Key Drivers of Superstore Revenue & Profitability

Insights by Region and Category to Guide Strategic Decisions

Project Summary: End-to-end analysis of Superstore sales data using Excel and Python to identify revenue and margin drivers and recommend targeted actions.

Problem / Goal: The business needed a concise view of which regions and product categories drive revenue and profit — and where margin improvements would have the most impact.

Approach:

- Performed data cleaning and validation.
- Built Excel pivot analyses to quickly explore business KPIs for stakeholders.
- Reproduced analyses in a Python notebook for transparency and automation.
- Created executive slide visualizing Sales & Profit by Region and Profit by Category.

Key Results:

- West region accounts for the highest sales and profit (top region).
- Technology category yields the largest profits per unit; Furniture shows low margins.
- Identified target: optimize Furniture pricing/promotions and review shipping or discount policies in underperforming regions.

Actionable Recommendations:

- Margin recovery in Furniture: Review supplier terms, increase price on low-demand SKUs, and test targeted promotions.
- Regional playbook: Replicate high-performance tactics from the West in the South with tailored promotions and inventory allocation.
- Monitor & automate: Build a weekly dashboard to track margin by category and region; automate anomaly alerts (discount spikes, negative margin orders).

Deliverables:

- Superstore_Analysis.xlsx Excel pivots & charts
- Superstore_Analysis.ipynb & Superstore_Analysis.html Reproducible notebook
- Sales_Analysis.pptx Executive summary slide

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Repository: https://github.com/edaraja/superstore-sales-analysis