Yandex. Afisha Marketing Expense Analysis

Project Introduction

As a new intern at Yandex. Afisha analytics department, I will be overlooking the marketing expenses to see if there is room for optimization.

Analysis Outline

Products

- Grouped users by various timeframes (daily, weekly, monthly) to find the total number of users for that period.
- Calculate the session frequency of daily users.
- Calculate the length of each user session.
- Create monthly cohorts and calculate the user retention rate for every cohort.

Sales

- Analyze the conversion timeframe from a customer's first visit and their first purchase.
- Calculate the total number of orders made each month for each monthly cohort.
- Calculate the average purchase size for each monthly cohort.
- Calculate the long-term value of each monthly cohort.

Marketing

- Calculate the overall, per source, and overtime of marketing cost spent.
- Calculate customer acquisition cost from each of the sources.
- Calculate the return on marketing investment on each monthly cohort.

Step 1: Importing Libraries and Opening Data Files

Importing the libraries that will be used for this assignment

```
import pandas as pd
import numpy as np
import seaborn as sns
from matplotlib import pyplot as plt
```

Importing files for assignment

```
try:
    visits_log_us = pd.read_csv('visits_log_us.csv',
                                 sep=',')
except:
    visits log us = pd.read csv('/datasets/visits log us.csv',
                                 sep=',')
try:
    orders log us = pd.read_csv('orders_log_us.csv',
                                 sep=',')
except:
    orders log us = pd.read csv('/datasets/orders log us.csv',
                                 sep=',')
try:
    costs = pd.read csv('costs us.csv',
                        sep=',')
except:
    costs = pd.read csv('/datasets/costs us.csv',
                        sep=',')
```

Step 2: Pre-processing the Data

Pre-Processing visits_log_us

Checking for duplicates, null values, and data types

```
visits log us.info()
<class 'pandas.core.frame.DataFrame'>
RangeIndex: 359400 entries, 0 to 359399
Data columns (total 5 columns):
    Column
               Non-Null Count
#
                                Dtype
   Device
End Ts
0
               359400 non-null object
1
               359400 non-null object
2
    Source Id 359400 non-null int64
3
    Start Ts
               359400 non-null object
4
    Uid
               359400 non-null uint64
dtypes: int64(1), object(3), uint64(1)
memory usage: 13.7+ MB
```

The column names are not in snakecase format and needs to be converted. First we check how each column is spelled using columns.

```
print(visits_log_us.columns)
Index(['Device', 'End Ts', 'Source Id', 'Start Ts', 'Uid'],
dtype='object')
```

After finding how each column is spelled we use the rename() method to rename the columns to snakecase format

Double checking to see if the changes was made

```
print(visits_log_us.columns)
Index(['device', 'end_ts', 'source_id', 'start_ts', 'uid'],
dtype='object')
```

Checking for duplicate data

```
visits_log_us.duplicated().sum()
0
```

Checking for null values

```
visits_log_us.isnull().sum()

device    0
end_ts    0
source_id    0
start_ts    0
uid     0
dtype: int64
```

Checking for unique values in the 'device' column to see if we can change the data type to condense the file size

```
visits_log_us['device'].value_counts()

device
  desktop    262567
  touch    96833
Name: count, dtype: int64
```

Since there are only two unique values we can change the column data type from an object to category to save space

```
visits_log_us['device'] = visits_log_us['device'].astype('category')
```

Checking 'start_ts' and 'end_ts' to see what the data looks like

```
visits log us['start ts'].head()
0
     2017-12-20 17:20:00
1
     2018-02-19 16:53:00
2
     2017-07-01 01:54:00
3
     2018-05-20 10:59:00
4
     2017-12-27 14:06:00
Name: start ts, dtype: object
visits log us['end ts'].head()
     2017-12-20 17:38:00
0
1
     2018-02-19 17:21:00
2
     2017-07-01 01:54:00
3
     2018-05-20 11:23:00
     2017-12-27 14:06:00
Name: end_ts, dtype: object
```

After looking at the data we can see the results are dates labeled as a string data type. Since it is an date object, we can convert it to a datetime data type to save space.

```
visits_log_us['start_ts'] = pd.to_datetime(visits_log_us['start_ts'],
format='%Y-%m-%d %H:%M:%S')
visits_log_us['end_ts'] = pd.to_datetime(visits_log_us['end_ts'],
format='%Y-%m-%d %H:%M:%S')
```

Checking the unique values to see how many different sources there are for this column

```
visits log us['source id'].value counts()
source id
      101794
3
       85610
5
       66905
2
       47626
1
       34121
9
       13277
10
       10025
7
          36
6
Name: count, dtype: int64
```

By geting unique values we can see this data set is comprised of 228,169 unique users

```
visits_log_us['uid'].nunique()
228169
```

Double checking to see if all of our data type conversions were saved to the dataframe and if the file size has decreased which it has

```
visits log us.info()
<class 'pandas.core.frame.DataFrame'>
RangeIndex: 359400 entries, 0 to 359399
Data columns (total 5 columns):
    Column
               Non-Null Count
                                Dtype
     _ _ _ _ _
               _____
 0
    uevice
end_ts
    device
               359400 non-null category
 1
               359400 non-null datetime64[ns]
 2
    source_id 359400 non-null int64
 3
    start ts
               359400 non-null datetime64[ns]
4
               359400 non-null uint64
    uid
dtypes: category(1), datetime64[ns](2), int64(1), uint64(1)
memory usage: 11.3 MB
```

Pre-Processing orders_log_us

Checking to see which data needs to be processed

```
orders log us.info()
<class 'pandas.core.frame.DataFrame'>
RangeIndex: 50415 entries, 0 to 50414
Data columns (total 3 columns):
#
    Column Non-Null Count Dtype
 0
    Buy Ts
             50415 non-null object
    Revenue 50415 non-null float64
1
2
    Uid
             50415 non-null uint64
dtypes: float64(1), object(1), uint64(1)
memory usage: 1.2+ MB
```

Getting the column names to convert it into snakecase format

```
print(orders_log_us.columns)
Index(['Buy Ts', 'Revenue', 'Uid'], dtype='object')
```

Renaming the columns into snakecase format

Double checking to see if the changes went through

```
print(orders_log_us.columns)
Index(['buy_ts', 'revenue', 'uid'], dtype='object')
```

Checking for duplicates

```
orders_log_us.duplicated().sum()
0
```

Checking for null values

```
orders_log_us.isnull().sum()
buy_ts    0
revenue    0
uid     0
dtype: int64
```

Chaning the date object column into a datetime type for analysis and saving space

```
orders_log_us['buy_ts'] = pd.to_datetime(orders_log_us['buy_ts'],
format='%Y-%m-%d %H:%M:%S')
```

Double checking to see if the changes were made

Pre-Processing costs

Checking to see what needs to be processed

```
costs.info()
<class 'pandas.core.frame.DataFrame'>
RangeIndex: 2542 entries, 0 to 2541
Data columns (total 3 columns):
     Column
                Non-Null Count Dtype
0
     source id 2542 non-null
                                int64
1
                2542 non-null
                                object
     dt
 2
               2542 non-null
                                float64
     costs
```

```
dtypes: float64(1), int64(1), object(1)
memory usage: 59.7+ KB
```

Checking to see if the column names were in snakecase and they were

```
print(costs.columns)
Index(['source_id', 'dt', 'costs'], dtype='object')
```

Noticing that this date does not have hours, minues, and seconds and so when converting it to datetime type we can leave that part out of the format= parameter

Converting date objects to datetime

```
costs['dt'] = pd.to_datetime(costs['dt'], format='%Y-%m-%d')
```

Checking for duplicates

```
costs.duplicated().sum()
0
```

Checking for null values

```
costs.isnull().sum()
source_id  0
dt     0
costs     0
dtype: int64
```

Double checking to see if changes went through

```
costs.info()
<class 'pandas.core.frame.DataFrame'>
RangeIndex: 2542 entries, 0 to 2541
Data columns (total 3 columns):
# Column Non-Null Count Dtype
```

```
0 source_id 2542 non-null int64
1 dt 2542 non-null datetime64[ns]
2 costs 2542 non-null float64
dtypes: datetime64[ns](1), float64(1), int64(1)
memory usage: 59.7 KB
```

Step 3: Data analysis

Products

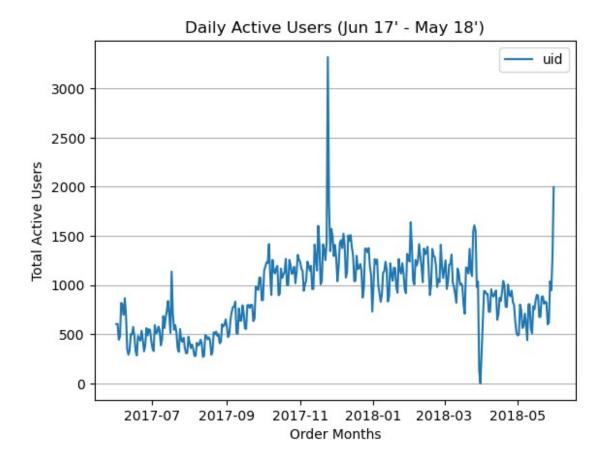
Calulating daily, weekly, and monthly users

Firt, we need to get the day, week, month, and yearly values from the date column

```
visits_log_us['visit_date'] = visits_log_us['start_ts'].dt.date
visits_log_us['visit_week'] =
visits_log_us['start_ts'].dt.isocalendar().week
visits_log_us['visit_month'] = visits_log_us['start_ts'].dt.month
visits_log_us['visit_year'] = visits_log_us['start_ts'].dt.year
```

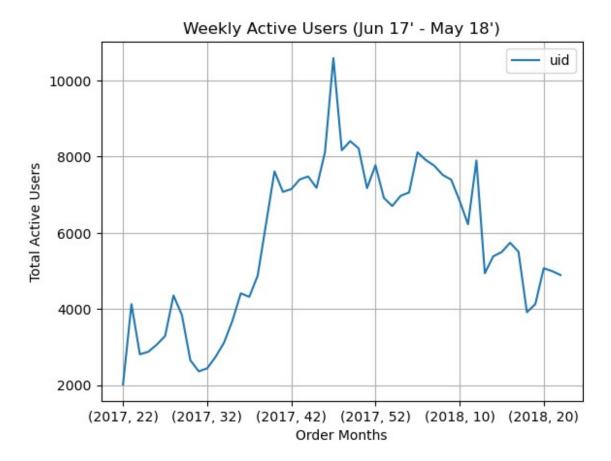
After getting the daily, weekly, monthly, and yearly values we can start to group the data into daily, weekly, and monthly users

To get the daily active users we group our data by the day date and get the unique number of users



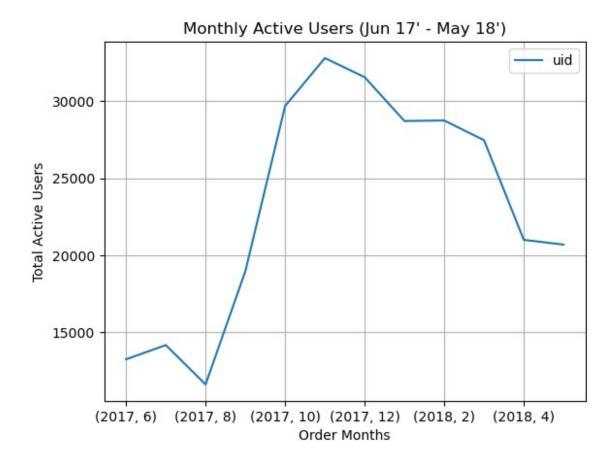
From the daily active users it shows three different spikes in the dataset which we should look into to see what event could have caused this annomaly

To get the weekly active users we first group our data by the year, and week value to get users from that time span. After that, we count the unique number of users to get the weekly active users.



Based on the weekly data it shows that in Q4 there is a naturally large spike in active users most likely due to seasonality

To get the monthly active users we first group our data by the year and month value to get users from that time span. After that, we count the unique number of users to get the monthly active users.



From the monthly graph it shows a long 6+ month decline in monthly active users showing that users will check in most weeks but not every week leading to lower monthly user activity

```
print('Average daily active users:', dau_total.round())
print('Average weekly active users:', wau_total.round())
print('Average monthly active users:', mau_total.round())

Average daily active users: uid  908.0
dtype: float64
Average weekly active users: uid  5716.0
dtype: float64
Average monthly active users: uid  23228.0
dtype: float64
```

We can see that there are about 908 daily users, 5716 weekly users, and 23,228 monthly users

Calculating daily sessions per user

First, we need to group the users per day

```
sess_per_user = visits_log_us.groupby('visit_date').agg({'uid':
['count','nunique']})
```

By aggrivating the values by 'count' will count the total about of visits that day and 'nunique' will show by how many unique users. Then we name these columns to calculate the number of sessions per daily user.

```
sess_per_user.columns = ['n_sessions','n_users']
```

Calculating the number of sessions of daily users

```
sess_per_user['sess_per_user'] = sess_per_user['n_sessions'] /
sess_per_user['n_users']

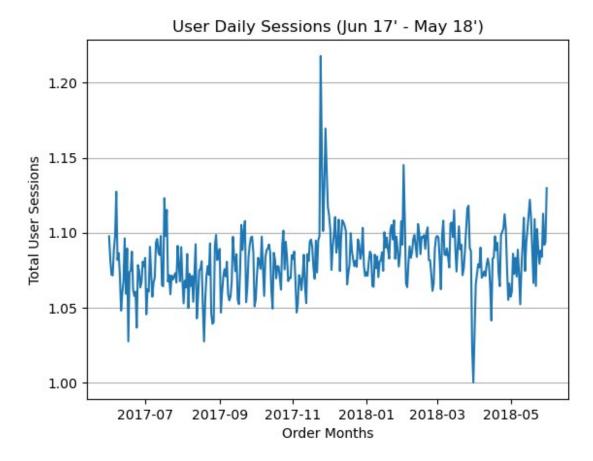
print('Average sessions per daily
user:',sess_per_user['sess_per_user'].mean())

Average sessions per daily user: 1.082169644003972

print('Average sessions per daily
user:',sess_per_user['sess_per_user'].median())

Average sessions per daily user: 1.0824875552419868
```

This data shows that the median and average daily users mostly visit once a day with a few coming back multiple times. Since the average and median values are similar in length it also shows that there are not many significant outliers to skew the results.



Similar to the daily active users graph, this graph shows a few spikes in the data in which we need to look into to see what events could have possible occured for this to happen

Average session length

We can calculate the average session length by subtracting the end time value witht the start time value

```
visits_log_us['visit_duration'] = (visits_log_us['end_ts'] -
visits_log_us['start_ts']).dt.seconds.mean()
print('Average Session Length (in seconds):',
visits_log_us['visit_duration'].round().mean())
Average Session Length (in seconds): 644.0
```

The average session length per user is about 644 seconds or about 10 minutes and 40 seconds

Retention Rate

To get the retention rate we first need to group all the users and get the month and year of their first visit

```
visits_log_us['month_year'] =
visits_log_us['start_ts'].values.astype('datetime64[M]')
first_activity_month_year = visits_log_us.groupby('uid')
['month_year'].min()
```

Naming this result to 'first_activity_month_year' so when we join the dataframes later we know that what this column is

```
first_activity_month_year.name = 'first_activity_month_year'
```

Joining all out data into one dataframe

```
visits_log_us = visits_log_us.join(first_activity_month_year,
on='uid')
```

Then we can calculate the cohort lifetime by subtracting the last active month value with the first active month value

```
visits_log_us['cohort_lifetime'] = visits_log_us['month_year'] -
visits_log_us['first_activity_month_year']
visits_log_us['cohort_lifetime'] = visits_log_us['cohort_lifetime'] /
np.timedelta64(1,'M')
```

Converting cohort lifetime to an integer type

```
visits_log_us['cohort_lifetime'] =
visits_log_us['cohort_lifetime'].round().astype('int')
```

Grouping the data by cohort lifetimes to get the number of active users in each cohort

```
cohorts =
(visits_log_us.groupby(['first_activity_month_year','cohort_lifetime']
).agg({'uid':'nunique'}).reset_index())
```

Filtering cohorts by cohort lifetime value and finding the total number of users in the cohort by looking at week 0

```
initial_users_count = cohorts[cohorts['cohort_lifetime'] == 0]
[['first_activity_month_year','uid']]
```

Renaming these users to 'cohort_users' to distinguish them from the others

```
initial_users_count =
initial_users_count.rename(columns={'uid':'cohort_users'})
```

Merging the dataframes so that one has all the data we need

```
cohorts = cohorts.merge(initial_users_count,
on='first_activity_month_year')
```

Calculating for the retention rate

```
cohorts['retention'] = cohorts['uid'] / cohorts['cohort_users']
retention pivot =
cohorts.pivot_table(index='first_activity_month_year',
                                       columns='cohort lifetime',
                                      values='retention',
                                      aggfunc='mean')
sns.set(style='white')
plt.figure(figsize=(14, 9))
plt.title('Cohorts: User Retention Rate')
sns.heatmap(retention_pivot,
            annot=True,
            fmt='.1%',
            linewidths=0.5,
            linecolor='black',
            vmax=.1)
plt.show()
```

Cohorts: User Retention Rate													
201	7-06-01T00:00:00	100.0%		5.4%	6.1%	6.9%	7.1%	6.1%	5.8%	5.2%	5.1%	4.1%	4.5%
201	7-07-01T00:00:00	100.0%	5.6%	5.1%	5.6%	5.8%	4.8%	4.5%	4.6%	3.9%	2.9%	2.7%	
201	7-08-01T00:00:00	100.0%	7.7%	6.3%	6.3%	5.0%	4.4%	3.6%	3.9%	2.8%	2.6%		
201	7-09-01T00:00:00	100.0%	8.5%	6.9%	5.1%	3.9%	3.8%	3.6%	2.4%	2.3%			
201 eg	7-10-01T00:00:00	100.0%	7.9%	5.2%	3.9%	3.4%	3.2%	2.1%	2.0%				
month_year	7-11-01T00:00:00	100.0%	7.8%	4.4%	3.9%	3.4%	2.3%	2.2%					
activity_	7-12-01T00:00:00 8-01-01T00:00:00	100.0%	5.6%	3.8%	3.1%	2.0%	1.9%						
201	8-01-01T00:00:00	100.0%	6.0%	3.9%	2.5%	2.0%							
201	8-02-01T00:00:00	100.0%	5.7%	2.5%	2.0%								
201	8-03-01T00:00:00	100.0%	4.2%	2.7%									
201	8-04-01T00:00:00	100.0%	4.8%										
201	8-05-01T00:00:00	100.0%											
		0	1	2	3	4	5 cohort_	6 Iifetime	7	8	9	10	11

Based on this heat map it shows that the user retention rate is high during the summer and all cohort renention rates stay elevated into the winter holiday season. When Q1 starts is when most of the older cohort retention rates start to dwindle down as that is the start of the slow season.

Sales

Customer purchase timeframe

To find the difference in purchase timeframe we first visit time we must first find the earliest order time for users. For all analyses involving customer purchases I will be creating a new dataframe for these analyses called "buyers". I am adding source_id to the buyers dataframe for future use and lower future memore usage.

```
buyers = orders_log_us
buyers['source_id'] = visits_log_us['source_id']

first_order_date =
  orders_log_us.groupby('uid').agg({'buy_ts':'min'}).reset_index()

first_order_date.columns = ['uid', 'first_order_date']

buyers = buyers.merge(first_order_date, on='uid')
```

After finding the order time we need to find the first visit time for those users

```
first_visit_date =
visits_log_us.groupby('uid').agg({'start_ts':'min'}).reset_index()
first_visit_date.columns = ['uid', 'first_visit_date']
```

After finding the two time frames, now we merge them to the orders dataframe

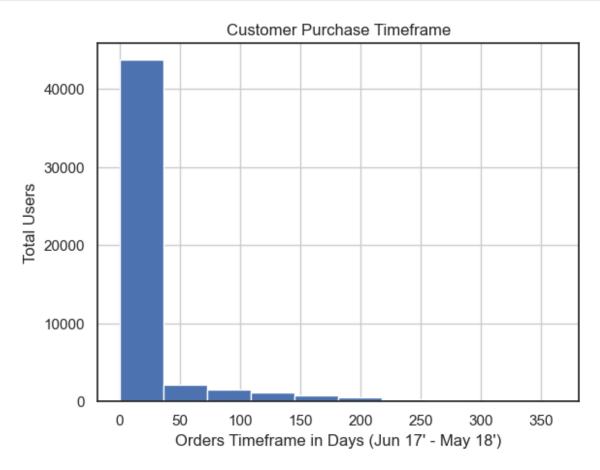
```
buyers = buyers.merge(first_visit_date, on='uid')
```

Now finally we can find the difference between time of purchase and first visit time. After finding the difference we can use numpy to change the values to days.

```
buyers['order_diff'] = buyers['first_order_date'] -
buyers['first_visit_date']
buyers['order_diff'] = buyers['order_diff'] / np.timedelta64(1,'D')
buyers['order_diff'].mean()
17.61735459574421
```

The average time between users visiting the site and ordering is about 17 days

```
buyers['order_diff'].hist()
plt.xlabel('Orders Timeframe in Days (Jun 17\' - May 18\')')
plt.ylabel('Total Users')
plt.title('Customer Purchase Timeframe')
plt.show()
```



From the histogram it shows that most users who did make a purchase made the purchase within 50 days of visiting the site

Cohort Monthly Order Volume

To find the monthly order volume we first need to convert the purchase times into datetime months and first order dates into datetime months

```
buyers['order_month'] =
buyers['buy_ts'].values.astype('datetime64[M]')
buyers['first_order_month'] =
buyers['first_order_date'].values.astype('datetime64[M]')
```

After converting all the datetimes into months there is one outlier point in the data that we need to remove

```
buyers['first order month'].tail()
50410
        2018-05-01
50411
        2018-05-01
50412
        2018-05-01
50413
        2018-05-01
50414
        2018-06-01
Name: first order month, dtype: datetime64[s]
buyers = buyers.drop(50414)
buyers['first order month'].tail()
50409
        2018-05-01
50410
        2018-05-01
50411
        2018-05-01
50412
        2018-05-01
50413
        2018-05-01
Name: first order month, dtype: datetime64[s]
```

To get our cohort age we subtract their first order date to their latest order date and convert the results into an integer

```
buyers['cohort_age'] = buyers['order_month'] -
buyers['first order month']
buyers['cohort age'] = buyers['cohort age'] / np.timedelta64(1,'M')
buyers['cohort_age']
         0.0
0
1
         0.0
2
         0.0
3
         0.0
4
         0.0
         0.0
50409
50410
         0.0
50411
         0.0
50412
         0.0
50413
         0.0
Name: cohort age, Length: 50414, dtype: float64
buyers['cohort age'] = buyers['cohort age'].round().astype(int)
```

To get the total monthly orders we need to count all everytime there is a purchase transaction

```
total_monthly_orders =
buyers.groupby(['first_order_month','order_month']).agg({'revenue':'co
unt'}).reset_index()

total_monthly_orders.columns =
['first_order_month','order_month','total_monthly_orders']

buyers = pd.merge(buyers, total_monthly_orders, how='inner',
left_on=['first_order_month','order_month'],
right_on=['first_order_month','order_month'])
```

Creating the pivot table and heatmap for total monthly orders for our different cohorts



Based on the pivot table, it shows that cohorts that started ordering from us during the 2017 holiday season tend to keep coming back and ordering more in the following months. It should be noted that cohorts who started purchasing from us from July and August 2017 tend to not order as much as the other cohorts even during the holiday season. Cohorts from these two months should be examined from where they came from and should be targeted less and the ones during the holiday season should be increased.

Average purchase size

To get the average purchase size we need to find the total monthly orders and divide it by the number of unique customers

First, we find the number of orders per month, name it and add it to the buyers dataframe

```
number_of_orders =
buyers.groupby(['first_order_month','order_month']).agg({'revenue':'co
unt'}).reset_index()

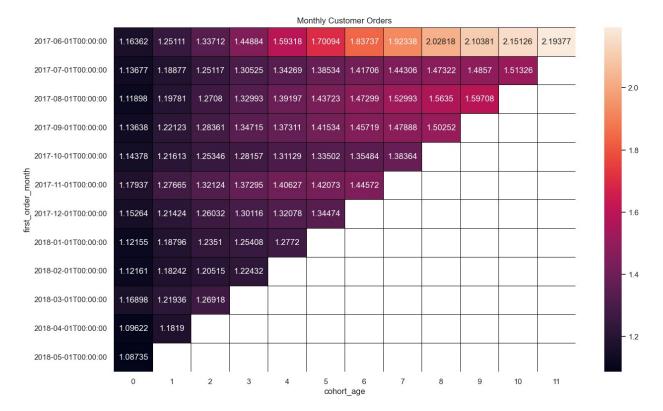
number_of_orders.columns =
['first_order_month','order_month','number_of_orders']

buyers = pd.merge(buyers, number_of_orders,
left_on=['first_order_month','order_month'],
right_on=['first_order_month','order_month'])
```

Next, we find the number of unique customers, name it, and add it to the buyers dataframe

```
cohort_size =
buyers.groupby('first_order_month').agg({'uid':'nunique'}).reset_index
()
cohort_size.columns = ['first_order_month','cohort_size']
buyers = buyers.merge(cohort_size, on='first_order_month')
```

Lastly, we find the average number of orders by dividing the number of orders by the cohort size



Based on the heatmap it shows that the after each cohort's first order most customers within that cohort come back to order again within 12 months. This is seen especially so in the first cohort as on average every customer came back at least once more within 12 months.

Customer long term value

To find the ltv first we need to find the number of unique monthly users

To get the cohort size we need to count all unique user id values from the first order months

```
ltv_size =
buyers.groupby('first_order_month').agg({'uid':'nunique'}).reset_index
()
```

Then we name the column and merge it to the buyers dataframe

```
ltv_size.columns = ['first_order_month','n_buyers']
buyers = buyers.merge(ltv_size, on='first_order_month')
```

To calculate the long term value we divide the revenue by the number of buyers

						Cu	stomer Lor	ng Term Va	lue						
	2017-06-01T00:00:00	4.72441	5.20974	5.64738	6.60205	7.62458	8.36008	9.31052	9.89212	10.4453	11.0511	11.6224	11.8792		
	2017-07-01T00:00:00	6.01022	6.34543	6.96896	7.32794	7.50473	7.66077	7.78098	7.9228	8.08404	8.23118	8.38685			- 12
	2017-08-01T00:00:00	5.27652	5.74851	6.20699	6.59827	7.09232	7.37586	7.58653	7.99153	8.28374	8.47172				
first_order_month	2017-09-01T00:00:00	5.64453	6.76212	7.28305	11.2588	11.6594	12.3065	13.0081	13.2512	13.4352					
	2017-10-01T00:00:00	5.00373	5.5395	5.73089	5.88803	6.03959	6.15996	6.24477	6.36024						- 10
	2017-11-01T00:00:00 I	5.15468	5.55392	5.75347	6.07842	6.22644	6.28032	6.39524							
	2017-12-01T00:00:00	4.73819	4.99856	5.92366	6.98894	7.30187	7.63991								_
	2018-01-01T00:00:00	4.13564	4.43039	4.73468	4.87745	4.94015									- 8
	2018-02-01T00:00:00	4.15699	4.43526	4.51378	4.58792										
	2018-03-01T00:00:00	4.8388	5.13969	5.45525											- 6
	2018-04-01T00:00:00	4.6576	5.1892												
	2018-05-01T00:00:00	4.66056													
		0	1	2	3	4	5 cohor	6 t_age	7	8	9	10	11	•	

This heatmap reiterates that many cohorts do not reach ltv maturity until the third month. After the third month, the customer's ltv increases quickly.

Marketing

Marketing funds spent

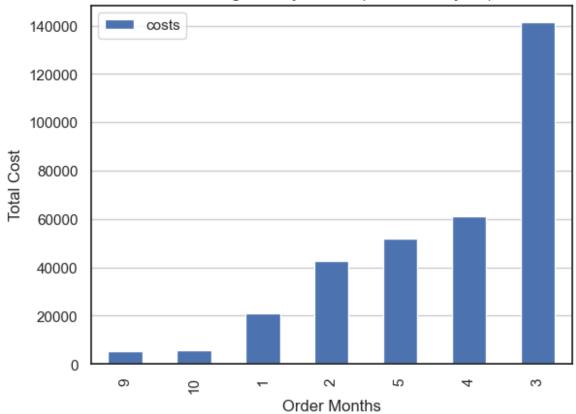
Total marketing cost

```
print('Total marketing cost:', costs['costs'].sum())
Total marketing cost: 329131.62
```

The total marketing cost for the 12 month period comes out to \$329,132

Marketings cost per source

Marketing Cost by Source (Jun 17' - May 18')

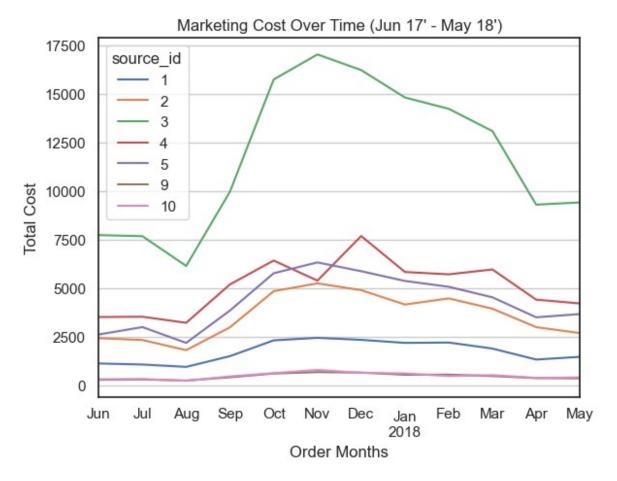


According to the cost data, source 3 was the most funded marketing source and source 9 and 10 were the least funded marketing source. It is also worth noting that sources 6-8 were not shown and so those sources should be cut or looked into more on why they were not used.

Marketing cost per source over time

Fist, we need to group the timeframe into months and change it back into a datetime for our graph index

```
costs['month'] = costs['dt'].values.astype('datetime64[M]')
```



Based on the chart, we have spent the most on source 3 than all other sources and spent the least on sources 9 and 10.

Customer acquisition cost per source

To find the customer acquisition cost for each source we need to find the first instances of each users first source

```
sources =
visits_log_us.sort_values(by=['uid','start_ts']).groupby('uid').agg({'
source_id':'first'}).reset_index()
```

```
sources.columns = ['uid','first_source']
```

Then we need to find the customers first order date and time

```
buyers_ =
orders_log_us.groupby('uid').agg({'buy_ts':'min'}).reset_index()
buyers_ = buyers_.merge(sources, on='uid')
```

Now we can find the total cost of each source per month

```
costs_by_month_source = costs.groupby(['month','source_id'])
['costs'].sum().reset_index()

buyers_['month'] = buyers_['buy_ts'].values.astype('datetime64[M]')
```

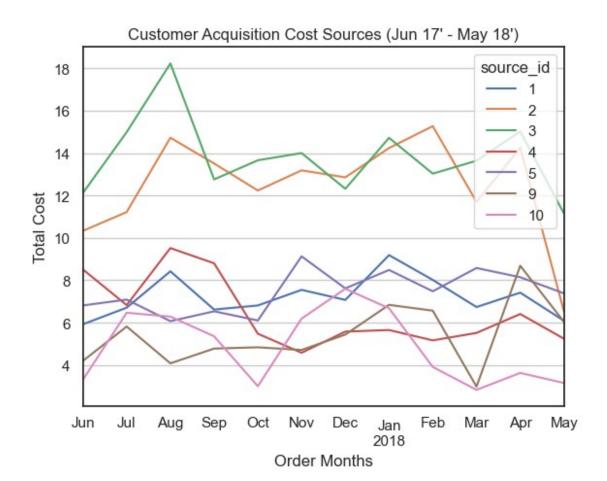
Next, we find the total of unique user ids per source for each month

```
buyers_per_month_source = buyers_.groupby(['month','first_source'])
['uid'].nunique().reset_index()

buyers_per_month_source =
buyers_per_month_source.rename(columns={'first_source':'source_id'})

res = costs_by_month_source.merge(buyers_per_month_source, how='left', on=['month','source_id'])
```

Lastly, we store all of variables in the res dataframe and calculate for customer acquisition cost



Based on the graph it shows the customer acquisition cost graph, it shows that source 2 and 3 are the most expensive sources used to acquire users. However, towards the end of the recorded timeframe, source from source 2 cost to acquire users sharply decreased to the average of the sources 1, 4, 5, and 9.

Return on marketing investment

Calculating the cost of acquisition

```
monthly_costs =
costs.groupby('month').agg({'costs':'sum'}).reset_index()
buyers = pd.merge(buyers, monthly_costs, left_on='first_order_month',
right_on='month')
buyers['cac'] = buyers['costs'] / buyers['n_buyers']
```

Calculating for return on marketing investment

						Retur	n on Marke	eting Inves	tment						
	2017-06-01T00:00:00	0.5	0.6	0.6	0.7	0.9	0.9	1	1	1	1	1	1	-	1.4
first order month	2017-07-01T00:00:00	0.6	0.7	0.7	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.9	0.9	0.9			
	2017-08-01T00:00:00	0.5	0.5	0.6	0.6	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.8	0.8			-	1.2
	2017-09-01T00:00:00	0.6	0.7	0.8	1	1	1	1	1	1					
	2017-10-01T00:00:00	0.6	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.8						
	2017-11-01T00:00:00	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7							1.0
	2017-12-01T00:00:00	0.5	0.6	0.7	0.8	0.8	0.9								
	2018-01-01T00:00:00	0.4	0.4	0.5	0.5	0.5								- (0.8
	2018-02-01T00:00:00	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5										
	2018-03-01T00:00:00	0.6	0.6	0.6										_	0.6
	2018-04-01T00:00:00	0.5	0.5												
	2018-05-01T00:00:00	0.6													
	'	0	1	2	3	4	5 cohor	6 t age	7	8	9	10	11	_	

Based on this heatmap and sample size, it shows that most of the 2017 cohorts are expecting to make a positive return going into the summer of 2018. This means it takes about a year for summer cohorts to make a positive romi. It should be noted that the September 17' and June 17' cohorts were unusually very strong cohorts making a positive romi within 12 months. From the current sample size, 2017 the Q3 and Q4 cohorts also saw the highest and quickest returns when compared to the cohorts that started in 2018. This shows that we should allocate most of our marketing budget to acquiring customers during the summer and fall as those customers are shown to spend during the holidays and well into Q1 of the next year.

Conclusion

In conclusion, based on the limited sample size, I would recommend allocating more of the marketing budget to the sources that were used to acquire the summer 17' cohorts and the

September 17' cohort. These cohorts tend to spend more going into the holiday season and more importantly continue to buy from us after the holiday season despite Q1 normally being the slowest quarter for sales. It should also be noted that many cohorts do not see a positive romi within this timeframe, however, given enough time most of them will eventually reach a positive romi. As we continue as a company LTV customer value will increase over multiple years as well as the ROMI for those cohorts. A customer's LTV only increases over a longer period as the initial acquisition cost is a one-time cost where the customer will keep coming back as long as they like our products/services. In conclusion, the marketing budget should allocate a large portion of the budget to acquire more customers from the summer 17' cohorts since these cohorts tend to have the quickest romi and provide high long-term value when compared to the other cohorts based on the current sample size.