# IXIS Data Science Challenge Script

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### 1. Calling Relevant Libraries and Data

```
# set working directory to the current directory of the script
knitr::opts_knit$set(root.dir = getwd())
```

Set working directory data directory

```
# Calling tidyverse for transforming and representing our data
library('openxlsx') # for excel functionality
library('tidyverse') #For data cleaning and presentation
```

#### Load libraries

```
# Calling sessionCounts
sessionCounts <- read.csv("raw_data/DataAnalyst_Ecom_data_sessionCounts.csv")
# Calling addsToCart
addsToCart <- read.csv("raw_data/DataAnalyst_Ecom_data_addsToCart.csv")</pre>
```

#### Load data

### 2. Data Exploration and Cleaning

First we can get a sense of the data and check for null values.

```
# Session Counts:
glimpse(sessionCounts)
```

#### Session counts data:

```
## dim_browser
                     dim_deviceCategory
                                         dim_date
                                                            sessions
## Length:7734
                     Length:7734
                                       Length:7734
                                                         Min.
                                                                    0
## Class :character
                     Class :character
                                       Class : character
                                                         1st Qu.:
                                                                    3
## Mode :character Mode :character
                                       Mode :character
                                                                   23
                                                         Median :
##
                                                         Mean
                                                              : 1347
##
                                                         3rd Qu.: 772
##
                                                         Max. :43559
##
    transactions
                         QTY
## Min. : 0.00 Min. :
                               0.00
## 1st Qu.:
             0.00
                   1st Qu.:
                               0.00
## Median : 0.00
                  Median :
                               0.00
         : 32.28
## Mean
                    Mean : 58.29
                    3rd Qu.: 12.00
## 3rd Qu.: 9.00
## Max.
        :1398.00
                    Max. :2665.00
#Check for null values
if (anyNA(sessionCounts)) {
 sessionCounts <- na.omit(sessionCounts) # Removes rows with NA values
```

```
sessionCounts <- na.omit(sessionCounts) # Removes rows with NA values
print("NA values found and removed")
} else {
  print("No NA values found")
}</pre>
```

## [1] "No NA values found"

```
# Adds to Cart:
glimpse(addsToCart)
```

#### Adds to Cart data:

```
## Rows: 12
## Columns: 3
               <int> 2012, 2012, 2012, 2012, 2012, 2012, 2013, 2013, 2013, 2013, ~
## $ dim year
## $ dim_month <int> 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
## $ addsToCart <int> 191504, 217666, 123726, 139803, 186572, 168972, 147619, 135~
# Adds to Cart Summary:
summary(addsToCart)
##
      dim year
                  dim month
                                  addsToCart
         :2012 Min. : 1.00 Min.
## Min.
                                        :107970
                1st Qu.: 3.75
                                1st Qu.:132843
## 1st Qu.:2012
## Median: 2012 Median: 6.50 Median: 143711
## Mean
         :2012
                Mean : 6.50 Mean
                                       :154173
                 3rd Qu.: 9.25 3rd Qu.:184525
## 3rd Qu.:2013
## Max.
        :2013
                 Max. :12.00 Max. :217666
# Check for and handle NA values
if (anyNA(addsToCart)) {
 addsToCart <- na.omit(addsToCart) # Removes rows with NA values
 print("NA values found and removed")
} else {
 print("No NA values found")
```

## [1] "No NA values found"

#### Convert Data Types

Check for Outliers We can calculate the z-score to determine the data's relationship to the mean.

```
sessionCounts$z_scores_transactions <- (sessionCounts$transactions -</pre>
                                        mean(sessionCounts$transactions)
                                      ) / sd(sessionCounts$transactions)
# QTY
sessionCounts$z_scores_QTY <- (sessionCounts$QTY -</pre>
                               mean(sessionCounts$QTY)
                             ) / sd(sessionCounts$QTY)
#Reveal Outliers
# This dataset will include any category row above 3.5 standard deviations from
# the mean
outliers <- sessionCounts[sessionCounts$z_scores_sessions > 3.5 |
                         sessionCounts$z_scores_transactions > 3.5 |
                         sessionCounts$z_scores_QTY > 3.5, ]
# This dataset will only include a row where ALL categories are
# above 3.5 standard deviations from the mean.
outliers_strict <- sessionCounts[sessionCounts$z_scores_sessions > 3.5 &
                               sessionCounts$z_scores_transactions > 3.5 &
                                sessionCounts$z_scores_QTY > 3.5, ]
summary(outliers_strict)
##
              dim browser dim deviceCategory
                                               dim date
                                                                   sessions
## Safari
                    :43
                         desktop:26
                                            Min. :2012-07-05 Min.
                                                                     :14251
## Chrome
                    :17
                         mobile :15
                                            1st Qu.:2013-01-11
                                                                1st Qu.:16612
                                            Median :2013-04-16
                                                                Median :21204
## Internet Explorer: 0
                         tablet :19
## Edge
                    : 0
                                            Mean :2013-03-20
                                                                Mean :22981
## Firefox
                                            3rd Qu.:2013-06-06
                                                                3rd Qu.:27868
                    : 0
## Safari (in-app) : 0
                                                 :2013-06-29
                                                                Max.
                                                                       :42592
## (Other)
                    : 0
   transactions
                                    z_scores_sessions z_scores_transactions
##
                         QTY
## Min. : 380.0 Min. : 712.0 Min. : 3.561 Min. : 3.537
                                                     1st Qu.: 4.565
## 1st Qu.: 481.0
                   1st Qu.: 876.8 1st Qu.: 4.213
## Median: 615.5 Median: 1103.5 Median: 5.480 Median: 5.933
## Mean : 680.2
                   Mean :1263.0 Mean : 5.971 Mean : 6.592
                   3rd Qu.:1498.0 3rd Qu.: 7.319
## 3rd Qu.: 820.0
                                                     3rd Qu.: 8.014
## Max. :1398.0
                   Max. :2665.0 Max. :11.383
                                                     Max. :13.894
##
##
   z_scores_QTY
## Min. : 3.538
## 1st Qu.: 4.429
## Median: 5.657
## Mean : 6.520
## 3rd Qu.: 7.792
## Max. :14.107
# This data set groups session, transaction, and QTY values by browser and
# category.
aggregated data <- sessionCounts %>%
 group_by(dim_browser, dim_deviceCategory) %>%
```

```
summarise(
    Mean_Sessions = mean(sessions),
    Mean_Transactions = mean(transactions),
    Mean_QTY = mean(QTY)
  ) %>%
  ungroup()
## 'summarise()' has grouped output by 'dim_browser'. You can override using the
## '.groups' argument.
# Finding the highest value combination of device and browser
top_sessions <- aggregated_data[which.max(aggregated_data$Mean_Sessions), ]
top_transactions <- aggregated_data[which.max(aggregated_data$Mean_Transactions), ]
top_qty <- aggregated_data[which.max(aggregated_data$Mean_QTY), ]</pre>
# Display results
top_sessions
## # A tibble: 1 x 5
     dim_browser dim_deviceCategory Mean_Sessions Mean_Transactions Mean_QTY
##
     <fct>
                 <fct>
                                             <dbl>
                                                                <dbl>
                                                                         <dbl>
                                            12387.
                                                                 168.
                                                                          298.
## 1 Safari
                 mobile
top_transactions
## # A tibble: 1 x 5
##
     dim_browser dim_deviceCategory Mean_Sessions Mean_Transactions Mean_QTY
                                                                <dbl>
##
     <fct>
                 <fct>
                                             <dbl>
                                                                         <dbl>
## 1 Chrome
                                             8689.
                                                                 266.
                                                                          507.
                 desktop
top_qty
## # A tibble: 1 x 5
     dim_browser dim_deviceCategory Mean_Sessions Mean_Transactions Mean_QTY
##
     <fct>
                 <fct>
                                             <dbl>
                                                                <dbl>
                                                                         <dbl>
                                             8689.
                                                                 266.
                                                                          507.
## 1 Chrome
                 desktop
```

There are a few conclusions we can take from this:

- Safari and Desktop users had the highest number of rows where all categories were higher 3.5 standard deviations from the mean
- Safari and mobile was the best combination for a high number of sessions
- Chrome and Desktop was the best combination for a higher number of transactions and quantity.

#### 3. Data Manipulation and Analysis

Now the simplest way to consolidate Session Counts and Adds to Cart is to merge them by date. The most accurate way to do this is by creating a month and year column for Session Counts to be compatible with Adds to Cart.

The mutate function will add new columns to our Session Counts We will simultaneously add an e-commerce conversion rate column for later analysis.

Note that there are some zero values under the Sessions column, which indicates a user may not have interacted with the site. We'll set any NaNs to 0 so they will not contribute to our summations later on.

```
sessionCounts$dim_year <- year(sessionCounts$dim_date)</pre>
sessionCounts <- sessionCounts %>%
  mutate(dim month = month(dim date, label = TRUE),
         ECR = if else(sessions > 0, transactions / sessions, 0))
#It could be important to figure out if there are rows where transactions > 0,
#but sessions = 0, this could indicate some kind of error
error rows <- sessionCounts %>%
 filter(transactions > 0, sessions == 0) # Filter to find errors
error_rows
##
    dim browser dim deviceCategory dim date sessions transactions QTY
## 1
                           desktop 2012-08-06
                                                     Ω
        Maxthon
## 2 SeaMonkey
                           desktop 2012-12-31
                                                      0
## z_scores_sessions z_scores_transactions z_scores_QTY dim_year dim_month ECR
## 1
                                 -0.3080454 -0.3154742
           -0.3717882
                                                              2012
                                 -0.3080454
## 2
           -0.3717882
                                              -0.2884144
                                                              2012
                                                                         Dec
# Note that under Adds To Cart, the month is written in numerical form,
# for ease of readability, we'll convert this to words. For each numeric month
# we'll go in and switch to an abbreviated and ordered factor like in
# Session Counts
if("dim_month" %in% names(addsToCart) && is.numeric(addsToCart$dim_month)) {
  addsToCart <- addsToCart %>%
   mutate(dim_month = factor(month.abb[dim_month],
                              levels = month.abb,
                              ordered = TRUE)) # Create an ordered factor
                                                # Replace month numbers with abb.
} else {
  print("dim_month column missing or not numeric")
# Note that the year column in Session Counts is written as a double data class
# so we will convert the year column in Adds To Cart to match.
addsToCart <- addsToCart %>%
  mutate(dim_year = as.double(dim_year))
glimpse(addsToCart)
## Rows: 12
## Columns: 3
              <dbl> 2012, 2012, 2012, 2012, 2012, 2012, 2013, 2013, 2013, 2013,~
## $ dim_year
## $ dim_month <ord> Jul, Aug, Sep, Oct, Nov, Dec, Jan, Feb, Mar, Apr, May, Jun
## $ addsToCart <int> 191504, 217666, 123726, 139803, 186572, 168972, 147619, 135~
```

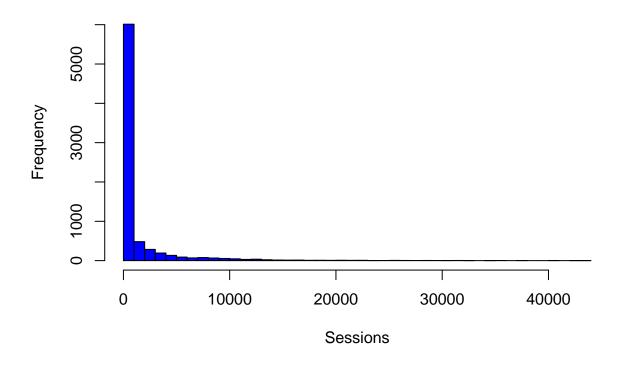
#### glimpse(sessionCounts)

```
## Rows: 7,734
## Columns: 12
## $ dim browser
                          <fct> Safari, Internet Explorer, Chrome, Amazon Silk, ~
## $ dim_deviceCategory
                          <fct> tablet, desktop, tablet, tablet, mobile, tablet,~
## $ dim_date
                          <date> 2012-07-01, 2012-07-01, 2012-07-01, 2012-07-01,~
## $ sessions
                          <int> 2928, 1106, 474, 235, 178, 120, 10, 9, 5, 4, 4, ~
## $ transactions
                          <int> 127, 28, 3, 4, 6, 7, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, ~
                          <int> 221, 0, 13, 5, 11, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, ~
## $ QTY
## $ z scores sessions
                          <dbl> 0.43628082, -0.06655450, -0.24097378, -0.3069329~
## $ z_scores_transactions <dbl> 0.9636004, -0.0435431, -0.2978723, -0.2876991, -~
## $ z_scores_QTY
                          <dbl> 0.8805708, -0.3154742, -0.2451186, -0.2884144, -~
                          <dbl> 2012, 2012, 2012, 2012, 2012, 2012, 2012, 2012, ~
## $ dim_year
                          ## $ dim_month
## $ ECR
                          <dbl> 0.043374317, 0.025316456, 0.006329114, 0.0170212~
# Now we can merge Session Counts and Adds to Cart
combined_data <- full_join(addsToCart, sessionCounts,</pre>
                          by = c("dim month", "dim year"))
# Now we can explore some relationships in the consolidated data
```

Note that browsers Maxthon and SeaMonkey may deliver unreliable data to Google Analytics because the user would need to have interacted with the sight to have followed through on a transaction.

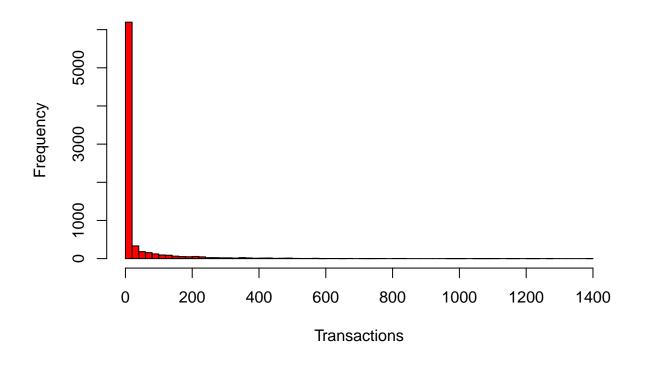
We'll want to look at each variable individually to get a thorough understanding of the combined data.

# **Histogram of Sessions**



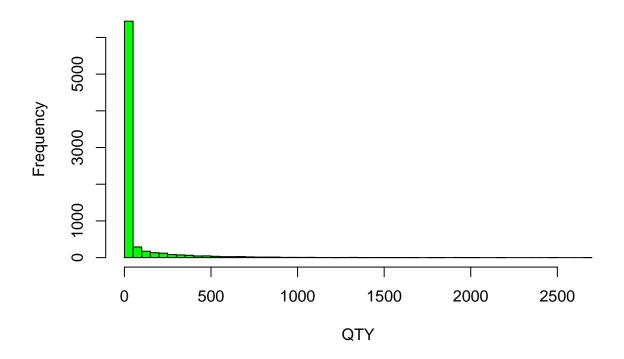
```
# Transactions histogram
hist(combined_data$transactions,
    main="Histogram of Transactions",
    xlab="Transactions",
    col="red",
    breaks=50)
```

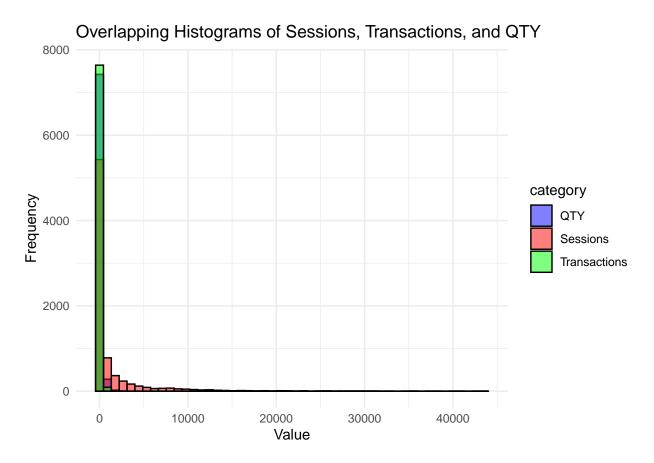
# **Histogram of Transactions**



```
# QTY histogram
hist(combined_data$QTY,
    main="Histogram of QTY",
    xlab="QTY",
    col="green",
    breaks=50)
```

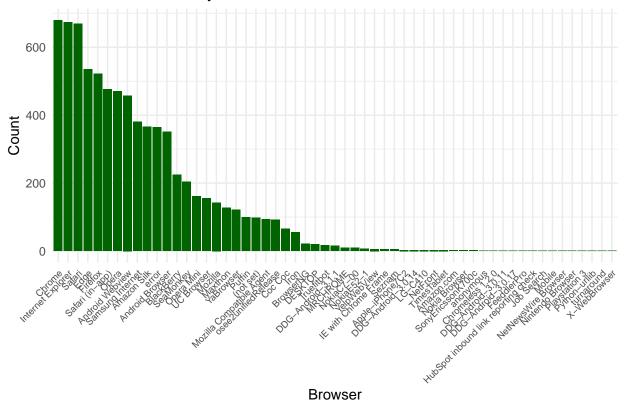
# **Histogram of QTY**





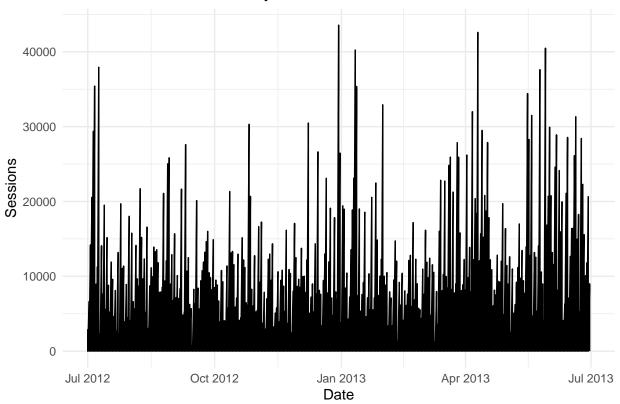
The raw data appears to follow a negative-binomial distribution, because the data highly skewed to the right and clustered near the origin.

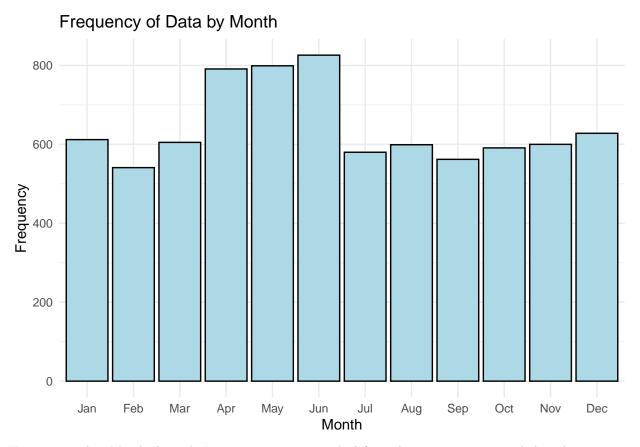
# Count of Sessions by Browser



## # Rotate x labels for better readability

# Time Series of Sessions by Date



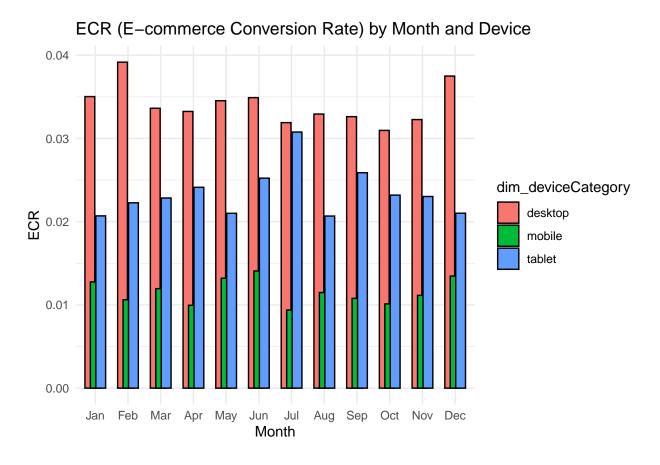


Here we see that March through June were on average ideal for website engagement and that there was an unpredictable timeline of session count through this year.

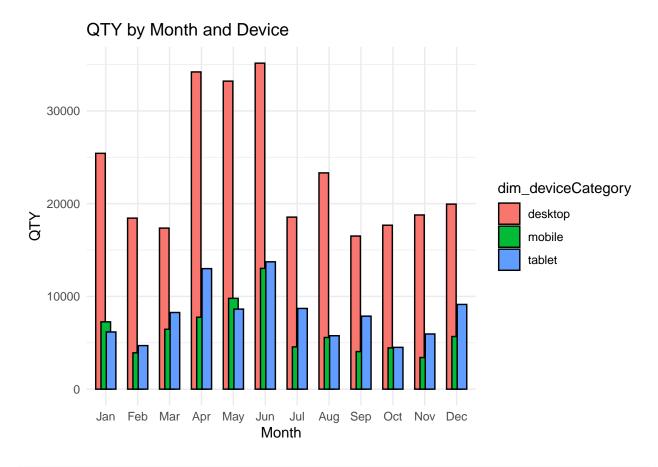
## 4. Aggregation

```
# Aggregate data by Month and Device for sheet one including Sessions,
# Transactions, QTY, and ECR
monthDevice <- combined data %>%
  group_by(dim_month, dim_deviceCategory) %>%
  summarise(
   Sessions = sum(sessions), #total number of sessions for each group
   Transactions = sum(transactions), #total number of transactions for each group
   QTY = sum(QTY), #total QTY for each group
   ECR = sum(transactions) / sum(sessions),
    .groups = 'drop' # This drops the grouping structure
  )
# Plotting Transactions by Month and Device
monDevTrans <- ggplot(monthDevice, aes(x = dim_month, y = Transactions, fill
                                       = dim_deviceCategory)) +
  geom_bar(stat = "identity", position
           = position_dodge(width = 0.5), color = "black") +
  labs(title = "Transactions by Month and Device", x = "Month",
      y = "Transactions") +
  theme minimal()
```

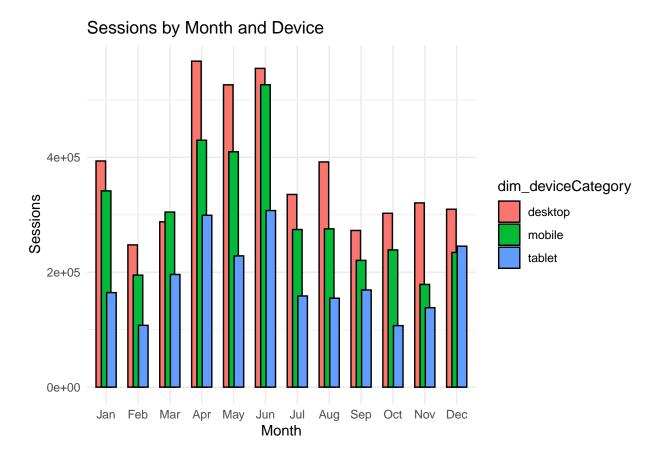
```
# Plotting QTY by Month and Device
monDevQTY <- ggplot(monthDevice,</pre>
                    aes(x = dim_month, y = QTY, fill = dim_deviceCategory)) +
  geom bar(stat = "identity",
           position = position_dodge(width = 0.5), color = "black") +
  labs(title = "QTY by Month and Device", x = "Month", y = "QTY") +
 theme_minimal()
# Plotting ECR by Month and Device
monDevECR <- ggplot(monthDevice, aes(x = dim_month, y = ECR, fill
                                     = dim_deviceCategory)) +
  geom_bar(stat = "identity", position = position_dodge(width = 0.5), color
          = "black") +
  labs(title = "ECR (E-commerce Conversion Rate) by Month and Device",
      x = "Month", y = "ECR") +
  theme_minimal()
# Plotting Sessions by Month and Device
monDevSes <- ggplot(monthDevice, aes(x = dim_month, y = Sessions,
                                    fill = dim deviceCategory)) +
  geom_bar(stat = "identity", position = position_dodge(width = 0.5),
           color = "black") +
  labs(title = "Sessions by Month and Device", x = "Month", y = "Sessions") +
 theme_minimal()
monDevECR
```



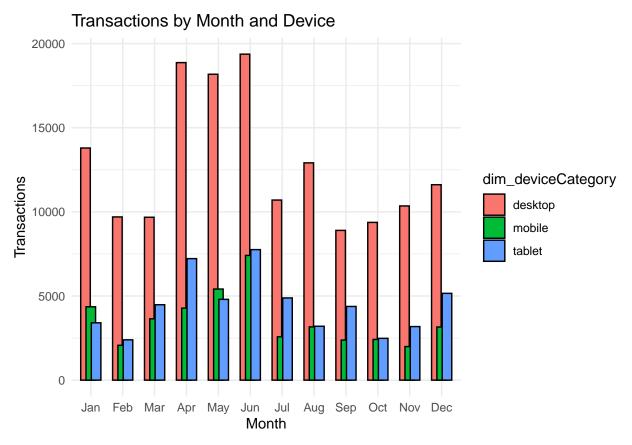
monDevQTY



monDevSes



monDevTrans



From this data we glean that the desktop is the most popular device across the board for website engagement. Tablet and phone fight for second place- implying a necessity for more mobile-friendly business adjustments.

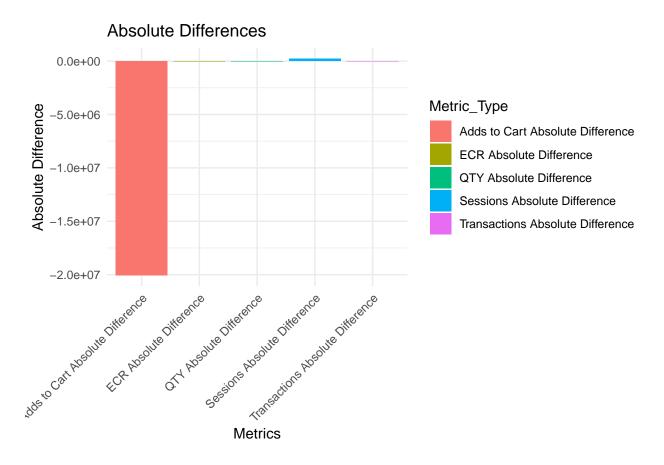
```
# Create month over month comparison for second sheet over the two most
# recent months the most recent month's value, the prior month's value,
# and both the absolute and relative differences between them

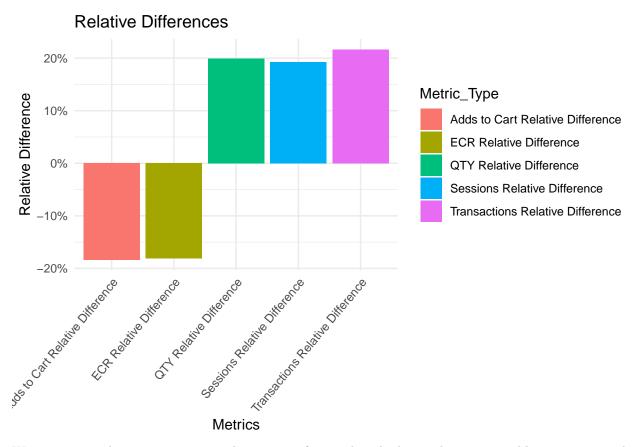
combined_data <- combined_data %>%
    mutate(date = as.Date(dim_date, format = "%m/%d/%y")) # Convert to Date object
summary(combined_data)
```

```
##
       dim_year
                       dim_month
                                       addsToCart
                                                                   dim_browser
##
    Min.
            :2012
                    Jun
                            : 826
                                     Min.
                                             :107970
                                                       Chrome
                                                                          : 679
##
    1st Qu.:2012
                    May
                            : 799
                                     1st Qu.:123726
                                                       Internet Explorer: 673
##
    Median:2013
                            : 791
                                     Median :139803
                                                       Safari
                                                                          : 669
                    Apr
    Mean
            :2013
                            : 628
                                     Mean
                                             :153322
                                                       Edge
                                                                          : 535
##
                    Dec
##
    3rd Qu.:2013
                    Jan
                            : 612
                                     3rd Qu.:183842
                                                       Firefox
                                                                          : 522
                            : 605
                                            :217666
##
    Max.
            :2013
                    Mar
                                     Max.
                                                       Safari (in-app)
                                                                          : 476
##
                     (Other):3473
                                                       (Other)
                                                                          :4180
##
    dim_deviceCategory
                            dim_date
                                                   sessions
                                                                  transactions
    desktop:2672
                                                             0
##
                                :2012-07-01
                                                                             0.00
                         Min.
                                                Min.
                                                                 Min.
##
    mobile :3013
                         1st Qu.:2012-10-11
                                                1st Qu.:
                                                                 1st Qu.:
                                                                             0.00
                         Median :2013-01-17
    tablet :2049
                                                                             0.00
##
                                                Median:
                                                            23
                                                                 Median:
##
                         Mean
                                 :2013-01-11
                                                Mean
                                                       : 1347
                                                                 Mean
                                                                            32.28
##
                         3rd Qu.:2013-04-16
                                                3rd Qu.:
                                                          772
                                                                 3rd Qu.:
                                                                             9.00
##
                         Max.
                                :2013-06-30
                                                       :43559
                                                                         :1398.00
                                                Max.
                                                                 Max.
##
```

```
##
         QTY
                     z_scores_sessions z_scores_transactions z_scores_QTY
                     Min. :-0.3718
                                       Min.
                                             :-0.3284
                                                             Min. :-0.3155
## Min.
              0.00
   1st Qu.:
              0.00
                     1st Qu.:-0.3710
                                       1st Qu.:-0.3284
                                                              1st Qu.:-0.3155
## Median :
                     Median :-0.3654
                                       Median :-0.3284
                                                             Median :-0.3155
              0.00
## Mean
         : 58.29
                     Mean : 0.0000
                                       Mean : 0.0000
                                                             Mean
                                                                    : 0.0000
## 3rd Qu.: 12.00
                     3rd Qu.:-0.1587
                                       3rd Qu.:-0.2368
                                                             3rd Qu.:-0.2505
## Max.
          :2665.00
                     Max. :11.6496
                                       Max. :13.8937
                                                             Max.
                                                                   :14.1074
##
##
         ECR
                           date
## Min.
          :0.00000
                             :2012-07-01
                     Min.
  1st Qu.:0.00000
                     1st Qu.:2012-10-11
## Median :0.00000
                     Median :2013-01-17
## Mean
          :0.01293
                     Mean
                             :2013-01-11
## 3rd Qu.:0.01575
                     3rd Qu.:2013-04-16
## Max.
          :3.00000
                     Max. :2013-06-30
##
# Filter for May and June 2013, the most recent months in the dataset
momData <- combined data %>%
  filter(format(date, "%m%Y") %in% c("052013", "062013"))
# Group the metrics by month
momDataN <- momData %>%
  group_by(dim_month, dim_year) %>%
    summarise(
      Total_Sessions = sum(sessions),
      Total_Transactions = sum(transactions),
      Total_QTY = sum(QTY),
      Total_ECR = sum(ECR),
      Total Adds = sum(addsToCart),
      .groups = 'drop')
# Find the Absolute differences by taking the difference by month
differences <- momDataN %>%
              mutate('Sessions Absolute Difference' = Total Sessions[2]
                                                        - Total Sessions[1],
                     'Transactions Absolute Difference' = Total Transactions[2]
                                                        - Total_Transactions[1],
                     'QTY Absolute Difference' = Total_QTY[2]
                                                        Total_QTY[1],
                     'ECR Absolute Difference' = Total_ECR[2]
                                                       -Total_ECR[1],
                     'Adds to Cart Absolute Difference' = Total_Adds[2]
                                                       - Total_Adds[1],
#Find Relative Differences
momComparison <- differences %>%
              mutate('Sessions Relative Difference' = (Total Sessions[2]
                                                       - Total_Sessions[1])
                                                            /Total_Sessions[1],
                     'Transactions Relative Difference' = (Total Transactions[2]
                                                          - Total_Transactions[1])
                                                            /Total Transactions[1],
```

```
'QTY Relative Difference' = (Total_QTY[2]
                                                   - Total_QTY[1])
                                                             /Total_QTY[1],
                     'ECR Relative Difference' = (Total ECR[2]
                                                  -Total_ECR[1])/Total_ECR[1],
                     'Adds to Cart Relative Difference' = (Total Adds[2]
                                                            - Total_Adds[1])
                                                                 /Total Adds[1],
                     )
momComparison
## # A tibble: 2 x 17
     dim_month dim_year Total_Sessions Total_Transactions Total_QTY Total_ECR
     <ord>
                  <dbl>
                                 <int>
                                                    <int>
                                                               <int>
##
                                                                         <db1>
                               1164639
                                                    28389
                                                               51629
## 1 May
                   2013
                                                                          13.5
## 2 Jun
                   2013
                               1388834
                                                    34538
                                                               61891
                                                                          11.1
## # i 11 more variables: Total_Adds <int>, 'Sessions Absolute Difference' <int>,
       'Transactions Absolute Difference' <int>, 'QTY Absolute Difference' <int>,
## #
       'ECR Absolute Difference' <dbl>, 'Adds to Cart Absolute Difference' <int>,
       'Sessions Relative Difference' <dbl>,
## #
       'Transactions Relative Difference' <dbl>, 'QTY Relative Difference' <dbl>,
## #
       'ECR Relative Difference' <dbl>, 'Adds to Cart Relative Difference' <dbl>
## #
# Reshape data using pivot_longer
data_long <- momComparison %>%
 pivot_longer(
   cols = ends_with("Difference"),
   names_to = "Metric_Type",
   values_to = "Difference_Value"
# Split data into absolute and relative for easier plotting
absolute data <- data long %>% filter(str detect(Metric Type, "Absolute"))
relative data <- data long %>% filter(str detect(Metric Type, "Relative"))
# Plotting Absolute Differences
ggplot(absolute_data, aes(x = Metric_Type, y = Difference_Value, fill = Metric_Type)) +
  geom_bar(stat = "identity", position = position_dodge()) +
  labs(title = "Absolute Differences",
       x = "Metrics",
       y = "Absolute Difference") +
  theme_minimal() +
  theme(axis.text.x = element_text(angle = 45, hjust = 1))
```





We see an uptick in transactions and quantity of items bought but a decrease in adds to cart over the month. This finding is counter-intuitive but may not be a negative trait.

## 5. Save Output to Disk

Now it's time to create our two sheet Excel file.

```
# To create the desired worksheets for our Excel file:

# Initialize new Workbook
wb <- createWorkbook()

#Add Worksheets
addWorksheet(wb, "Month with Device")
addWorksheet(wb, "Month over Month Comparison")

# Write data to the sheets
writeData(wb, sheet = "Month with Device", monthDevice)
writeData(wb, sheet = "Month over Month Comparison", momComparison)

# Save the workbook
saveWorkbook(wb, "IXIS_Data_Science_Challenge.xlsx", overwrite = TRUE)</pre>
```

### 5. Conclusion

The analysis of user engagement patterns across different browsers and devices highlights several key insights.

- Desktop usage remains the most popular for website interactions, with Safari and Chrome on desktops showing strong performance in engagement and transactions, respectively.
- Seasonal trends indicate that April through June are peak months for user activity. Despite an increase in transactions, there is a notable decline in cart additions, suggesting more decisive purchasing behavior.
- The data's negative-binomial-like distribution provides a basis for further predictive modeling.

These insights should inform strategic enhancements, particularly in optimizing for device-specific experiences and adapting to user behavior trends.