

Advanced E-commerce Analytic and Sales Prediction

Problem Statement:

Advanced Exploratory Data Analysis (EDA)

- a. **Multivariate Analysis:** Use advanced visualization techniques like parallel coordinates plot to analyze the relationships between multiple numerical variables.
- b. **Time Series Analysis:** Explore the temporal aspects of the data, considering the 'Order Date' column. Utilize techniques like seasonal decomposition and autocorrelation to identify patterns over time.
- b. **Geospatial Analysis:** If the data includes geographic information, perform a geospatial analysis to understand sales patterns across different regions. Use maps and heatmaps for visualization.
- c. **Advanced Correlation Analysis:** Besides a traditional heatmap, use techniques like partial correlation analysis to identify relationships between variables while controlling for other factors.
- d. **Hierarchical Clustering:** Apply hierarchical clustering to group similar products or categories based on sales patterns and explore relationships within these clusters.
- e. **Distribution Analysis:** Utilize advanced statistical distributions like Poisson or Gamma distributions to model the distribution of sales and identify potential patterns.
- f. **Interactive Visualizations:** Create interactive dashboards using tools like Plotly or Tableau for a dynamic exploration of data patterns.
- g. **Advanced Pair Plot:** Enhance the pair plot by including additional information such as product categories or customer segments to observe multidimensional relationships.

Feature Engineering and Selection

- a. **Dimensionality Reduction:** Implement dimensionality reduction techniques like Principal Component Analysis (PCA) to reduce the number of features while preserving essential information.
- b. **Feature Importance Analysis:** Use advanced feature importance techniques such as recursive feature elimination with cross-validation to identify and select the most relevant features for sales prediction.

Outlier Detection and Treatment

- a. **Advanced Outlier Detection:** Apply sophisticated outlier detection algorithms such as Isolation Forest or Local Outlier Factor to identify and handle outliers.
- b. **Anomaly Detection:** Explore anomaly detection techniques to identify unusual patterns or behaviors in sales data that may impact predictions.

Imputation Techniques

- a. **Predictive Imputation:** Use machine learning models to predict missing values based on other relevant features for a more accurate imputation.
- b. **Time-Series Imputation:** If applicable, leverage time-series imputation methods to fill missing values considering the temporal aspect of the data.

Advanced Data Cleaning

- a. **Regular Expressions:** Implement regular expressions to identify and clean textual data, ensuring consistency and uniformity.
- b. **Advanced Data Transformation:** Apply advanced data transformation techniques such as logarithmic transformations or Box-Cox transformations to achieve better normalization.

Statistical Testing and Hypothesis Analysis

- a. **A/B Testing:** If there are different strategies or interventions in the data, conduct A/B testing to assess their impact on sales.
- b. **Hypothesis Testing:** Formulate hypotheses about factors influencing sales and perform statistical tests to validate or reject these hypotheses.