

Superstore Data Analytics (DA) Report

1. Problem Statement

The Superstore business wants to analyze its historical sales data to understand overall performance, identify profit and loss areas, evaluate customer and regional trends, and support data-driven decision-making. The main objective is to improve profitability by optimizing product categories, regions, and customer segments while controlling discounts and operational costs.

2. Dataset Overview

The Superstore dataset contains transactional sales data with the following key fields:

- Order Details: Order ID, Order Date, Ship Date, Ship Mode
- Customer Details: Customer ID, Customer Name, Segment
- Geographic Details: Country, Region, State, City
- Product Details: Category, Sub-Category, Product Name
- Sales Metrics: Sales, Quantity, Discount, Profit

3. Data Preprocessing Steps

The following preprocessing steps were performed before creating the report:

- Removed duplicate records
- Checked and handled null or blank values
- Converted Order Date and Ship Date into proper date format
- Created a Date hierarchy (Year, Quarter, Month)
- Verified data types for Sales, Profit, Quantity, and Discount
- Standardized column names for consistency

4. Sheets / Pages Created in the Report

4.1 Executive Overview Dashboard

Purpose: High-level view of overall business performance - Total Sales - Total Profit - Total Orders - Profit Margin - Sales and Profit Trend by Year/Month

4.2 Regional Performance Analysis

Purpose: Identify top and bottom performing regions and states - Sales by Region - Profit by State - Region-wise Profit Margin - Map visualization for geographic insights

4.3 Category & Sub-Category Analysis

Purpose: Analyze product performance - Sales by Category - Profit by Sub-Category - Top 10 Products by Sales - Loss-making Sub-Categories

4.4 Customer & Segment Analysis

Purpose: Understand customer behavior and segment contribution - Sales by Customer Segment - Top Customers by Sales and Profit - Segment-wise Profitability

4.5 Discount & Profitability Analysis

Purpose: Evaluate the impact of discounts on profit - Discount vs Profit analysis - High discount-low profit products - Average discount by category

5. DAX Measures Used

5.1 Basic Measures

```
Total Sales = SUM(Superstore[Sales])
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Total Profit = SUM(Superstore[Profit])
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Total Quantity = SUM(Superstore[Quantity])
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5.2 Derived Measures

```
Total Orders = DISTINCTCOUNT(Superstore[Order ID])
```

```
Profit Margin = DIVIDE([Total Profit], [Total Sales], 0)
```

5.3 Time Intelligence Measures

```
Sales YoY Growth =  
CALCULATE(  
    [Total Sales],  
    SAMEPERIODLASTYEAR(Superstore[Order Date])  
)
```

5.4 Ranking Measures

```
Rank Products by Sales =  
RANKX(  
    ALL(Superstore[Product Name]),  
    [Total Sales],  
    ,
```

DESC

)

6. Key Insights & Findings

- Technology category generates the highest sales and profit.
 - Furniture category has lower profit margins, mainly due to high discounts.
 - The West region is the most profitable, while certain states show consistent losses.
 - High discounts negatively impact profit, especially in Office Supplies.
 - A small group of customers contributes significantly to total sales.
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7. Final Assumptions & Business Recommendations

Assumptions

- Data provided is accurate and represents real transactional records.
- No seasonal external factors (festivals, economic changes) were considered.
- Shipping costs and returns data are not included in the analysis.

Recommendations

- Reduce excessive discounts on low-margin products.
 - Focus marketing efforts on high-profit regions and customer segments.
 - Review pricing strategy for loss-making sub-categories.
 - Encourage sales of high-margin products through bundling or promotions.
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8. Final Conclusion (DA Report Summary)

The Superstore Data Analytics report provides actionable insights into sales performance, profitability drivers, and customer behavior. By leveraging interactive dashboards and DAX-driven measures, the business can identify problem areas and growth opportunities. Implementing the recommended strategies can significantly improve overall profitability and operational efficiency.

End of Report