



# ***3 MILLION INSTACART ORDERS***

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# INSTACART DATASET



## Data Set:

3,421,083 Orders from Users from Instacart

206,209 Users

49,688 Products

134 Aisles

21 Departments

First Released Data thru Medium Article, later  
became a Kaggle Competition.

# ORIGINAL HYPOTHESIS

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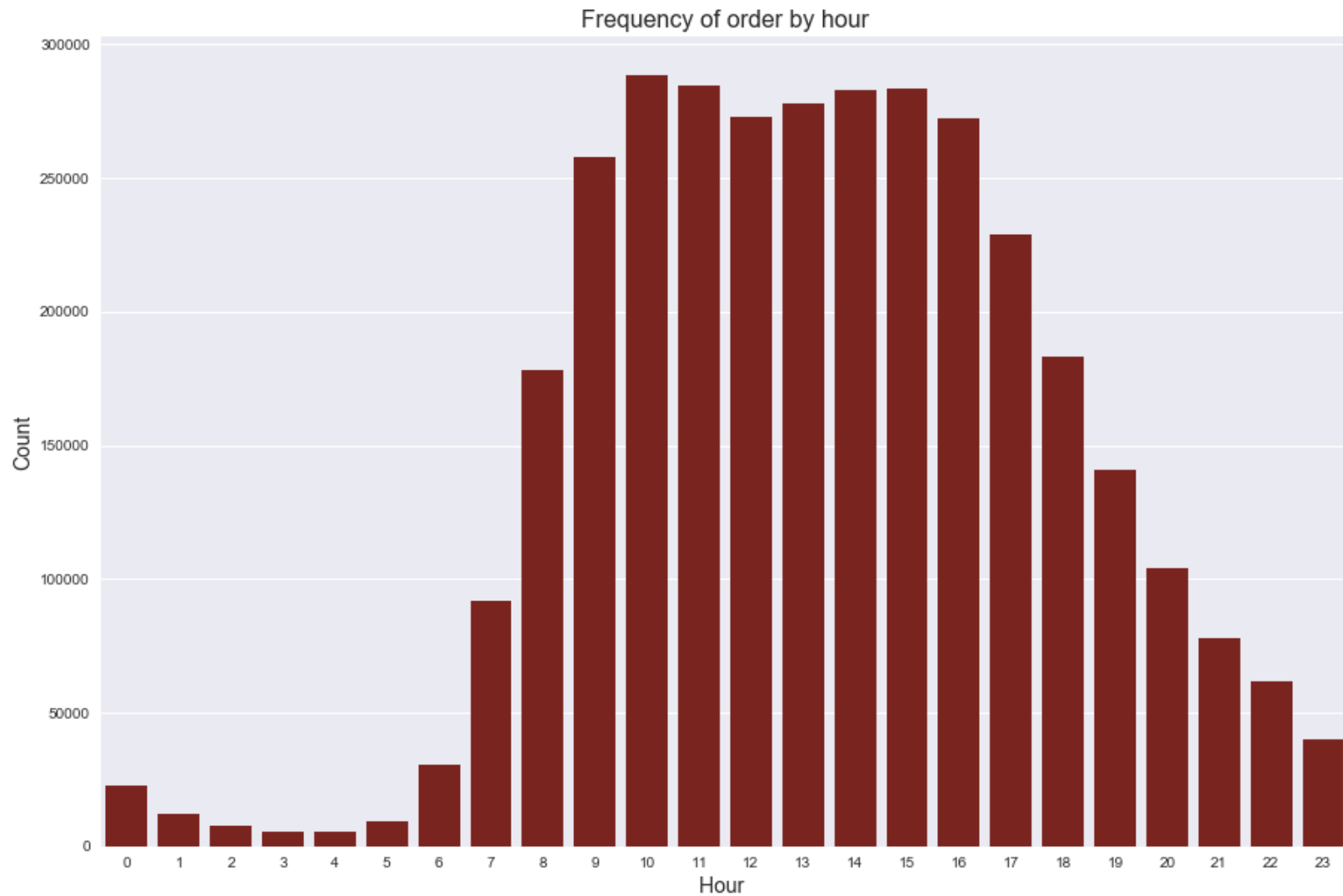
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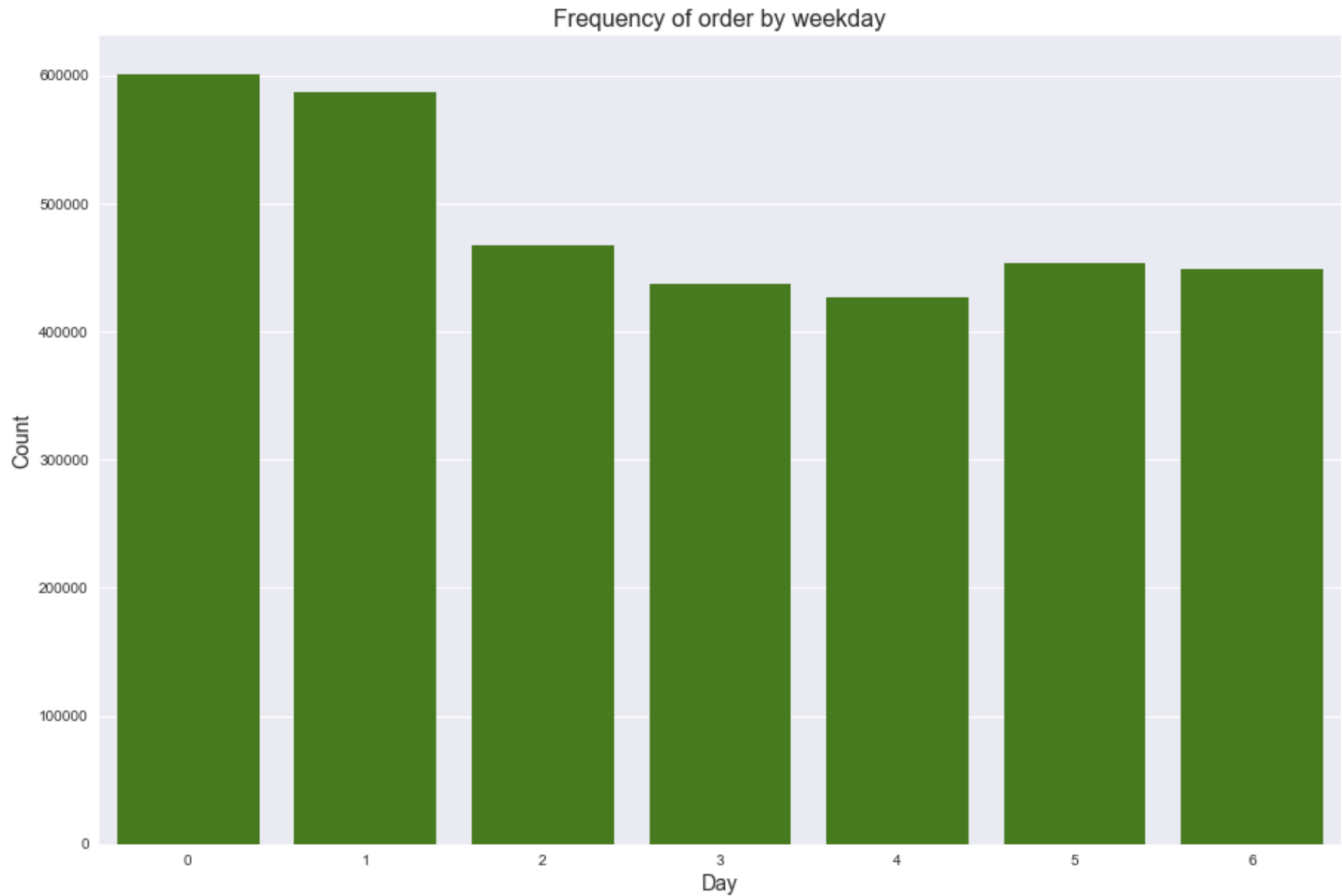
## EXPLORATORY DATA ANALYSIS

What does the data look like?



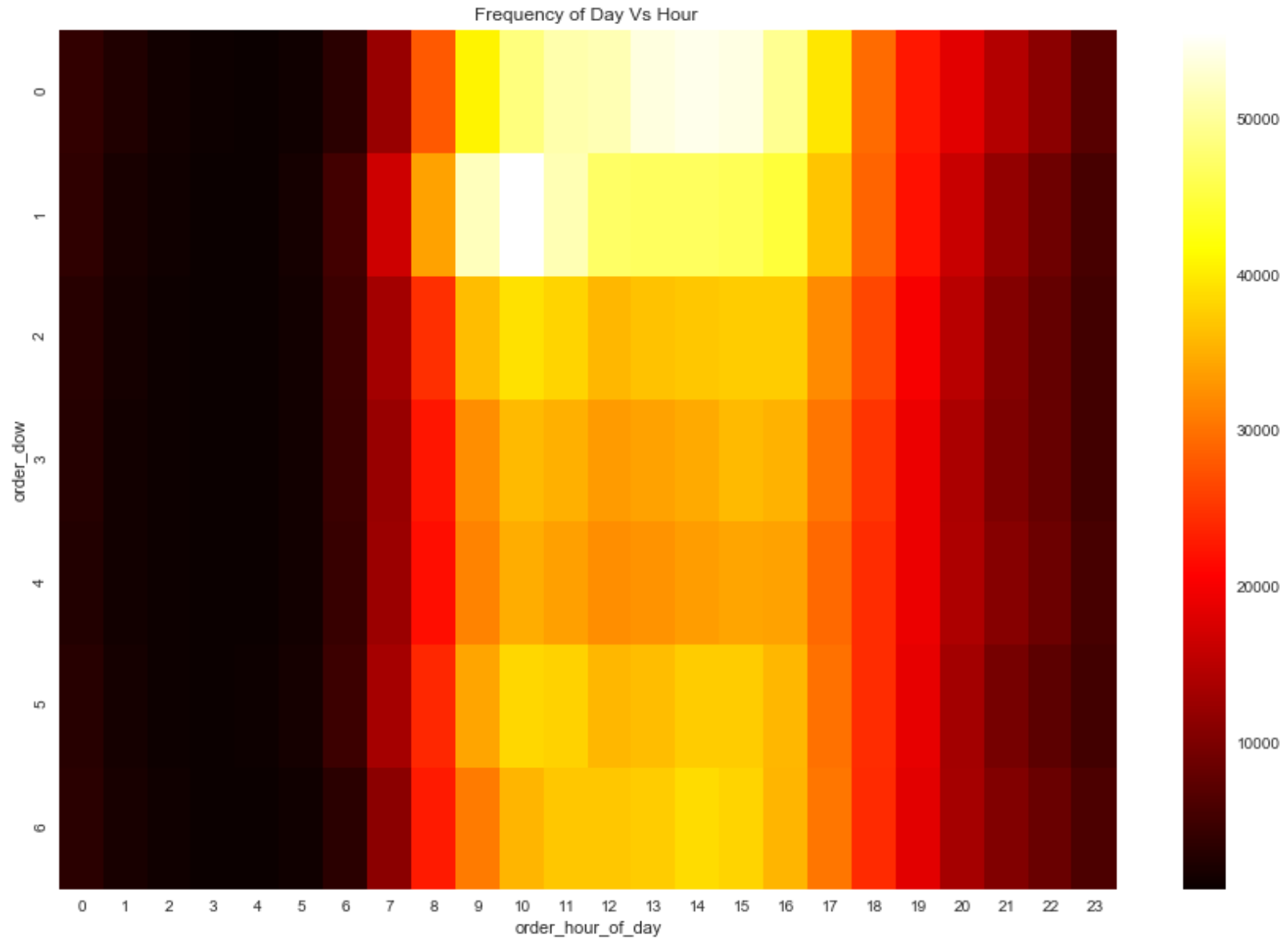
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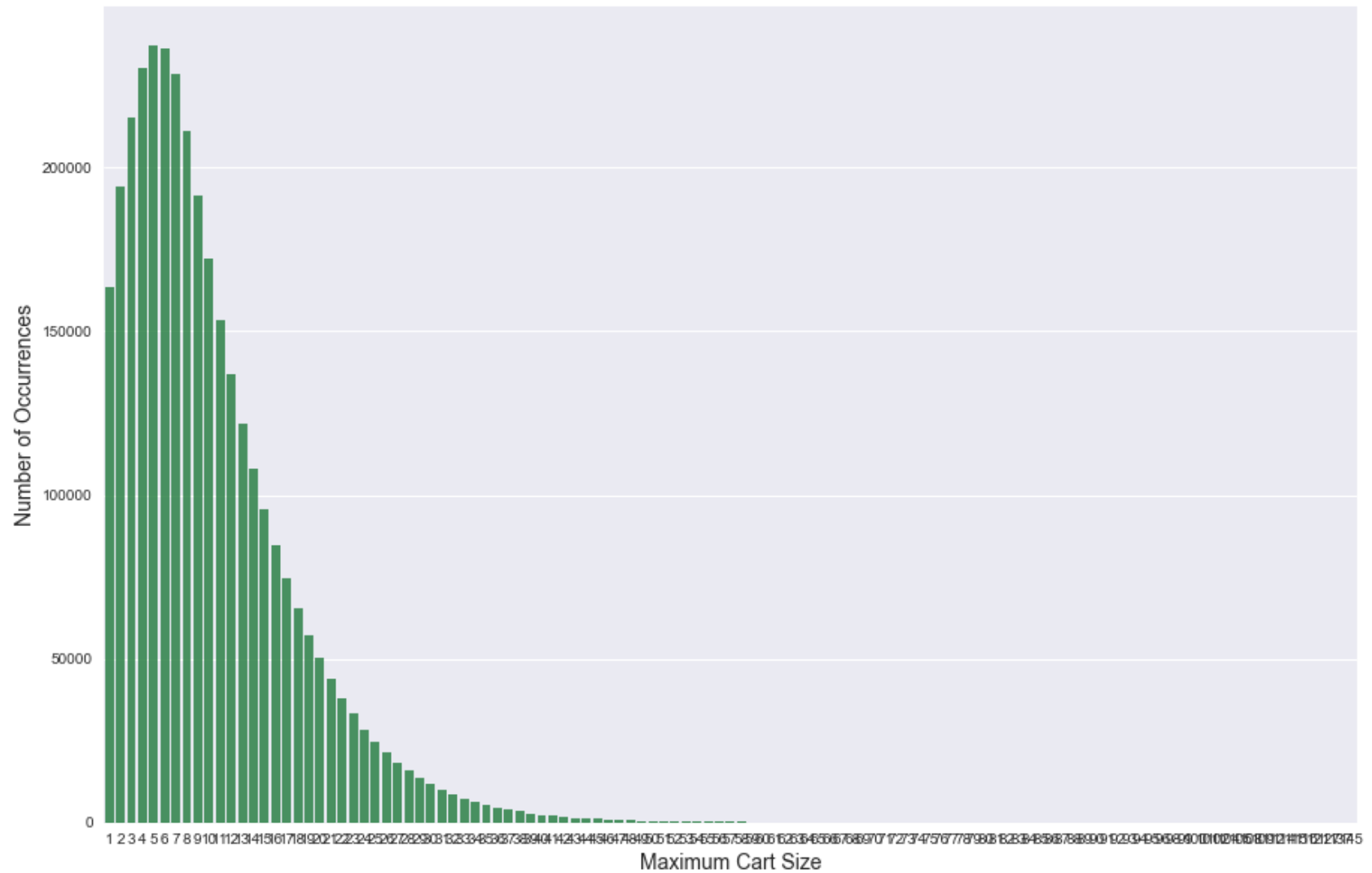


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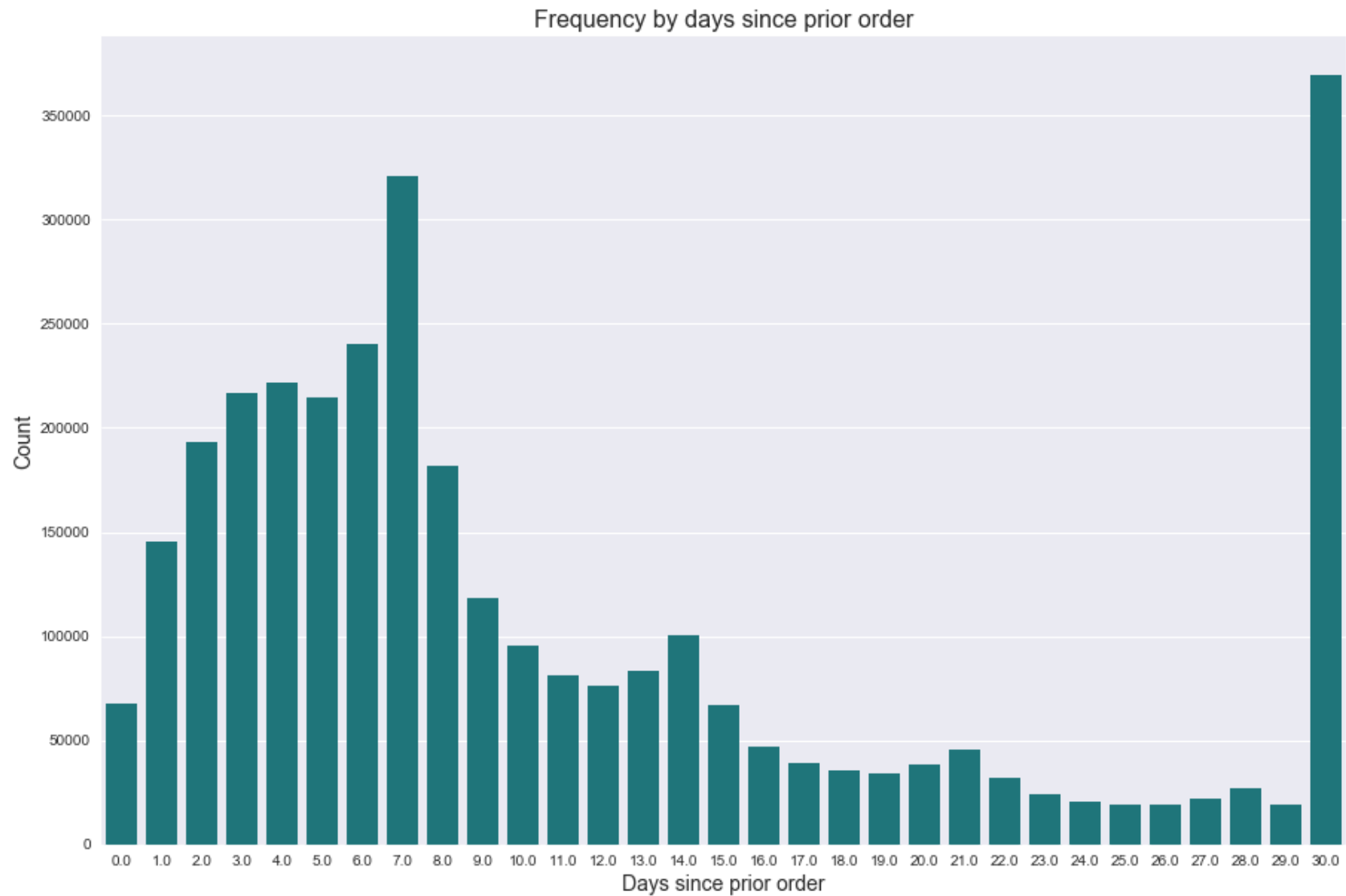
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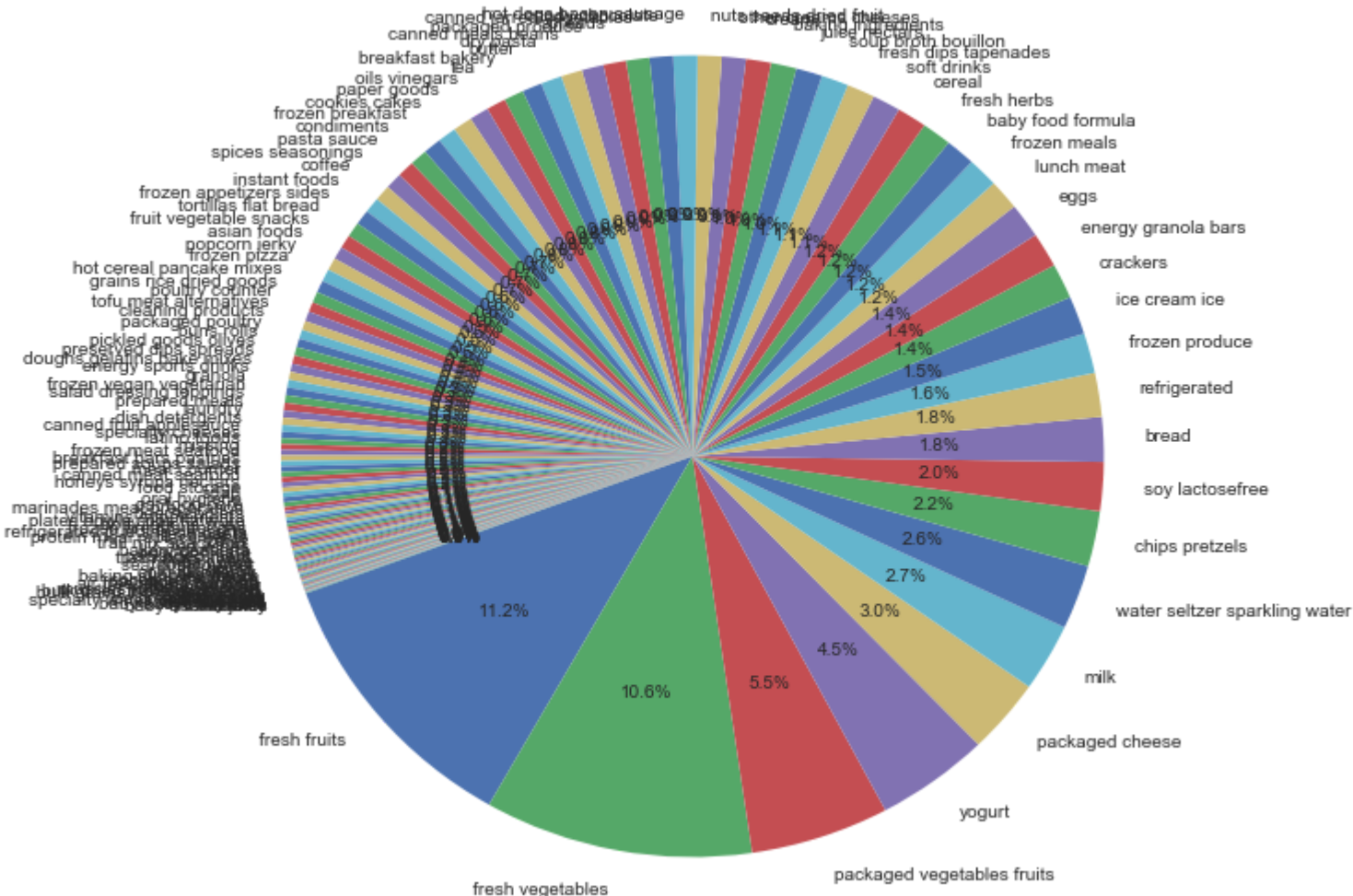
|    | product_name           | frequency_count |
|----|------------------------|-----------------|
| 1  | Banana                 | 491,291         |
| 2  | Bag of Organic Bananas | 394,930         |
| 3  | Organic Strawberries   | 275,577         |
| 4  | Organic Baby Spinach   | 251,705         |
| 5  | Organic Hass Avocado   | 220,877         |
| 6  | Organic Avocado        | 184,224         |
| 7  | Large Lemon            | 160,792         |
| 8  | Strawberries           | 149,445         |
| 9  | Limes                  | 146,660         |
| 10 | Organic Whole Milk     | 142,813         |

|    | aisle                         | frequency_count |
|----|-------------------------------|-----------------|
| 1  | fresh fruits                  | 3,792,661       |
| 2  | fresh vegetables              | 3,568,630       |
| 3  | packaged vegetables fruits    | 1,843,806       |
| 4  | yogurt                        | 1,507,583       |
| 5  | packaged cheese               | 1,021,462       |
| 6  | milk                          | 923,659         |
| 7  | water seltzer sparkling water | 878,150         |
| 8  | chips pretzels                | 753,739         |
| 9  | soy lactosefree               | 664,493         |
| 10 | bread                         | 608,469         |

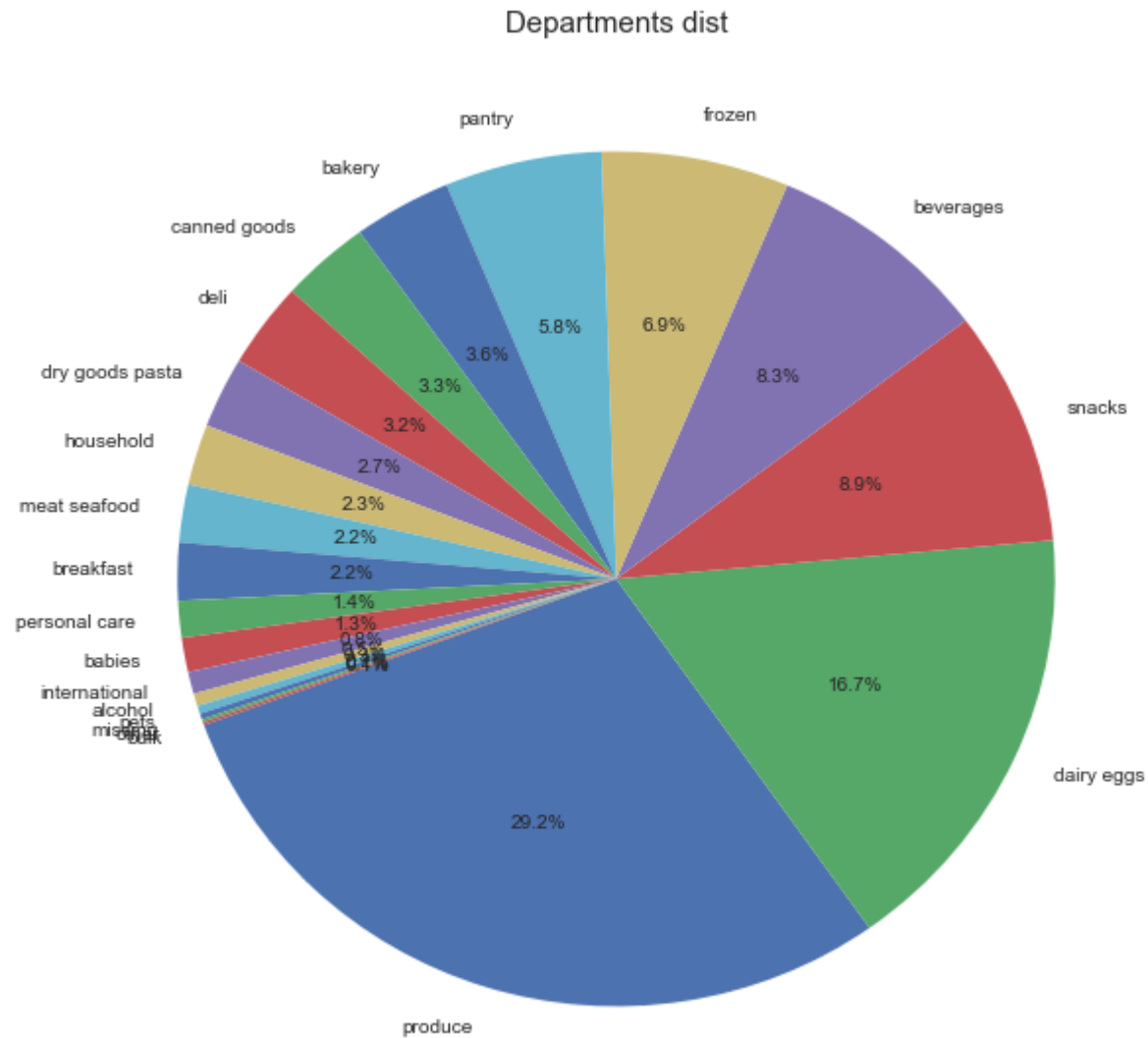
|    | department      | frequency_count |
|----|-----------------|-----------------|
| 1  | produce         | 9,888,378       |
| 2  | dairy eggs      | 5,631,067       |
| 3  | snacks          | 3,006,412       |
| 4  | beverages       | 2,804,175       |
| 5  | frozen          | 2,336,858       |
| 6  | pantry          | 1,956,819       |
| 7  | bakery          | 1,225,181       |
| 8  | canned goods    | 1,114,857       |
| 9  | deli            | 1,095,540       |
| 10 | dry goods pasta | 905,340         |

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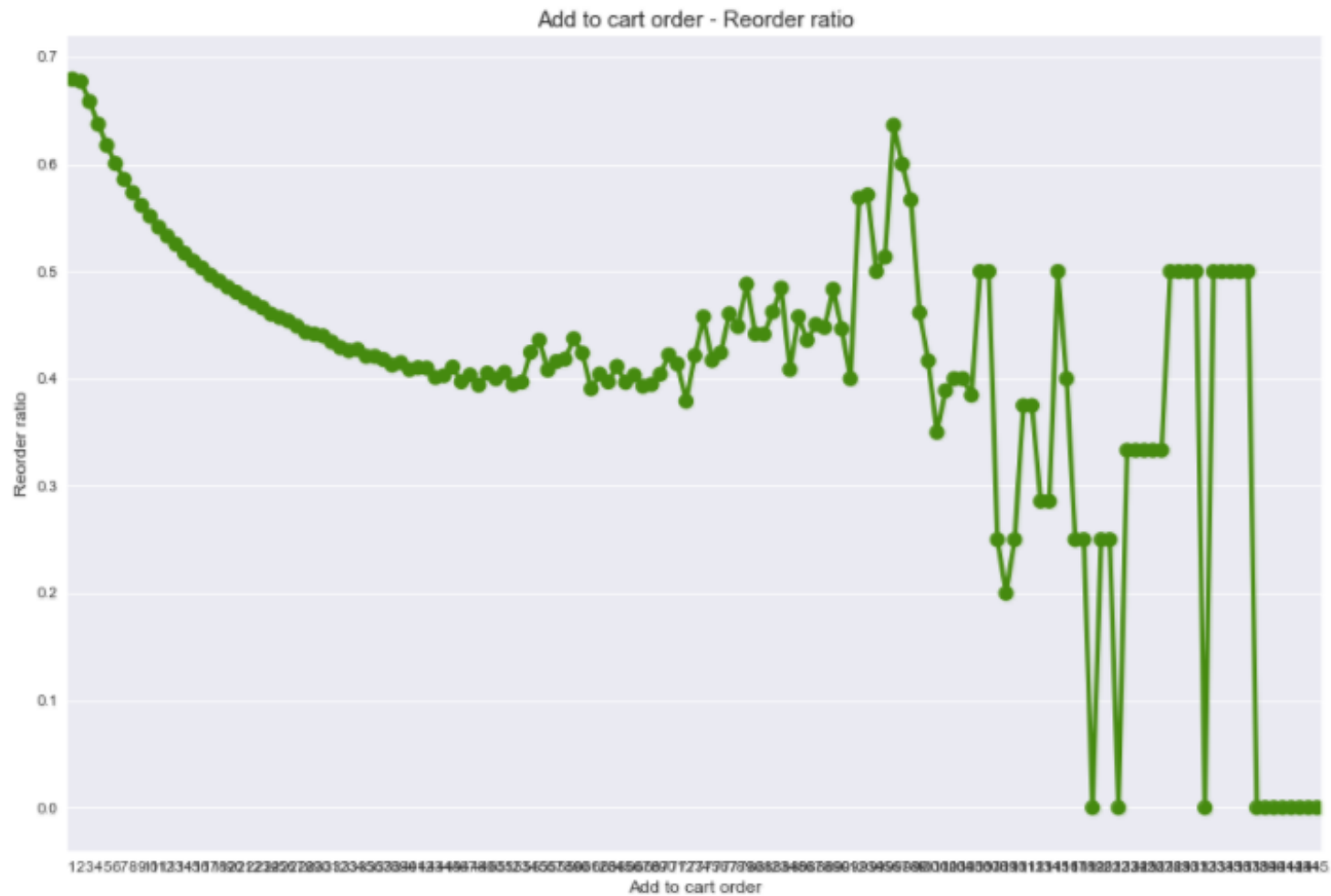
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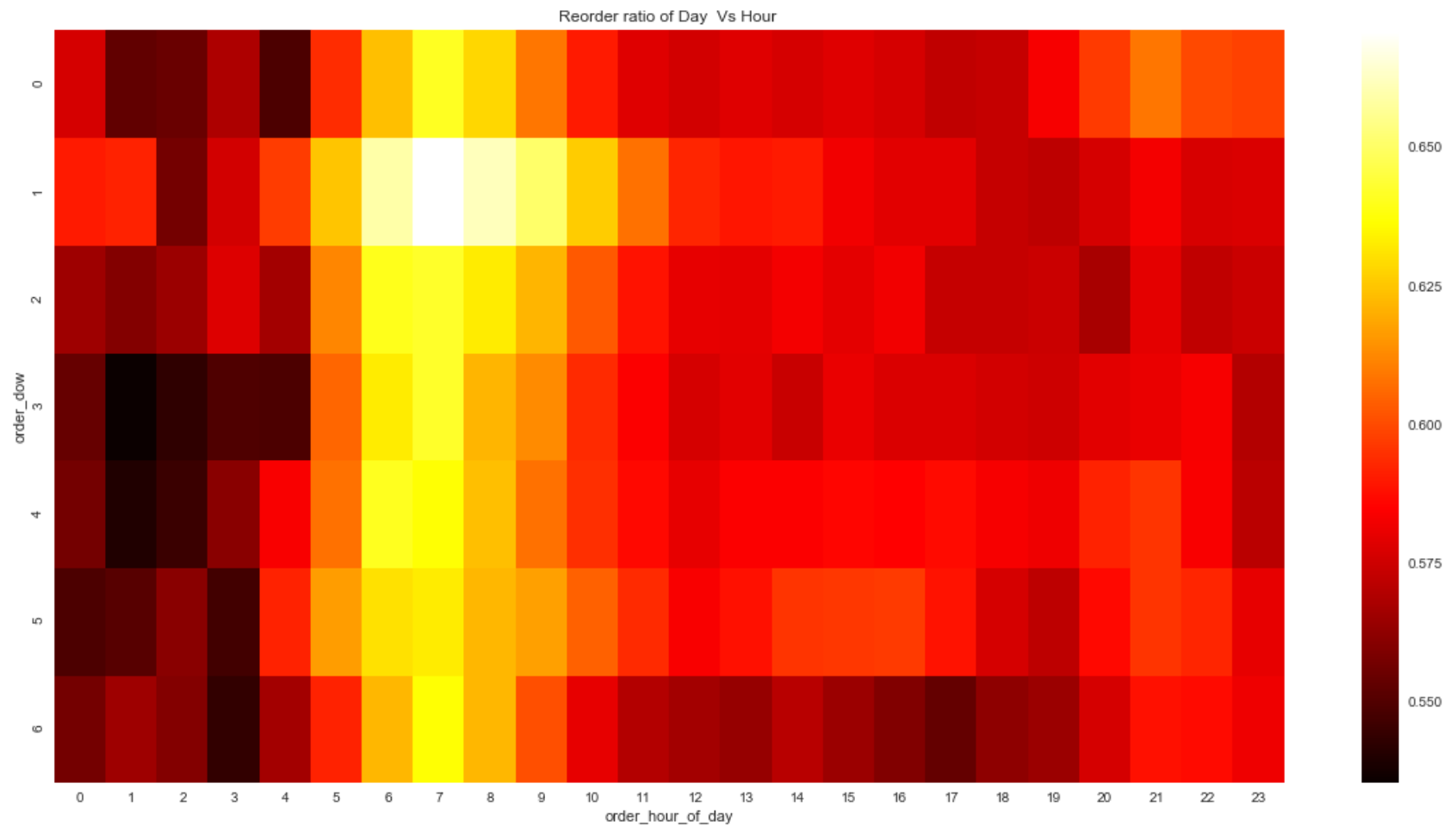
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## ORIGINAL HYPOTHESIS'S

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*Needed more data to easily classify 50K Products into Healthy or not.*

*This didn't really require prediction or classification, it required analysis discovered in the data exploration.*

*Similar case to the second hypothesis, the question can be answer thru analysis.*

# KAGGLE HYPOTHESIS

Use data on customer orders over time to predict which previously purchased products will be in a user's next order.

Possible solutions: Multiclass and multilabel algorithms, Neural Network with Softmax.

*Solutions above my current skill set.*

## PIVOT

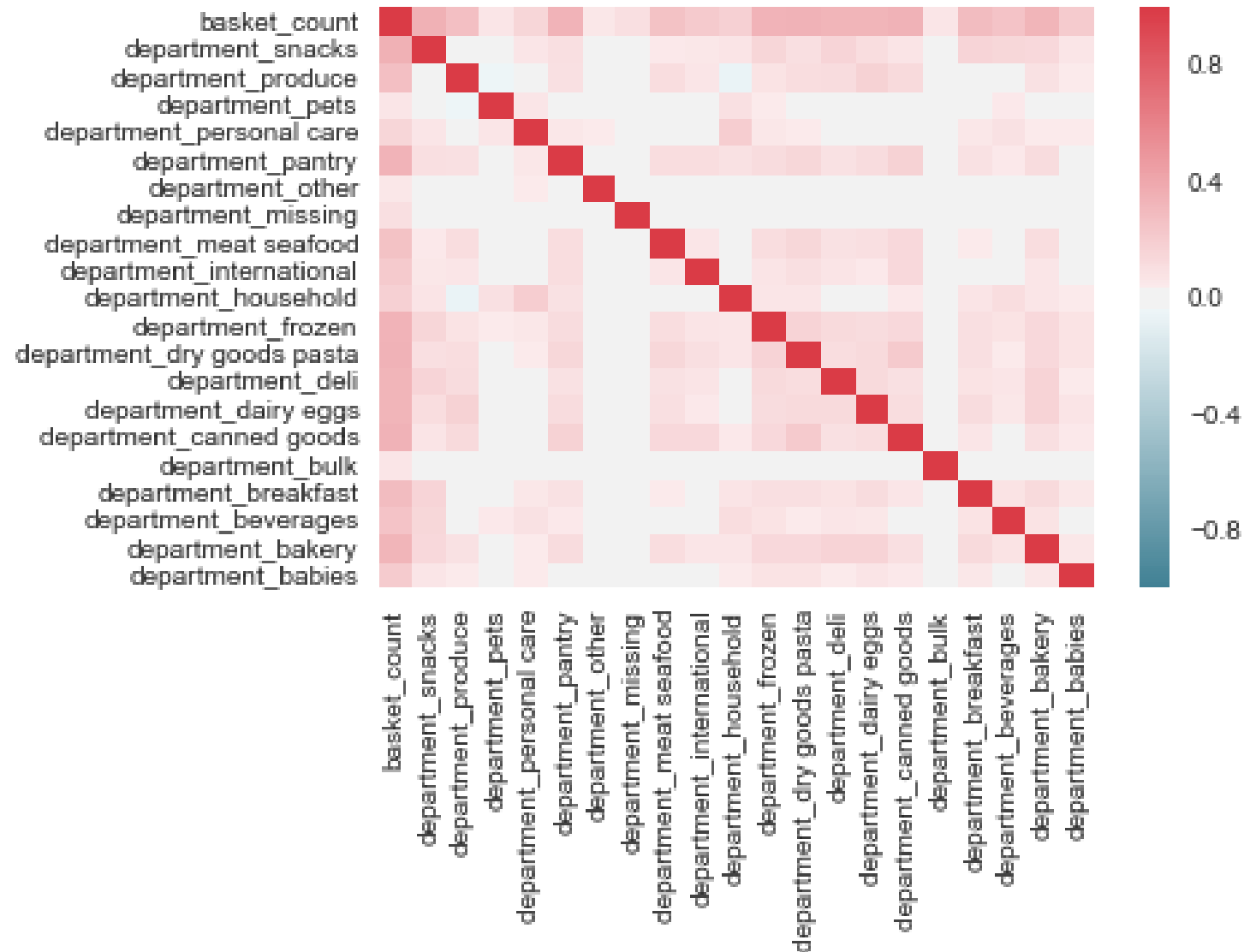
***New Hypothesis:  
Can we predict order size by which  
departments are present in the  
order?***

Manipulated data to get dummies for departments,  
days of the week, and hours of the day,  
and also looked at order number, and days since  
prior order.



# MODEL: VARIABLES

## DEPARTMENTS



# MODEL: VARIABLES DEPARTMENTS

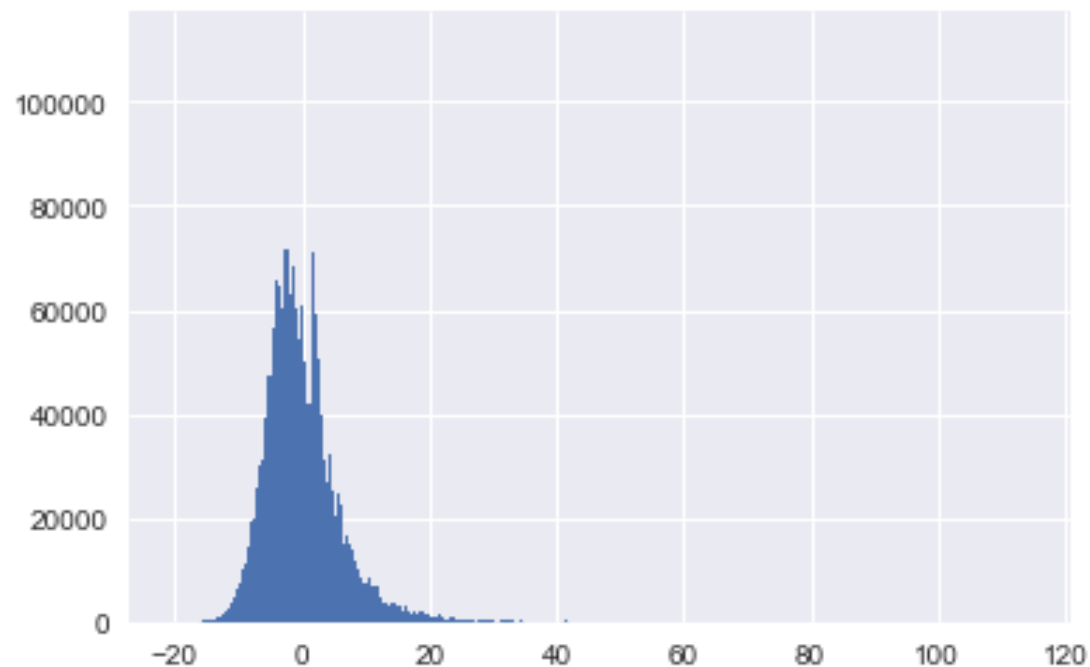
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2.61605598 2.9319955 3.33939645 2.96195038 3.03207047 2.85292723  
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**Y-intercept:** -2.92604698141

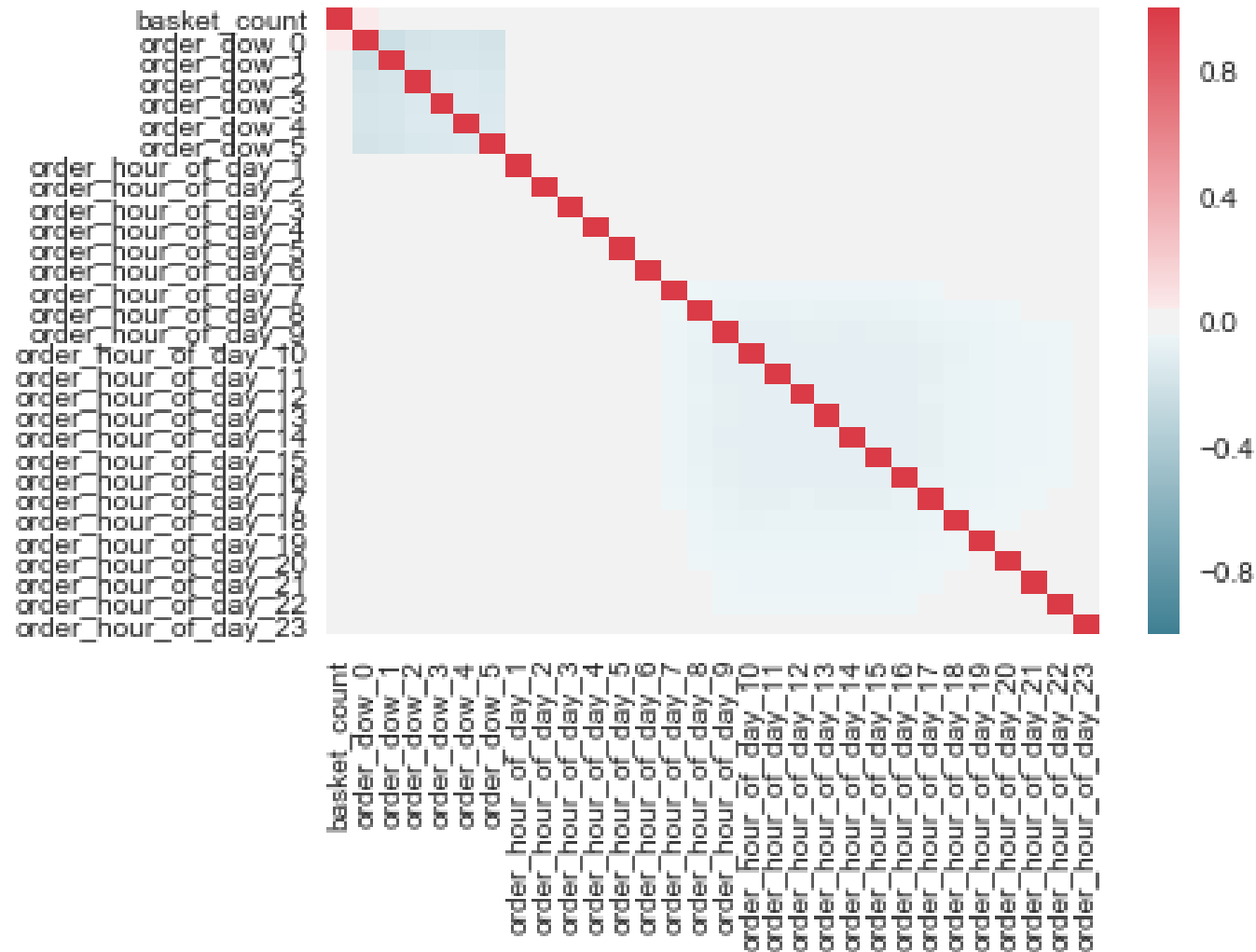
**R-Squared:** 0.601097163272

**Residuals:**



# MODEL: VARIABLES

## DAYS AND HOURS



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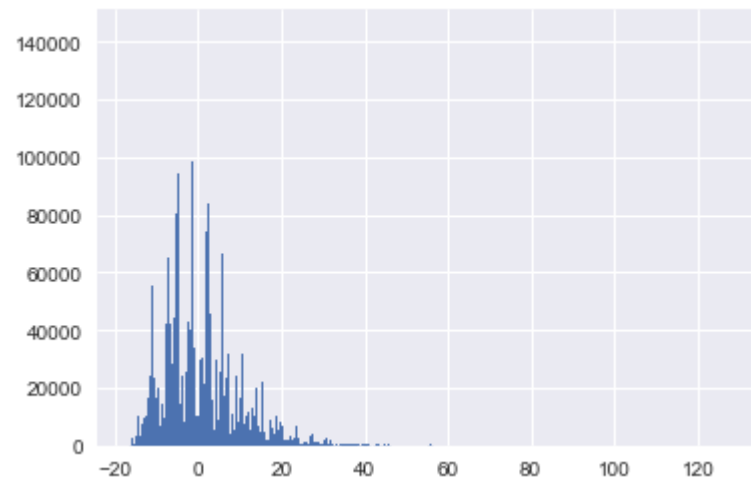
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**Coefficients:** [ 0.18418994 -0.45837851 -1.1376072 -1.45265595 -1.23680608 -0.642327 -0.09237608 -0.2030593 -0.04829538 0.79733612 -0.25169836 0.01043609 -0.12029103 -0.13520175 -0.1746029 -0.10250025 -0.15359368 -0.31604865 -0.4166791 -0.59403056 -0.78505558 -0.96429715 -1.26071563 -1.5879151 -1.57603259 -0.70513684 0.56704196 0.97138459 0.68269736]

**y-intercept:** 16.7917886052

**R-Squared:** 0.00720666247426

**Residuals:**



# MODEL: VARIABLES

## ORDER NUMBER AND DAYS SINCE PRIOR ORDER



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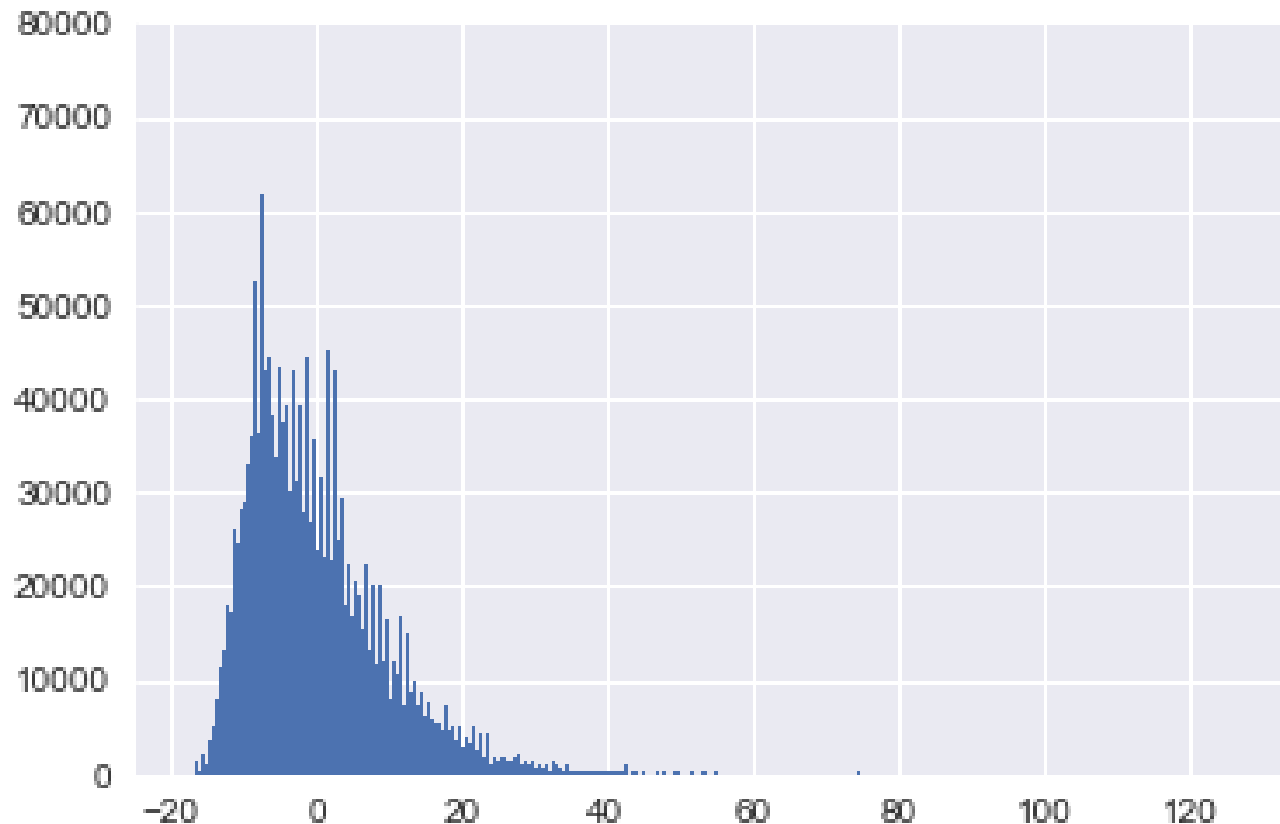
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y-intercept: 14.3829273289

R-Squared: 0.00702686915257

Residuals:



## MODEL: APPROACH

Training Set 500K

Testing Set 500K

Methods:

Ridge Regression

Cross Validation using Grid Search

Model A

Data - not normally distributed

Model B

Normalized Data - Log of Basket Size

# MODEL: RESULTS

## DEPARTMENTS

Model A

Data - not normally distributed

Best Estimator:

Alpha 100

Best Mean Squared Error:

35.840503476209619

Mean Squared Error for Test:

39.800885883718564

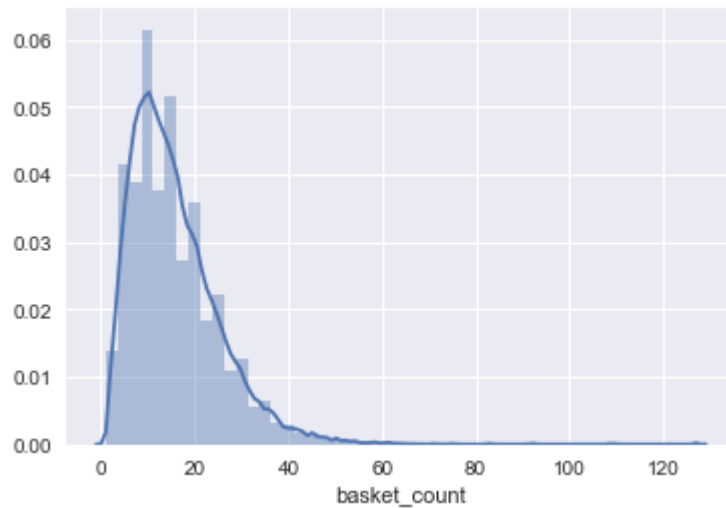
| Variable                   | Importance |
|----------------------------|------------|
| department_missing         | 4.14543    |
| department_produce         | 3.98518    |
| department_other           | 3.96614    |
| department_babies          | 3.75674    |
| department_dairy eggs      | 3.35011    |
| department_snacks          | 3.17812    |
| department_bulk            | 3.0525     |
| department_deli            | 3.04241    |
| department_canned goods    | 3.01161    |
| department_pantry          | 2.89211    |
| department_international   | 2.66301    |
| department_breakfast       | 2.65871    |
| department_beverages       | 2.64515    |
| department_dry goods pasta | 2.56994    |
| department_frozen          | 2.4674     |
| department_bakery          | 2.40537    |
| department_meat seafood    | 2.17706    |
| department_household       | 2.00264    |
| department_personal care   | 1.95393    |
| department_pets            | 1.54572    |



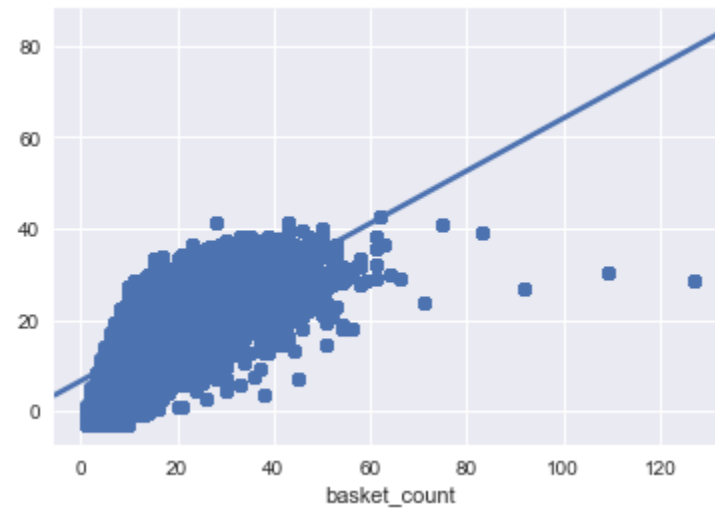
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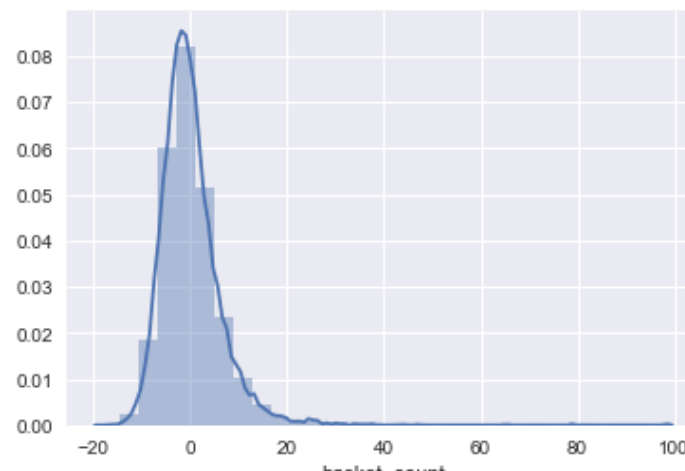
Y Test Set Distribution



Predictions



Predictions Distribution



# MODEL: RESULTS

## DEPARTMENTS

Model B

Normalized Data - Log of Basket Size

Best Estimator:

Alpha 100

Best Mean Squared Error:

0.14410141396282597

Mean Squared Error for Test:

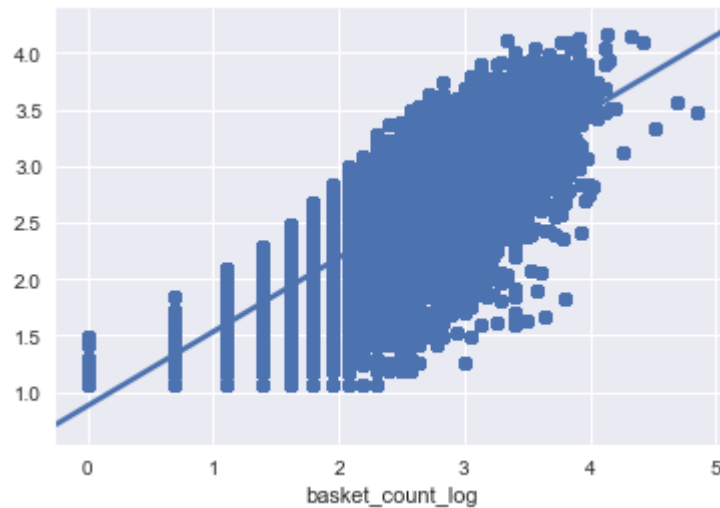
0.14740478309119431

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|----------------------------|------------|
| department_produce         | 0.42579    |
| department_dairy eggs      | 0.36697    |
| department_snacks          | 0.23733    |
| department_missing         | 0.21691    |
| department_pantry          | 0.20508    |
| department_babies          | 0.1956     |
| department_beverages       | 0.19286    |
| department_canned goods    | 0.19279    |
| department_deli            | 0.18825    |
| department_frozen          | 0.18691    |
| department_bulk            | 0.17509    |
| department_bakery          | 0.15755    |
| department_dry goods pasta | 0.1536     |
| department_breakfast       | 0.15335    |
| department_international   | 0.15044    |
| department_other           | 0.14328    |
| department_meat seafood    | 0.13947    |
| department_household       | 0.12326    |
| department_personal care   | 0.1166     |
| department_pets            | 0.10021    |

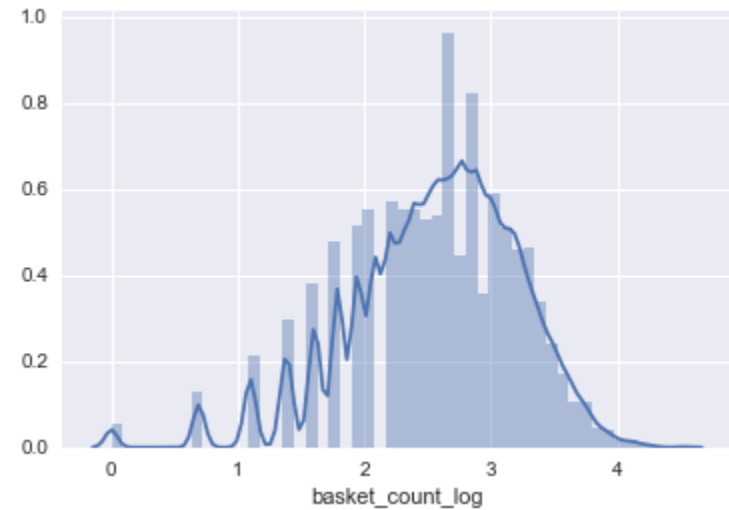
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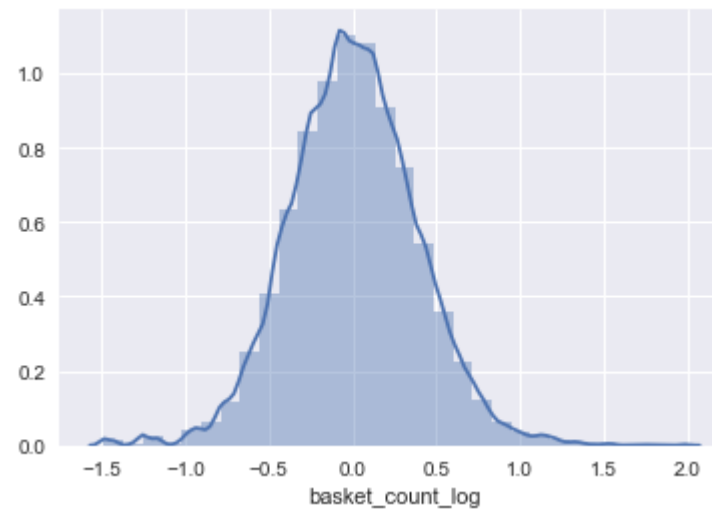
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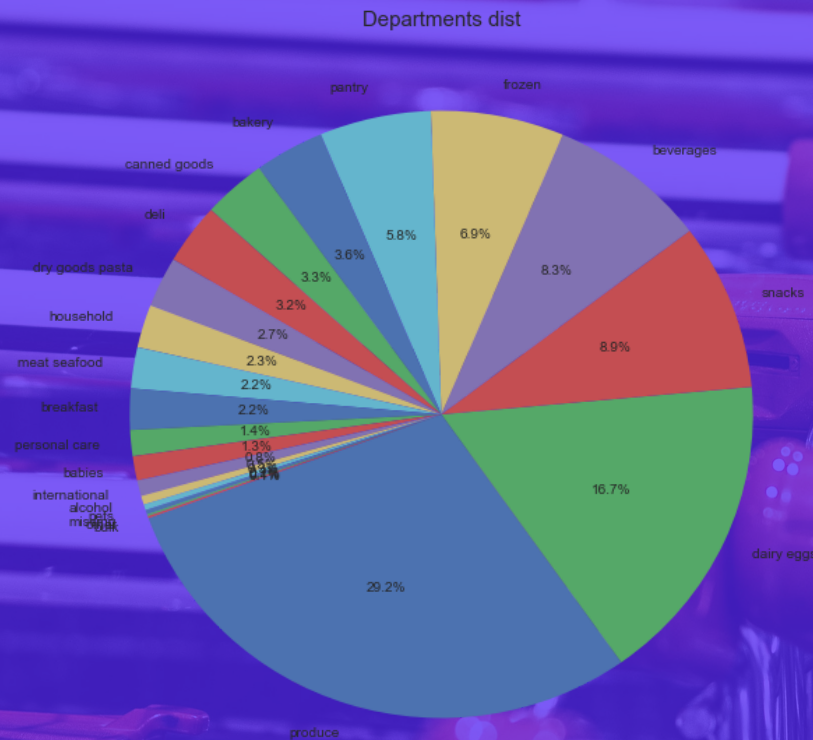


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# CONCLUSION

Our second model supports the importance of the different departments and their relation to the size of an order.



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## Valuable Lessons:

Large Data Sets  
Data size vs Computation Power  
Persistence vs Flexibility

## NEXT STEPS

Grow skill set in order to be able to use models that would be able to take on the Kaggle Hypothesis.

Create more complicated models that would include more variables and perhaps have greater precision.

Look for more data that would allow to draw better conclusions around the products being ordered and their healthiness.

A/B Test on the website the order and display of products according to departments using the information from our model, to see if the suggestions lead to more higher quantity orders.



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***APPENDIX***

<https://github.com/alastra32/hw-datascience/tree/master/Final%20Project>