluster
# subset(grouping, select=!cluster)
Challenging the solution
# Determining Optimal clusters (k) Using Average Silhouette Method
#A good silhouette score is usually near 1 and attempts to minimise within
cluster variance while maximising the between cluster variance.
fviz_nbclust(x = enc_df_sc,FUNcluster = kmeans, method = 'silhouette')
```



Optimal number of clusters determined to be 2.

```
#grouping with value identified above
set.seed(123)
grouping <- kmeans(enc_df_sc, 2)
print("Cluster sizes:")

## [1] "Cluster sizes:"
grouping$size
## [1] 10178 2105
print("Within cluster sum of squares")

## [1] "Within cluster sum of squares"
grouping$withinss
## [1] 135765.64 61258.13
print("Total sum of squares (including between ss)")
## [1] "Total sum of squares (including between ss)"
grouping$tot.withinss</pre>
## [1] 197023.8
```

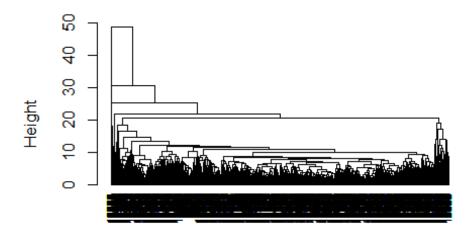
### 2. Hierarchical clustering

```
# d will be the first argument in the hclust() function distance matrix
# ---
#using scaled df
d <- dist(enc_df_sc, method = "euclidean")

# hierarchical clustering using the complete linkage method
# ---
#
res.hc <- hclust(d, method = "complete")

plot(res.hc, cex = 0.6, hang = -1)</pre>
```

### **Cluster Dendrogram**

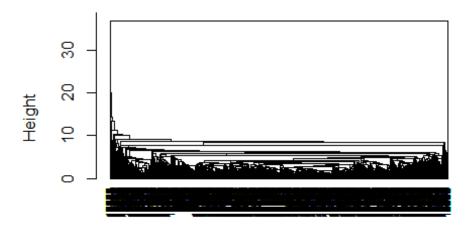


d hclust (\*, "complete")

### Challenging the approach

```
res.hc <- hclust(d, method = "average" )
plot(res.hc, cex = 0.6, hang = -1)</pre>
```

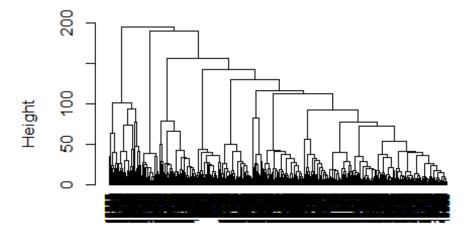
# **Cluster Dendrogram**



d hclust (\*, "average")

```
res.hc <- hclust(d, method = "ward.D2" )
plot(res.hc, cex = 0.6, hang = -1)</pre>
```

## **Cluster Dendrogram**



d hclust (\*, "ward.D2")

```
# Choosing no. of clusters to highlight
# Cutting tree by height
# res.hc <- hclust(d, method = "ward.D2" )

# cutting to 2 clusters
two <- cutree(res.hc, k = 2 )

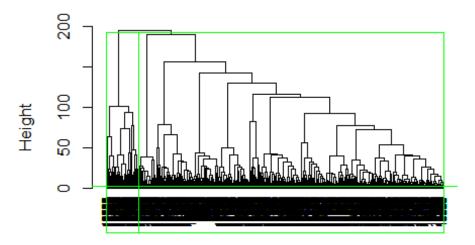
table(two)

## two
## 1 2
## 11109 1174

#dendrogram showing borders of cutting into two clusters. wards method produces clearest dendrogram

plot(res.hc, cex = 0.6, hang = -1)
abline(h = 1.9, col = "green")
rect.hclust(res.hc, k = 2, border = "green")</pre>
```

## Cluster Dendrogram



d hclust (\*, "ward.D2")

### **Group characteristics comparisons - k means clusters (bivariate analysis)**

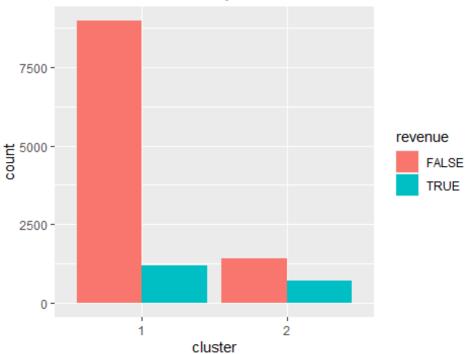
K means identified 2 clusters as optimal number using the average silhouette score. Therefore, further analysis will be carried out on the 2 customer groups that were identified while using kmeans.

```
#summary of the clustering
grouping
## K-means clustering with 2 clusters of sizes 10178, 2105
## Cluster means:
     administrative administrative_duration informational
informational duration
         -0.2869788
                                  -0.2330162
## 1
                                                -0.2615324
0.2002143
## 2
          1.3875870
                                   1.1266695
                                                 1.2645494
0.9680672
     productrelated productrelated_duration bouncerates exitrates
pagevalues
         -0.2573956
                                   -0.239908 0.06822025 0.1021581 -
## 1
0.07503018
## 2
                                    1.159992 -0.32985544 -0.4939504
          1.2445474
0.36278250
                       month operatingsystems
      specialday
                                                    browser
                                                                 region
traffictype
## 1 0.03420667 -0.03212765
                              0.002660684 0.01358711 0.01238067
0.01990431
                               -0.012864820 -0.06569575 -0.05986245 -
## 2 -0.16539455 0.15534217
0.09624041
##
     visitortype
                      weekend
                                  revenue
## 1 -0.04348151 -0.009185608 -0.1019877
## 2 0.21023982 0.044413832 0.4931263
##
## Clustering vector:
             2
##
       1
                         5
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## 12307 12308 12309 12310 12311 12312 12313 12314 12315 12316 12317 12318
12319
            2
                  1
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##
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## 12320 12321 12322 12323 12324 12325 12326 12327 12328 12329 12330
                  1
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                                               1
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## Within cluster sum of squares by cluster:
## [1] 135765.64 61258.13
## (between_SS / total_SS = 10.9 %)
##
## Available components:
##
## [1] "cluster"
                     "centers"
                                   "totss"
                                                  "withinss"
"tot.withinss"
## [6] "betweenss"
                     "size"
                                   "iter"
                                                  "ifault"
## [1] "***************************
#creating of with means of continuous columns by cluster
df_clus_means<- aggregate(subset(df, select=contin),</pre>
by=list(cluster=grouping$cluster),mean)
df clus means
    cluster administrative administrative_duration informational
## 1
          1
                  1.369621
                                         39.87144
                                                      0.1726272
## 2
          2
                  6.937767
                                        280.59950
                                                      2.1140143
    informational duration productrelated productrelated duration
bouncerates
## 1
                   6.37106
                                20.38691
                                                        739.6049
0.024976627
## 2
                 171.10167
                                87.25558
                                                       3421.7229
0.005994113
     exitrates pagevalues
## 1 0.04751047
                 4.516205
## 2 0.01891893 12.659674
#creating dataframe with cluster column and checking that output matches
above
df_clus <- copy(df)</pre>
df clus$cluster <- grouping$cluster</pre>
# df_clus
df_clus %>% group_by(cluster) %>%
summarise(mean adm=mean(administrative),
mean col=mean(administrative duration))
## # A tibble: 2 × 3
## cluster mean adm mean col
```

```
##
      <int>
                <dbl>
                        <dbl>
## 1
                 1.37
                         39.9
          1
## 2
          2
                 6.94
                        281.
#plotting revenue by cluster
ggplot() + geom_bar(
   data=df_clus,
    aes(x=factor(cluster), fill = factor(revenue)
   ), position="dodge") + labs(title = "Revenue by cluster",
          y="count", x="cluster", fill="revenue") + theme(plot.title =
element text(hjust=0.5))
```

## Revenue by cluster



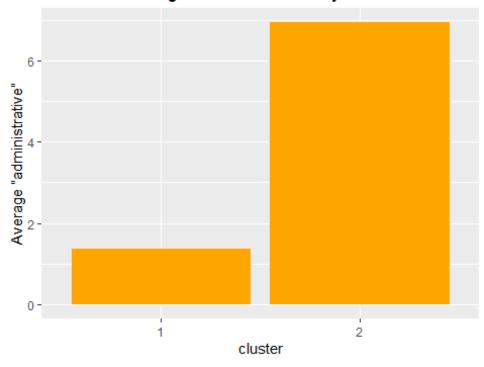
```
prop.table(table(df_clus$cluster, df_clus$revenue), 1)
##
## FALSE TRUE
## 1 0.8816074 0.1183926
## 2 0.6660333 0.3339667
```

The proportion of customers of cluster 2 who generate revenue (0.33) is higher than the proportion of customers in cluster 1 who generate revenue.

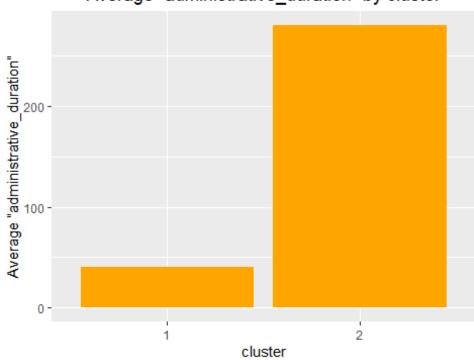
```
library(stringr)
#average values by cluster
for (m in contin){
```

```
suppressWarnings(print(ggplot() + geom_col(
    data=df_clus_means,
    aes(x=as.factor(cluster), y=df_clus_means[[m]]),
    fill="orange") + labs(title = str_glue('Average "{m}" by cluster'),
    x="cluster", y=str_glue('Average "{m}"')) + theme(plot.title =
    element_text(hjust=0.5))))
```

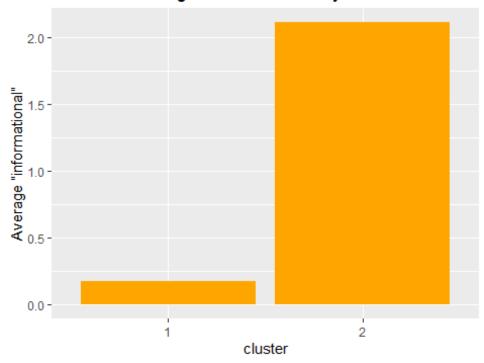
## Average "administrative" by cluster



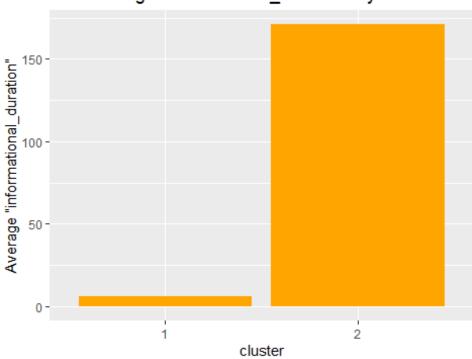
# Average "administrative\_duration" by cluster



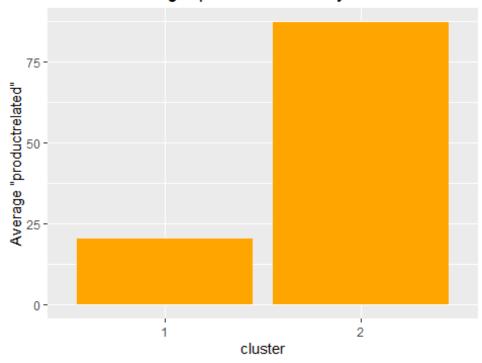
## Average "informational" by cluster



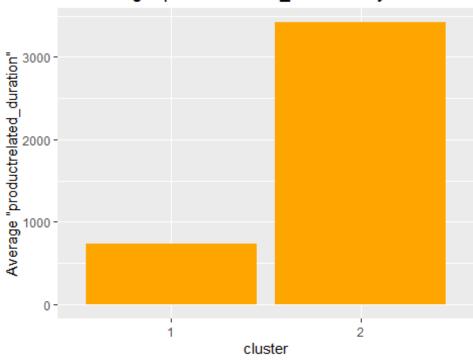
# Average "informational\_duration" by cluster

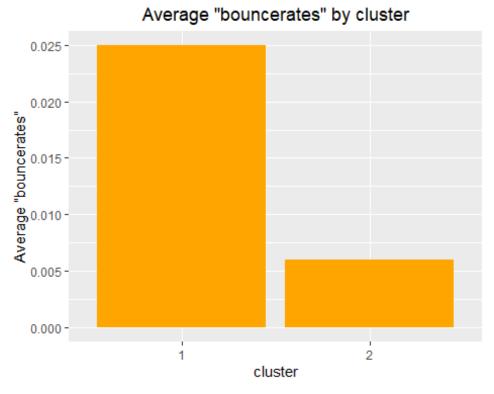


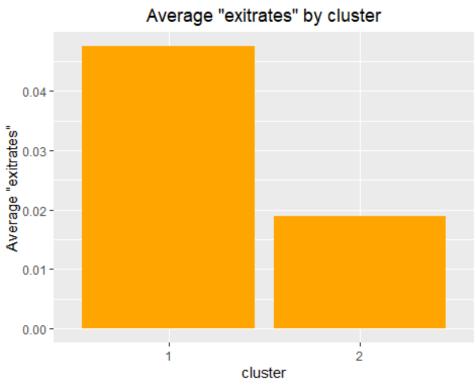
# Average "productrelated" by cluster

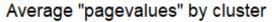


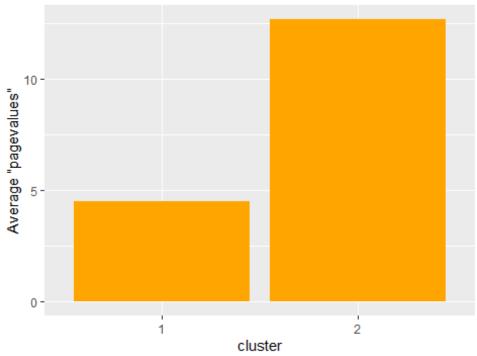
# Average "productrelated\_duration" by cluster









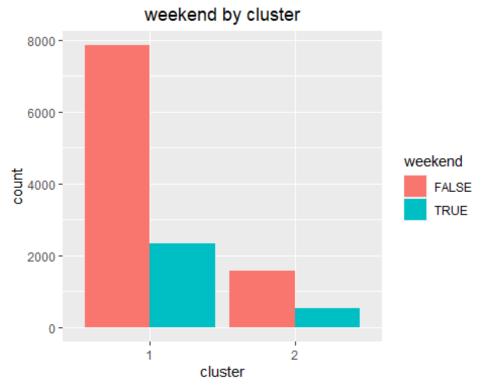


### Observations of plots above:

The average number of administrative, informational and product related pages visited in a session, as well as the average durations spent on these different page types, is higher among customers in cluster 2 than in cluster one.

Bouncerates and exit rates are higher among customers in cluster 1.

Average page values are higher in cluster 2



```
prop.table(table(df_clus$cluster, df_clus$weekend), 1)

##

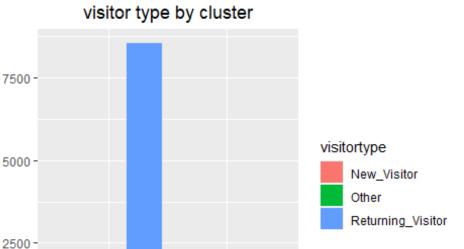
## FALSE TRUE

## 1 0.7708784 0.2291216

## 2 0.7482185 0.2517815

#columns false true represent weekend
```

The proportion of customers visiting the site over the weekend in cluster 2 is higher than the proportion in cluster one who do so.



2

cluster

5000 -

0

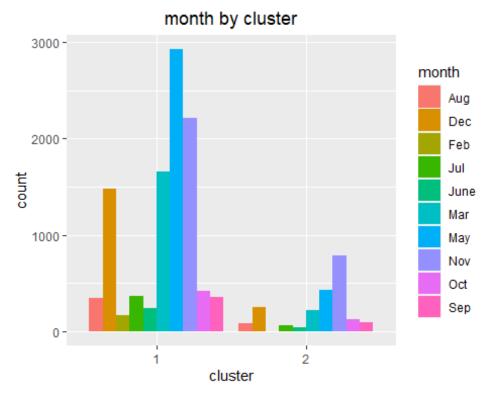
1

count

```
prop.table(table(df_clus$cluster, df_clus$visitortype), 1)
##
                         Other Returning_Visitor
##
       New Visitor
     1 0.152584005 0.007663588
##
                                      0.839752407
##
     2 0.066983373 0.003325416
                                      0.929691211
```

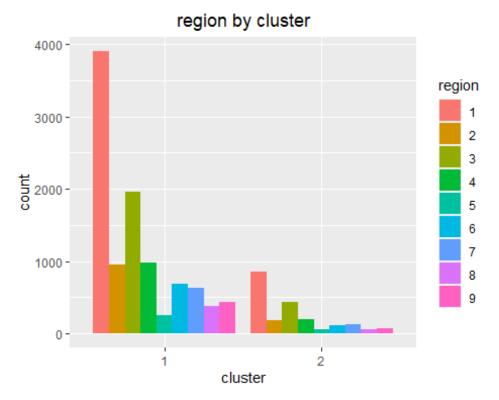
The proportion of returning visitors among in cluster 2 is higher, while the proportions of new visitor and other is higher in cluster 1.

```
#plotting month by cluster
ggplot() + geom_bar(
    data=df_clus,
    aes(x=factor(cluster), fill = factor(month)
    ), position="dodge") + labs(title = "month by cluster",
           y="count", x="cluster", fill="month") + theme(plot.title =
element_text(hjust=0.5))
```

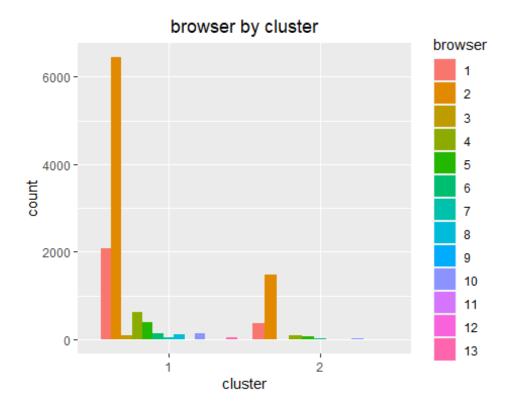


```
prop.table(table(df_clus$cluster, df_clus$month), 1)
##
##
                           Dec
                                        Feb
                                                    Jul
                                                                June
               Aug
Mar
##
     1 0.034289644 0.144920417 0.016407939 0.036058165 0.023973276
0.163096876
     2 0.039904988 0.119714964 0.001900238 0.030403800 0.020902613
##
0.106413302
##
               May
##
                           Nov
                                        0ct
                                                    Sep
##
     1 0.287286304 0.217233248 0.041560228 0.035173904
     2 0.205700713 0.372446556 0.059857482 0.042755344
##
```

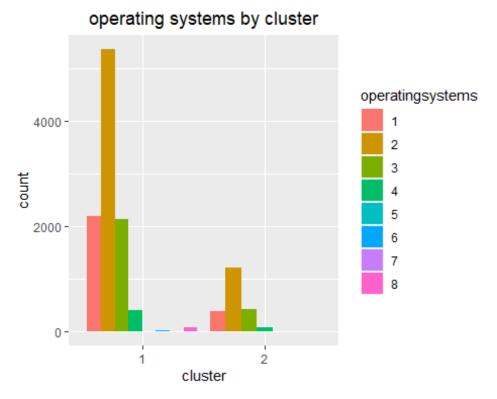
Most cluster 2 customers visit the site in the month of November, while most in cluster 1 visit in May.



In both clusters, most customers are from region 1



In both clusters, most customers use browser 2



In both clusters, most customers use operating system 2

### **Comparisons between K Means and Hierarchical**

### K means clustering

- Advantages: Easy to implement, easily adapts to new examples.
- Disadvantages: The number of clusters has to be predetermined, it is sensitive to scaling, the initial seeds heavily influence the results.

### Hierachical clustering:

• Advantages: The number of clusters do not have to be predetermined, ordering of levels in display is informative, easy to implement.

• Disadvantages: Not as suitable for large datasetes due to lower spacial and computational efficiency. This was evident in the duration of time the codes took to run as well as in the structure of the dendrograms.

### **Conclusion and Recommendations**

#### Conclusion

The objectives of the study were achieved. Following data preparation (where missing values, duplicates, outliers, column creation etc were dealt with accordingly), univariate and bivariate analysis were carried out providing valuable insights on the dataset as a whole.

Some general bivariate analysis insights include: the proportion of visits that generated revenue during weekends was higher than revenue producing visits during the weekdays, the proportion of revenue producing visits was highest among new visitors, the month with the highest proportion of revenue generating visits was November etc.

### **Modelling:**

Two approaches were used in clustering the data: K-means clustering and hierarchical clustering.

Initially k-means was used with an arbitrary value of 3. After comparing the average silhouette score at different levels of k, 2 was determined to be the optimal number of clusters.

For hierarchical clustering, complete linkage method was used initially, and average and wards methods also tested. The dendrogram using ward's method was the best structured. 2 clusters were highlighted on the dendrogram

### **Customer group characteristics comparisons**

Further analysis was carried out on the 2 customer groups that were identified while using kmeans to compare the characteristics of the different groups.

### Highlights:

- The proportion of customers of cluster 2 who generate revenue is higher than the proportion of customers in cluster 1 who generate revenue.
- The average number of administrative, informational and product related pages visited in a session, as well as the average durations spent on these different page types, is higher among customers in cluster 2 than in cluster one.
- Bouncerates and exit rates are higher among customers in cluster 1.
- Average page values are higher in cluster 2

- The proportion of customers visiting the site over the weekend in cluster 2 is higher than the proportion in cluster one who do so.
- The proportion of returning visitors among in cluster 2 is higher, while the proportions of new visitor and other is higher in cluster
- Most cluster 2 customers visit the site in the month of November, while most in cluster 1 visit in May.
- In both clusters, most customers are from region 1.
- In both clusters, most customers use operating system 2
- In both clusters, most customers use browser system 2

#### Recommendations

- Cluster 2 had a higher proprtion of revenue-generating customers compared to cluster 1.
- Cluster 1 had higher bounce rates and exit rates, indicating that more customers in this category are likely to leave without making a transaction. Optional targeted surveys could pop up to customers falling in this category to discover possible causes of dissatisfaction with the site or service. Similarly, since more customers in cluster 2 spent a longer duration on the site and visited more pages, targeted surveys to customers in this categories on what they are satisfied with will help the company know what to keep doing.
- The proportion of returning visitors among cluster 2 is higher. The company should prioritise quality products, services, and presentation from the get go, enabling them to have more returning visitors on the site.
- Although there is more traffic during the week, the proportion of revenue generating visits is higher over the weekend. More ads should be run during the weekends compared to weekdays.
- Future recommendations Further information such as the gender and age of visitors, specific product categories visited etc should be obtained as they will aid in better understanding customer behaviour and in grouping further.