

# Machine Learning project report on

# Prediction of Sales of a Super Store

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### **Abstract**

Marketing data is one of the renowned data set when it comes to research of how public relation, location and other features effect the companies' turnover out of the given dataset. We are trying to predict the Profits that is dependent in nature. By involving necessary independent variables like location, etc., In this Project we are going to predict the nature of sales in a Super Store.

#### Introduction

The exchange of a commodity for money like clothes, furniture for money, the action of selling something is called Sales and data is the quantities, characters or symbols on which operations are performed by a computer, which may be stored and transmitted in the form of electrical signals and recorded on magnetic etc., In other words simply we can say that things known or assumed as facts, making the basis of reasoning.

There are mainly two types of data

- 1. Categorical data: Data that is collected can be either categorical or numerical data. Numbers often don't make sense unless you assign meaning to those numbers. Categorical data helps you do that Categorical is when numbers are collected in groups or categories. It is further divided into two types
  - Dichotomous: Dichotomous variables are nominal variables which have only two categories (Binary) or levels. For example, if we were looking at gender, we would most probably categorize somebody as either "male" or "female".
  - Non Dichotomous: Non Dichotomous are nominal variables which have more than two categories or levels. For example, if we were looking at grade in a semester, we would categorize many grades (A,B,C,D....).
- 2. Numeric data: Numeric data is a data that is measurable, such as time, height, weight, amount, and so on. You can help yourself identify numeric data by seeing if you can average or order the data in either ascending or descending order.

The Sales data we can assume the facts for making few computations and predictions, also reduce the relation between feature and parameters that leads to higher turnover of the Super Store.

Our data is consistent of both Categorical and Numerical. Here our aim is to drop all the unnecessary features and assign numerical equivalence to categorical features and to perform linear regression to predict the Profits of the company.

## **Optimizing Data**

#### **Independent variables:**

An independent variable is a variable that is manipulated to determine the value of a dependent variable s. The dependent variable is what is being measured in an experiment or evaluated in a mathematical equation and the independent variables are the inputs to that measurement.

#### Dependent variables:

A dependent variable is what you measure in the experiment and what is affected during the experiment. The dependent variable responds to the independent variable. It is called dependent because it "depends" on the independent variable.

From the given dataset we observed that few features doesn't affect our independent variable.

Such features in "16Super\_Stores.csv" were ROW\_ID, Order ID, order date, shipping date, .... Are dropped using drop command.

REPLACING all the categorical data with equivalent numerical data.

In the table attributes of Shipping mode and Segment were categorical in nature, we replaced them with 'replace' command.

In Shipping mode we replaced

- Second Class with 0
- Standard Class with 1
- First Class with 2
- Same Day with 3

#### And in Segment feature we replaced

- Consumer with 0
- Cooperate with 1
- Home Office with 2

## Shape

The **shape** attribute for numpy arrays returns the dimensions of the array.

in shape we were having observations and columns

observations: these are having features

columns: these known to be a set of data

Command: df.shape

We got (2121,21)

Here 2121 are the observations in the dataset and 9 is columns in the data set

SIZE OF THE DATA SET:

#### Features:

These are the input values of given data set

Row ID: Database server identifies each data row in the table with a unique int

row id. Row id identifies the location of row.

- Order ID: Order id is a number system, used to identify your transaction.
- Order Date: A customers last order date is the data on which their last order with your

store was placed.

- Ship Date: The date on which goods are sent out to a customer.
- Ship Mode: The shipping mode is a way of shipping goods
  - > Same day:
  - > Frist class:
  - > Second class:
  - > Standard class:
- Customer ID: A customer id is assigned to each of our accounts for purposes of order

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• Customer Name: A customer is an individual or business that purchases anothe r

Company's goods or services

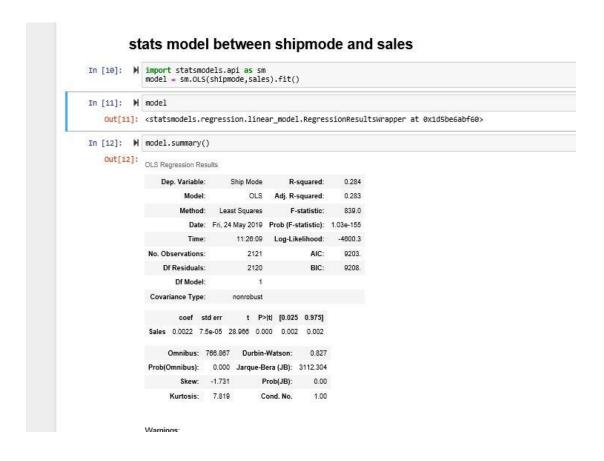
• Segment: each of the parts into which something is divided

- Country:
- 'City'
- 'State'
- 'Postal Code'
- 'Region',
- 'Product ID'
- 'Category'
- 'Sub-Category'
- 'Product Name'
- 'Sales'
- 'Quantity'
- 'Discount'
- 'Profit'

## **Exploratory Data Analysis**

#### EDA for Ship Mode VS Sales

From the boxplot of the given data we can say that neither there are many outliers in the data so it decreases the Accuracy. From the Distribution graph its neither evenly distributed nor the graph resembles a bell.



#### EDA for Product ID and Sales

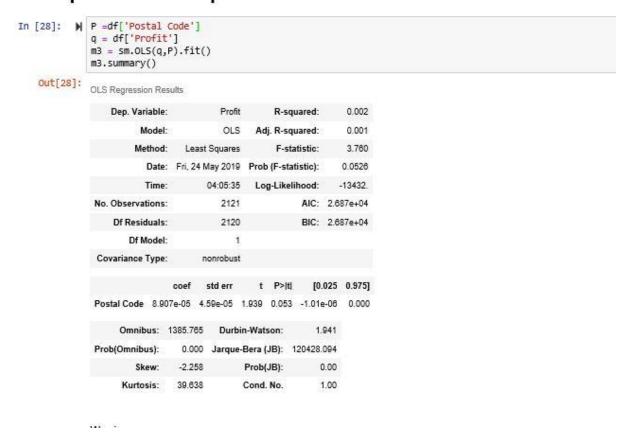
Comparing the product ID and Sales we can get to know that there are about 364 unique product Id's and the Product ID 10001095 has the number of repetitions. It has appeared 21 times in the data set.

The mean of the profit set is 8.699327 and the profit for about 32 products is 0.00.

#### EDA for PC and profit

From the scatter plot between profit and postal code we can say that all the profit and loses counts are almost similar. From the boxplot of postal code there are no outliers.

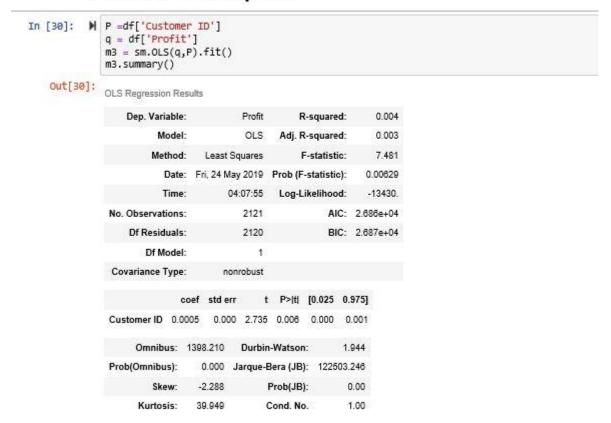
#### postalcode and profit



#### EDA for CID and profit

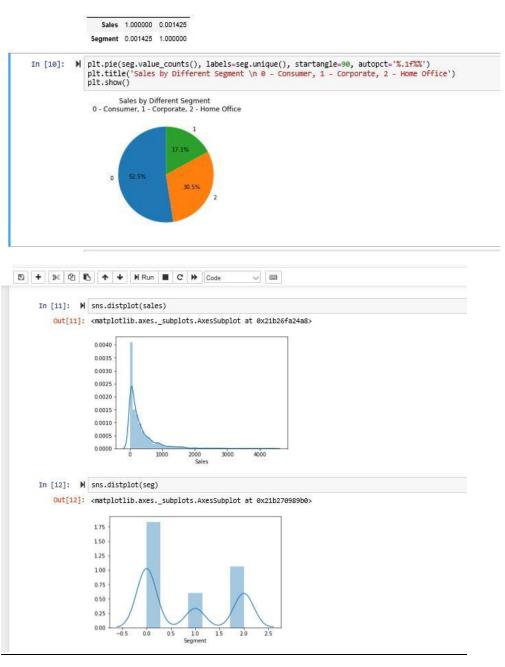
From the customer id and the regular customers who visited the store contributed randomly to the profits as well as loses. So we can say that no fixed customer to generate more profit even if the sales are more.

## **Customer ID and profit**

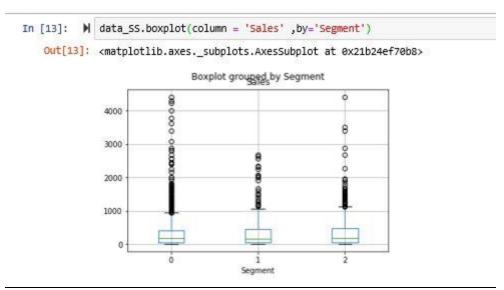


#### **EDA for Segment and Sales**

More number of sales were driven by the segments which are having the observations "Consumers" and followed by "Corporates" and finally by "Home Office" contributing 52.5%,17.1%,30.5% respectively. Even though the sales distribution curve resembles the bell curve the distribution curve of segment does not resemble bell curve even after normalization.



Segment



#### EDA for Model1

Reason for choosing this model is because this model shows accuracy of 24.03% low RMSE value compared to other train split models and high R2 values. From this scatter plot between the test value and predicted value. We can say that it is almost linear but not perfectly accurate because all the values are not uniquely mapped. By drawing the mean curve we can say that both profit and loses are almost numerically equal.

Accuracy = 26

RMSE = 117

R2 = 0.2651

#### EDA for Model2

Reason for choosing this model is because this model shows accuracy of 24.03% low RMSE value compared to other tran\_split models and high R2 values. From this scatter plot between the test value and predicted value. We can say that it is almost linear but not perfectly accurate because all the values are not uniquely mapped.

Accuracy = 0.24

RMSE = 116.652

R2 = 0.208

From the model 1 and model 2 passing on same inputs which is already provided in the given data set.

Model1 predicted = -111 as profits.

Model2 predicted = 83632 as profits which is an outlier value.

Which is nearer to the actual value 43333. Hence making model2 much more feasible.

# **Conclusion**

From the above inferences we conclude that most of the values are in negative i.e the company's profits are negative which means the company is running in losses due to orders from specific postal codes and type of shipping modes as well as the discounts offered on the products are high.

The super store should stop providing high discounts at specific postal codes and also in should increase the charges of the shipping modes.

If the company keeps performing like this then very soon the company would be shut down.

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