Northwind Traders

Hypothesis Test Results

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What is Northwind?

A Food Distributer.

Import and export specialty foods.

Serve regions around the world.





What is the goal of the test?

Create a *strategy* for Northwind decision makers to improve business processes and revenue streams.

What is the strategy?

Use hypothesis testing on several characteristics within the Northwind database.





What are the most important characteristics?

- Orders
- Products
- Regions
- Customers
- Categories







Recommendation 1:

Add 5% Discounts to Products

Can discounts improve unit sales?

Discount = More Unit Sales

Avg. discount adds 5.4 units to an order.

Optimum level of discount is 5%.





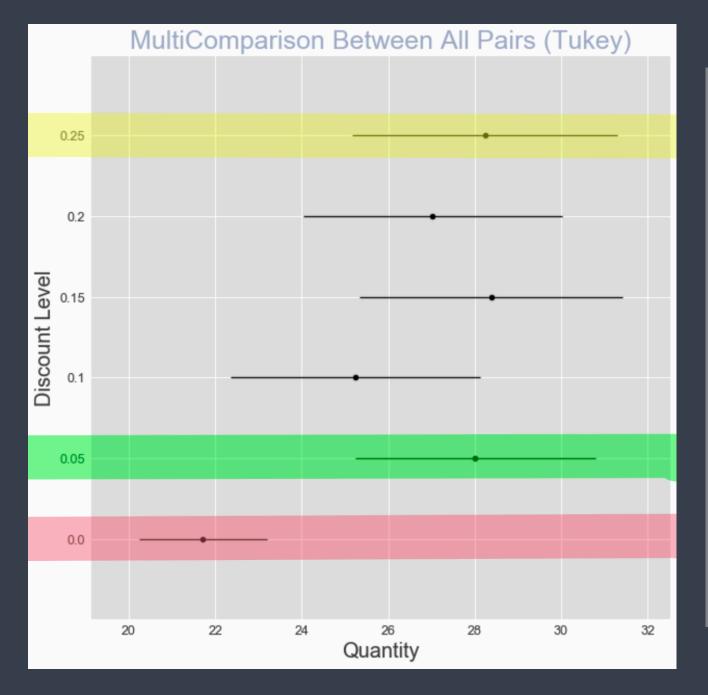
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Add 5% Discounts to Products

Avg. discount adds 5.4 units to an order.

5% discount adds 6.1 units to an order.

5% discount saves revenue and adds sales.





Recommendation 2:

Stock Up Before Quarter 1

More products ordered in various months of the year?

Order quantities are much higher in Quarter 1.

44% of all orders are completed in Q1.

Q1 incurs a higher than average order size.





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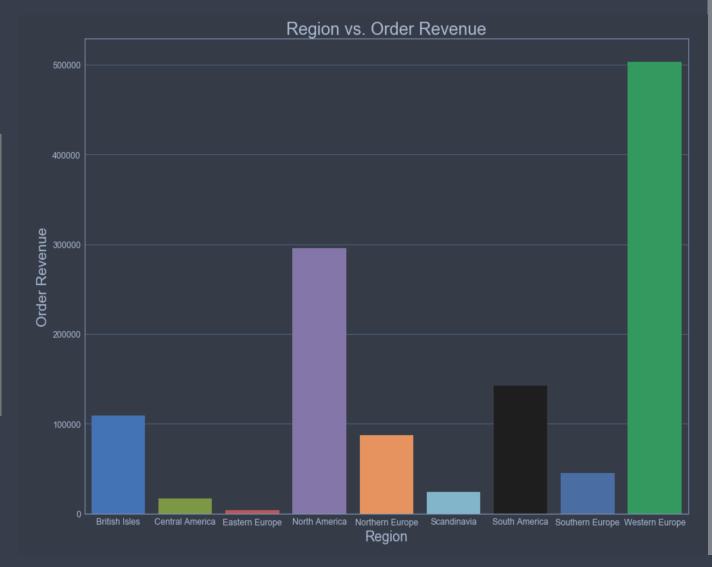
Target North America

Does revenue vary between different regions?

Western Europe = Most Orders + Revenue.

35% of orders are from Western Europe.

37% of revenue are from Western Europe.





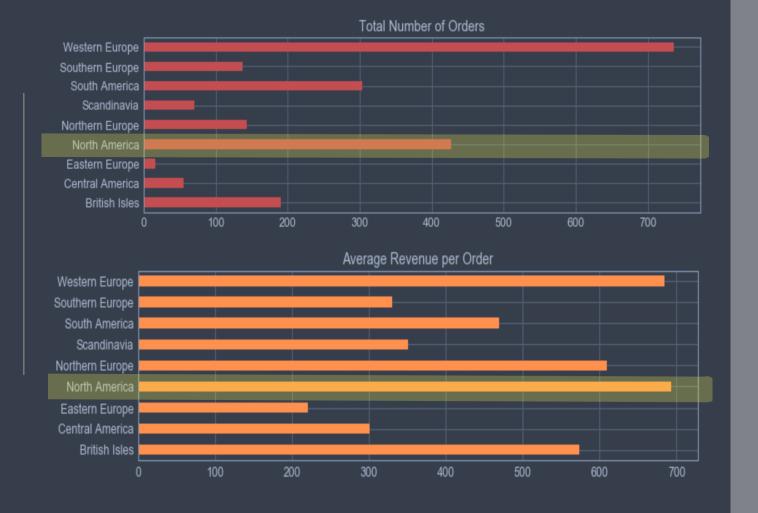
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NA customers have placed half as many orders.

NA customers spend more per order, on average.

NA customers spend \$8 more orders compared to Western Europe.





Recommendation 4:

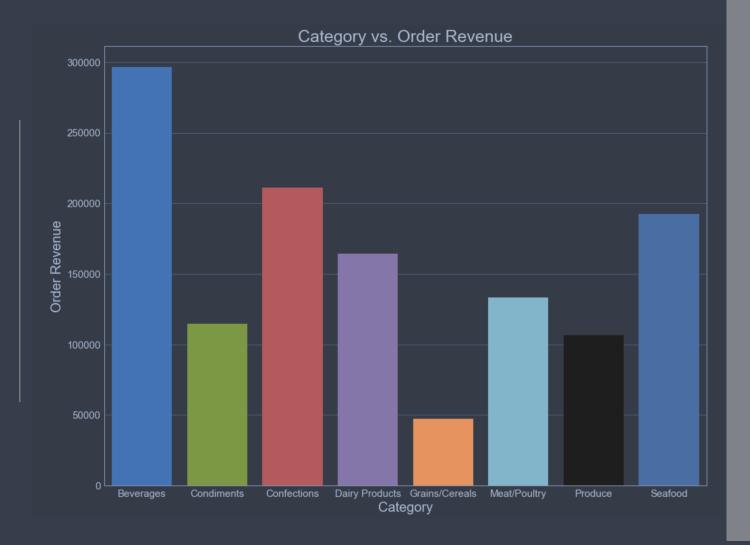
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Does revenue vary between different products?

Beverages = Most Orders + Revenue.

20% of orders come from beverages.

22% of revenue comes from beverages.





Recommendation 4:

Sell more meat/poultry products

Meat/poultry ordered 2.4x less than beverages.

Meat/poultry accounts for the highest per order revenue.

Customers spend \$200 more on meat/poultry.







Q1 = Sell More Products

5% = Best Discount Bracket

Meat/Poultry = Growth Opportunity

North America = Growth Opportunity

Overall Recommendation:

Before the start of Q1 next year, run a 5% discount promotion on meat/poultry products for North American consumers.



If there was more data...

Information on Cost of Goods Sold



Further analysis of:

- Product Profits
- Economies of Scale
- Distribution Costs



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