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library(tidyverse)

library(lubridate)

library(tsibble)

library(feasts)

library(slider)

library(GGally)

library(anomalize)

library(vip)

library(dbscan)

theme\_set(theme\_minimal(base\_size = 12))

holiday\_dates <- as.Date(c(

"2010-11-26","2010-12-24",

"2011-11-25","2011-12-23",

"2012-11-23","2012-12-21"

))

```

## 01 Load & Clean

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```

train  <- read_csv("train.csv", show_col_types = FALSE)
features <- read_csv("features.csv", show_col_types = FALSE)
stores  <- read_csv("stores.csv", show_col_types = FALSE)

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merged_data <- train %>%
  mutate(Date = as.Date(Date)) %>%
  left_join(features %>% mutate(Date = as.Date(Date)),
            by = c("Store","Date")) %>%
  left_join(stores, by = "Store") %>%
  select(-IsHoliday.y) %>%
  rename(IsHoliday = IsHoliday.x)

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` `` {r}
missing_tbl <- merged_data %>%
  summarise(
    across(
      .cols = everything(),
      .fns = list(
        count  = ~ sum(is.na(.x)),
        percent = ~ mean(is.na(.x)) * 100
      ),
      .names = "{.col}_{.fn}"
    )
  )

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) %>%
# ----- reshape -----
pivot_longer(
  cols = everything(),
  names_to = c("variable", "metric"),
  names_sep = "_(?=[^_]+$)", # split on *last* underscore
  values_to = "value"
) %>%

pivot_wider(names_from = metric, values_from = value) %>%

arrange(desc(percent))

print(missing_tbl)

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#Handle Missing Values

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# Remove records with missing sales

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merged_data <- merged_data %>% filter(!is.na(Weekly_Sales))
```

# Median imputation for continuous vars

```
merged_data <- merged_data %>%
```

```
  mutate(across(starts_with("MarkDown"), ~ replace_na(., 0)))
```

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colSums(is.na(merged_data))

```

#Date & Key Features
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merged_data <- merged_data %>%
  mutate(
    year   = year(Date),
    quarter = quarter(Date),
    week   = isoweek(Date),
    month  = month(Date, label = TRUE),
    wday_lbl = wday(Date, label = TRUE),
    ym     = yearmonth(Date)
  )

```

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str(merged_data)

```

# Sales Trends
#total weekly line plot
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total_sales <- merged_data %>%

  group_by(Date) %>%

  summarise(Total_Weekly_Sales = sum(Weekly_Sales))


ggplot(total_sales, aes(x = Date, y = Total_Weekly_Sales)) +

  geom_line(color = "#2c3e50") +

  labs(title = "Total Weekly Sales Over Time",

        x = "Date", y = "Sales") +

  scale_y_continuous(labels = scales::dollar) +

  theme_minimal()
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#Weekly sales by store type


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merged_data %>%

  group_by(Type) %>%

  summarise(Average_Sales = mean(Weekly_Sales)) %>%

  ggplot(aes(x = Type, y = Average_Sales, fill = Type)) +

  geom_col() +

  labs(title = "Average Weekly Sales by Store Type", x = "Store Type", y = "Average Sales") +

  scale_y_continuous(labels = scales::dollar) +

  theme_minimal()


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#correlation Hetamap


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```
library(reshape2)
```

```
numeric_vars <- merged_data %>%
```

```
  select_if(is.numeric) %>%
```

```
  drop_na()
```

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cor_matrix <- cor(numeric_vars)
```

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melted_cormat <- melt(cor_matrix)
```

```
ggplot(melted_cormat, aes(Var1, Var2, fill = value)) +
```

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  geom_tile(color = "white") +
```

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  scale_fill_gradient2(low = "red", high = "blue", mid = "white",
```

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    midpoint = 0, limit = c(-1, 1)) +
```

```
  theme_minimal() +
```

```
  labs(title = "Correlation Heatmap")+
```

```
  theme(
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    axis.text.x = element_text(angle = 45, hjust = 1)
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)
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# Correlations as numbers (no plots)
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library(tidyverse)

library(Hmisc) # rcorr() gives r, p, and n in one shot
library(knitr) # nice table printing

# 1) Select numeric columns
num_df <- merged_data %>%
  dplyr::select(where(is.numeric)) # same as select_if(is.numeric) but newer

# 2) Correlation matrix with p-values (pairwise complete obs)
rc <- Hmisc::rcorr(as.matrix(num_df), type = "pearson") # use type="spearman" if you
prefer
cor_mat <- rc$r # correlations
p_mat <- rc$P # p-values
n_mat <- rc$n # pair counts

# 3) Print the full correlation matrix (rounded)
print(round(cor_mat, 3))

# 4) Tidy, de-duplicated pair list, sorted by |correlation|
cor_pairs <- cor_mat %>%
  as.data.frame() %>%
  rownames_to_column("var1") %>%
  pivot_longer(-var1, names_to = "var2", values_to = "corr") %>%
  # keep each pair once and drop self-correlations
  filter(var1 < var2) %>%
  mutate(
    p = map2_dbl(var1, var2, ~ p_mat[.x, .y]),

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n = map2_int(var1, var2, ~ n_mat[.x, .y])
) %>%
arrange(desc(abs(corr)))

```

# 5) Show the top N strongest correlations

```

cor_pairs %>%
mutate(corr = round(corr, 3),
       p = signif(p, 3)) %>%
slice_head(n = 30) %>%
kable(caption = "Top 30 absolute correlations (Pearson)")

```

# 6) (Optional) Keep only “meaningful” correlations, e.g.,  $|r| \geq 0.3$  and  $p < 0.05$

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meaningful_corrs <- cor_pairs %>%
filter(abs(corr) >= 0.30, p < 0.05)

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#Distributions of weekly\_sales

#histogram full range & 99-pct zoom(Distribution of Weekly Sales)

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merged_data %>%

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filter(Weekly_Sales <= 100000) %>%

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ggplot(aes(x = Weekly_Sales)) +

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geom_histogram(bins = 100, fill = "#3498db", color = "white") +

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scale_x_continuous(labels = scales::dollar) +

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scale_y_continuous(labels = scales::comma) +

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labs(

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title = "Distribution of Weekly Sales (up to $100K)",
x = "Weekly Sales", y = "Count"
) +
theme_minimal()

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#Weekly sales by store type

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library(tidyverse)

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library(lubridate)

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library(scales)

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# 1 — WEEKLY totals by Date × Type × Year —————

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```

weekly_type_year <- merged_data %>%

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  mutate(Year = factor(year(Date))) %>%    # factor → legend / colour

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```

  group_by(Date, Type, Year) %>%

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  summarise(weekly_sales = sum(Weekly_Sales), .groups = "drop")

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# 2 — Vibrant colour palette for the three years —————

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year_pal <- c("2010" = "#FF5733", # bright orange-red

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            "2011" = "#33C1FF", # electric cyan

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            "2012" = "#F820FF") # neon magenta

```

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# 3 — Plot: raw weekly spikes, coloured by Year, facets by Type ———

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ggplot(weekly_type_year,
  aes(x = Date, y = weekly_sales,
    colour = Year, group = Year)) +
  geom_line(linewidth = 0.5) +      # thin = spikes visible
  facet_wrap(~ Type, ncol = 1, scales = "free_y") +
  scale_colour_manual(
    values = year_pal, name = "Year",
    guide = guide_legend(override.aes = list(linewidth = 2))
  ) +
  scale_y_continuous(labels = dollar_format(scale = 1)) +
  labs(
    title = "Weekly Sales Spikes by Store Type (2010–2012)",
    x = NULL, y = "Weekly Sales ($)"
  ) +
  theme_minimal(base_size = 13) +
  theme(
    axis.text.x = element_text(angle = 45, hjust = 1),
    strip.text = element_text(size = 12, face = "bold"),
    legend.position = "right"
  )

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## #Seasonality Patterns

Q. Does total sales differ between months, Are there seasonal differences by time period?

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```{r}

library(dplyr); library(lubridate); library(ggplot2)
library(scales); library(knitr); library(effectsize)

wmt_fy <- merged_data %>%
  mutate(
    fy = if_else(month(Date) >= 2, year(Date), year(Date) - 1L), # fiscal year
    fm = if_else(month(Date) >= 2, month(Date) - 1L, 12L),      # fiscal month 1-12
    woy = isoweek(Date)   # ISO week (1-52/53)
  ) %>%
  filter(fy %in% 2010:2011)                                     # keep two complete FYs

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#Monthly profile (Feb → Jan pooled over FY-10 & FY-11)

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# — totals per fiscal month (pooled) -----
month_tbl <- wmt_fy %>%
  group_by(fm) %>%
  summarise(total_sales = sum(Weekly_Sales), .groups = "drop")

kable(month_tbl,
  col.names = c("Fiscal Month (1 = Feb)", "Total Sales ($)"),
  format.args = list(big.mark = ",", scientific = FALSE))

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```

# — weekly chain totals for ANOVA -----

wk_tbl <- wmt_fy %>%
  group_by(Date, fm) %>%
  summarise(chain_sales = sum(Weekly_Sales), .groups = "drop")

aov_m <- aov(chain_sales ~ factor(fm), data = wk_tbl)
p_val <- summary(aov_m)[[1]][["Pr(>F)"]][1]
F_stat <- summary(aov_m)[[1]][["F value"]][1]
eta2 <- effectsize::eta_squared(aov_m)$Eta2[1]

# gaps
hi <- month_tbl %>% slice_max(total_sales, n = 1)
lo <- month_tbl %>% slice_min(total_sales, n = 1)
gap_abs <- hi$total_sales - lo$total_sales
gap_pct <- 100 * gap_abs / hi$total_sales

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library(dplyr)
library(lubridate)
library(ggplot2)
library(scales)

# assumes `wmt_fy` already has columns:
# fy = fiscal year (2010 or 2011)

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# fm = fiscal month (1 = Feb ... 12 = Jan)

# — monthly totals by fiscal year —————
stack_tbl <- wmt_fy %>%
  group_by(fy, fm) %>%                # two FYs × 12 months
  summarise(total_sales = sum(Weekly_Sales), .groups = "drop") %>%
  mutate(fm_lab = factor(fm, levels = 1:12,
    labels = c("Feb","Mar","Apr","May","Jun",
      "Jul","Aug","Sep","Oct","Nov","Dec","Jan")),
    fy_lab = factor(fy))              # ensure fy is factor

# — stacked bar plot -----
ggplot(stack_tbl, aes(fm_lab, total_sales, fill = fy_lab)) +
  geom_col(position = "stack", colour = "white") +
  scale_fill_brewer(palette = "Set1", name = "Fiscal Year") +
  scale_y_continuous(labels = dollar) +
  labs(title = "Stacked fiscal-month sales (FY-2010 & FY-2011)",
    x = "Fiscal month (Feb = 1 ... Jan = 12)",
    y = "Total sales ($)") +
  theme_minimal(base_size = 11)

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#Week-of-Year profile (ISO weeks 1–52 pooled)
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woy_tbl <- wmt_fy %>%
  group_by(woy) %>%
  summarise(total_sales = sum(Weekly_Sales), .groups = "drop")

```

```

kable(woy_tbl,
      col.names = c("ISO Week", "Total Sales ($)"),
      format.args = list(big.mark = ",", scientific = FALSE))

```

```

top3 <- woy_tbl %>% slice_max(total_sales, n = 3)
bot3 <- woy_tbl %>% slice_min(total_sales, n = 3)

```

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w_gap_abs <- max(top3$total_sales) - min(bot3$total_sales)
w_gap_pct <- 100 * w_gap_abs / max(top3$total_sales)

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# — weekly totals pooled over FY-10 & 11 —————

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woy_tot <- wmt_fy %>%
  group_by(woy) %>%           # iso week number (1-52)
  summarise(total_sales = sum(Weekly_Sales), .groups = "drop")

```

```

# — line plot -----

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ggplot(woy_tot, aes(woy, total_sales)) +

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geom_line(colour = "#2980b9", linewidth = 0.8) +
geom_point(size = 1.5, colour = "#2980b9") +
scale_x_continuous(breaks = seq(1, 52, by = 4)) +
scale_y_continuous(labels = dollar) +
labs(title = "ISO week-of-year sales (FY-2010 & FY-2011 pooled)",
      x = "ISO week number",
      y = "Total sales ($)") +
theme_minimal(base_size = 11)

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## STORE FISCAL ANALYSIS

Which stores are performing best/worst and How do stores compare systematically?

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```
library(dplyr)
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```
library(lubridate)
```

```
library(tidyr)
```

```
library(ggplot2)
```

```
library(viridis)
```

```
library(scales)
```

```
library(knitr)
```

```
# — 0 · fiscal-year helper -----
```

```
merged_fy <- merged_data %>%
```

```
  mutate(
```

```

fy = if_else(month(Date) >= 2, year(Date), year(Date) - 1L), # FY key
fy = factor(fy, levels = 2010:2012, labels = c("FY2010","FY2011","FY2012"))
)

# — 1.1 Year-by-store aggregates -----
store_year_tbl <- merged_fy %>%
  group_by(Store, fy) %>%
  summarise(year_sales = sum(Weekly_Sales, na.rm = TRUE), .groups = "drop")

store_wide <- store_year_tbl %>%
  pivot_wider(names_from = fy,
              values_from = year_sales,
              names_prefix = "Sales_") %>%
  mutate(Sales_Total = Sales_FY2010 + Sales_FY2011 + Sales_FY2012)

# — 1.2 Rank & category flags -----
ranked_tbl <- store_wide %>%
  arrange(desc(Sales_Total)) %>%
  mutate(
    Rank_Overall = row_number(),
    Rank_FY2012 = rank(-Sales_FY2012, ties.method = "min"),
    Category = case_when(
      Rank_Overall <= 3 ~ "Top 3",
      Rank_Overall > n() - 3 ~ "Bottom 3",
      TRUE ~ "Middle"
    )
  )
)

```

```

kable(ranked_tbl,

      col.names = c("Store","Sales FY10","Sales FY11","Sales FY12*",
                    "Sales Total","Rank Overall","Rank FY12","Category"),

      format.args = list(big.mark = ",", scientific = FALSE),

      caption = "*FY-2012 covers Feb → Oct only")

# — 2 · heat-map -----

heat_df <- ranked_tbl %>%

  select(Store, Sales_FY2010, Sales_FY2011, Sales_FY2012, Sales_Total, Category) %>%

  pivot_longer(starts_with("Sales_"),

               names_to = "Year",

               values_to = "Sales") %>%

  mutate(Store = factor(Store, levels = ranked_tbl$Store)) # best → worst

ggplot(heat_df, aes(Year, Store, fill = Sales)) +

  geom_tile(colour = "white", linewidth = 0.3) +

  scale_fill_viridis(option = "C", labels = dollar,

                    name = "Sales $") +

  # red outline for Top / Bottom stores

  geom_tile(data = heat_df %>% filter(Category != "Middle"),

            colour = "red", linewidth = 0.8, fill = NA) +

  labs(title = "Store performance heat-map by fiscal year (FY-2010 – FY-2012*)",

       subtitle = "*FY-2012 bar shorter because Nov–Jan withheld",

       x = NULL, y = "Store (ranked best → worst)") +

  theme_minimal(base_size = 10) +

  theme(axis.text.y = element_text(size = 6))

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#DEPARTMENT

#Department-Level Performance by Fiscal Year

#Q. What is the sales distribution across departments and how stable is this distribution

over time?

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library(dplyr); library(lubridate); library(tidyr)

library(ggplot2); library(scales); library(knitr)

dept\_year\_tbl <- merged\_data %>%

mutate(fy = if\_else(month(Date) >= 2, year(Date), year(Date) - 1L),

fy = factor(fy, levels = 2010:2012,

labels = c("FY2010","FY2011","FY2012")) %>%

group\_by(Dept, fy) %>%

summarise(year\_sales = sum(Weekly\_Sales), .groups = "drop")

dept\_wide <- dept\_year\_tbl %>%

pivot\_wider(names\_from = fy, values\_from = year\_sales,

names\_prefix = "Sales\_") %>%

mutate(Sales\_Total = Sales\_FY2010 + Sales\_FY2011 + Sales\_FY2012) %>%

arrange(desc(Sales\_Total)) %>%

mutate(Rank\_Overall = row\_number())

# absolute & % gap between best and worst

```
abs_gap <- dept_wide$Sales_Total[1] - dept_wide$Sales_Total[nrow(dept_wide)]
pct_gap <- 100 * abs_gap / dept_wide$Sales_Total[1]
```

```
kable(dept_wide,
      col.names = c("Dept","Sales FY10","Sales FY11","Sales FY12*",
                    "Sales Total","Rank Overall"),
      format.args = list(big.mark = ",", scientific = FALSE),
      caption = paste0("*FY-2012 covers Feb → Oct only | Gap best→worst = $",
                        comma(abs_gap), " (", round(pct_gap,1), "%)")
```

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#Top-3-department share plot
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# identify top-3 depts by pooled sales
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```
top3 <- dept_wide$Dept[1:3]
```

```
plot_df <- merged_data %>%
```

```
  filter(Dept %in% top3) %>%
```

```
  mutate(fy = if_else(month(Date) >= 2, year(Date), year(Date)-1L),
```

```
         fy = factor(fy, levels = 2010:2012,
```

```
                   labels = c("FY2010","FY2011","FY2012")) %>%
```

```
  group_by(fy) %>%
```

```
  summarise(top3_sales = sum(Weekly_Sales), .groups = "drop") %>%
```

```
# chain totals for denominator
```

```
left_join(
```

```
  merged_data %>%
```

```
  mutate(fy = if_else(month(Date) >= 2, year(Date), year(Date)-1L),
```

```

fy = factor(fy, levels = 2010:2012,
            labels = c("FY2010","FY2011","FY2012")) %>%
  group_by(fy) %>% summarise(chain_sales = sum(Weekly_Sales), .groups = "drop"),
  by = "fy") %>%
  mutate(pct_share = top3_sales / chain_sales)

```

```

ggplot(plot_df, aes(fy, pct_share)) +
  geom_col(fill = "#FF5733") +
  geom_text(
    aes(label = scales::percent(pct_share, accuracy = 1)),
    vjust = -0.3,          # just above each bar
    size = 4,             # text size in mm
    fontface = "bold"
  ) +
  scale_y_continuous(labels = percent_format(accuracy = 1),
                     limits = c(0, 0.50), expand = c(0,0)) +
  labs(title = "Share of Chain Sales from Top-3 Departments",
       subtitle = "Fiscal-year view (FY-2012 partial Feb–Oct)",
       x = NULL, y = "Percent of Total Sales") +
  theme_minimal(base_size = 11)

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top3 <- dept_wide$Dept[1:3]

```

```
# --- Totals by fiscal year (chain & top-3) ---
```

```
chain_by_fy <- dept_year_tbl %>%
```

```
  group_by(fy) %>%
```

```
  summarise(chain_sales = sum(year_sales), .groups = "drop")
```

```
top3_by_fy <- dept_year_tbl %>%
```

```
  filter(Dept %in% top3) %>%
```

```
  group_by(fy) %>%
```

```
  summarise(top3_sales = sum(year_sales), .groups = "drop")
```

```
# --- Each non-top-3 department's share of the "rest 80%" (per FY) ---
```

```
rest_dept_fy <- dept_year_tbl %>%
```

```
  filter(!(Dept %in% top3)) %>%
```

```
  left_join(chain_by_fy, by = "fy") %>%
```

```
  left_join(top3_by_fy, by = "fy") %>%
```

```
  mutate(
```

```
    rest_pool = chain_sales - top3_sales,
```

```
    share_of_rest_fy = if_else(rest_pool > 0, year_sales / rest_pool, NA_real_),
```

```
    share_of_total_fy = year_sales / chain_sales
```

```
  )
```

```
# --- Average contributions across FYs ---
```

```
rest_avg <- rest_dept_fy %>%
```

```
  group_by(Dept) %>%
```

```
  summarise(
```

```
    pooled_share_of_rest = sum(year_sales, na.rm = TRUE) / sum(rest_pool, na.rm = TRUE),
```

```

mean_share_of_rest = mean(share_of_rest_fy, na.rm = TRUE),
pooled_share_of_total = sum(year_sales, na.rm = TRUE) / sum(chain_sales, na.rm =
TRUE),
.groups = "drop"
) %>%
arrange(desc(pooled_share_of_rest))

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sum_rest_share <- sum(rest_avg$pooled_share_of_rest, na.rm = TRUE)
message("Sum of pooled shares across rest = ", round(sum_rest_share, 3))

```

```

rest_tbl <- rest_avg %>%
mutate(
`Pooled share of rest` = scales::percent(pooled_share_of_rest, accuracy = 0.1),
`Mean share of rest (FY avg)` = scales::percent(mean_share_of_rest, accuracy = 0.1),
`Pooled share of TOTAL` = scales::percent(pooled_share_of_total, accuracy = 0.1)
) %>%
select(Dept, `Pooled share of rest`, `Mean share of rest (FY avg)`, `Pooled share of
TOTAL`)

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knitr::kable(rest_tbl %>% slice_head(n = 15),
caption = "Top 15 contributors among the OTHER ~80% (excl. top-3 depts)")

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```
library(forcats); library(scales); library(ggplot2); library(dplyr)
```

```
N <- 15
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```
rest_top <- rest_avg %>%
```

```
  arrange(desc(pooled_share_of_rest)) %>%
```

```
  mutate(Dept = as.factor(Dept))
```

```
rest_topN <- rest_top %>% slice_head(n = N)
```

```
others_share <- 1 - sum(rest_topN$pooled_share_of_rest, na.rm = TRUE)
```

```
rest_topN_plus <- bind_rows(
```

```
  rest_topN,
```

```
  tibble(Dept = factor("Other depts"), pooled_share_of_rest = others_share)
```

```
) %>%
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```
  mutate(Dept = fct_reorder(Dept, pooled_share_of_rest))
```

```
ggplot(rest_topN_plus, aes(x = Dept, y = pooled_share_of_rest)) +
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```
  geom_col(fill = "#2c3e50") +
```

```
  coord_flip() +
```

```
  geom_text(aes(label = percent(pooled_share_of_rest, accuracy = 0.1)),
```

```
    hjust = -0.1, size = 3) +
```

```
  scale_y_continuous(labels = percent, expand = expansion(mult = c(0, .15))) +
```

```
  labs(
```

```
    title = paste0("Which depts make up the OTHER ~80%? (Top ", N, " + 'Other')"),
```

```
    x = "Department (non-top-3 only)",
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    y = "Share of the remaining ~80% (pooled across FYs)"
  ) +
  theme_minimal(base_size = 11)

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library(treemapify)

ggplot(rest_top, aes(area = pooled_share_of_rest, fill = pooled_share_of_rest,
                     label = Dept)) +
  geom_treemap() +
  geom_treemap_text(colour = "white", place = "centre", grow = TRUE, reflow = TRUE) +
  scale_fill_gradient(low = "#9ecae1", high = "#08519c", labels = percent) +
  labs(
    title = "Treemap: contribution of each non-top-3 department to the OTHER ~80%",
    fill = "Share of rest"
  ) +
  theme_minimal(base_size = 11) + theme(legend.position = "right")

  ...

-----

```

## Fiscal-Year Monthly-Totals Analysis

Year over year

#.Are there statistically significant differences in sales performance across fiscal years 2010-2012?

```
` `` {r}
```

```
library(dplyr); library(lubridate); library(tidyr)
```

```
library(ggplot2); library(scales); library(knitr)
```

```
library(effects); library(broom)
```

```
` `` `
```

Aggregate monthly totals by fiscal year (Feb → Oct only)

```
` `` {r}
```

```
fy_month_tbl <- merged_data %>%
```

```
# ---- fiscal keys -----
```

```
mutate(
```

```
  fy = if_else(month(Date) >= 2, year(Date), year(Date) - 1L),
```

```
  fy = factor(fy, levels = 2010:2012, labels = c("FY2010","FY2011","FY2012")),
```

```
  Month = month(Date, label = TRUE, abbr = TRUE)
```

```
) %>%
```

```
# ---- keep months present in all 3 FYs (Feb–Oct) -----
```

```
filter(Month %in% month(2:10, label = TRUE, abbr = TRUE)) %>%
```

```
group_by(fy, Month) %>%
```

```
summarise(total_sales = sum(Weekly_Sales), .groups = "drop")
```

```
```
```

```
```{r}
```

```
fy_month_wide <- fy_month_tbl %>%  
  pivot_wider(names_from = fy, values_from = total_sales)
```

```
kable(fy_month_wide,  
      col.names = c("Month","FY-2010","FY-2011","FY-2012*"),  
      format.args = list(big.mark = ",", scientific = FALSE),  
      caption = "*FY-2012 covers Feb → Oct only")
```

```
```
```

Grouped-bar plot

```
```{r}
```

```
ggplot(fy_month_tbl, aes(Month, total_sales, fill = fy)) +  
  geom_col(position = "dodge") +  
  scale_y_continuous(labels = dollar) +  
  scale_fill_brewer(palette = "Set2", name = "Fiscal Year") +  
  labs(title = "Monthly sales by fiscal year (common window Feb–Oct)",  
        x = NULL, y = "Total sales ($)") +  
  theme_minimal(base_size = 11)
```

```
```
```

```
` `` {r}
```

```
library(dplyr); library(lubridate); library(broom)
```

```
library(effectsiz); library(knitr)
```

```
# --- weekly chain totals, Feb–Oct window -----
```

```
weekly_common <- merged_data %>%
```

```
  mutate(
```

```
    fy = if_else(month(Date) >= 2, year(Date), year(Date)-1L),
```

```
    fy = factor(fy, levels = 2010:2012,
```

```
               labels = c("FY2010","FY2011","FY2012")),
```

```
    Month = month(Date, label = TRUE, abbr = TRUE)
```

```
  ) %>%
```

```
  filter(Month %in% month(2:10, label = TRUE, abbr = TRUE)) %>%
```

```
  group_by(fy, Date) %>%
```

```
  summarise(chain_sales = sum(Weekly_Sales), .groups = "drop")
```

```
# --- choose parametric vs non-parametric -----
```

```
aov_mod <- aov(chain_sales ~ fy, data = weekly_common)
```

```
norm_p <- shapiro.test(residuals(aov_mod))$p.value
```

```
if (norm_p > .05) {
```

```
  test_name <- "One-way ANOVA"
```

```
  stat_out <- tidy(aov_mod)[1, c("df","statistic","p.value")]
```

```
  eta_tbl <- effectsiz::eta_squared(aov_mod, partial = TRUE)
```

```
  term_col <- intersect(c("Effect","Parameter","Term"), names(eta_tbl))[1]
```

```
  eff_sz <- eta_tbl %>%
```

```
    filter(.data[[term_col]] == "fy") %>%
```

```
    select(matches("^Eta2")) %>% pull() %>% round(3)
```

```

} else {

  test_name <- "Kruskal-Wallis"

  kw_mod <- kruskal.test(chain_sales ~ fy, data = weekly_common)

  stat_out <- tidy(kw_mod)[, c("parameter","statistic","p.value")] %>%
    rename(df = parameter)

  eff_sz <- effectsize::epsilon_squared(kw_mod)$Epsilon2 %>% round(3)

}

```

```

cat("\n***", test_name, "***\n\n") # bold header

kable(stat_out, digits = 3,
      col.names = c("df", ifelse(test_name=="One-way ANOVA","F","H"), "p"))

cat("\nPartial  $\eta^2$  (fy) =", eff_sz, "\n")

```

```

` `` `

#which year is higher/lower

` `` `{r}

weekly_common %>%

  group_by(fy) %>%

  summarise(Mean = mean(chain_sales),
            SD = sd(chain_sales),
            n = n()) %>%

  mutate(across(Mean:SD, scales::dollar)) %>%

  knitr::kable()

```

```

-----

#What is the quantitative impact of promotional activities and holiday periods on weekly sales performance?

#What is the effect of promotions/holidays

Fiscal-Years 2010 & 2011 — Promotion- and Holiday-Week Impact

```{R}

library(dplyr); library(lubridate); library(ggplot2)

library(scales); library(effsize); library(knitr)

# — Filter to the two complete fiscal years -----

fy\_span <- merged\_data %>%

filter(Date >= as.Date("2010-02-05"),

Date <= as.Date("2012-01-27"))

# — Promo flag (any Markdown > 0) -----

fy\_span <- fy\_span %>%

mutate(promo\_flag = as.integer(if\_any(starts\_with("Markdown"), ~.x > 0)))

# — Weekly aggregation (one row per Friday) -----

weekly\_df <- fy\_span %>%

group\_by(Date) %>%

summarise(total\_sales = sum(Weekly\_Sales, na.rm = TRUE),

```

    promo_flag = first(promo_flag),
    holiday    = first(IsHoliday), .groups = "drop")

  ...

  ```{r}```

# ---- non-parametric test & effect size (PROMO) -----
# Was: t.test(...) + Cohen's d
w_promo <- wilcox.test(total_sales ~ promo_flag,
                       data = weekly_df,
                       exact = FALSE, conf.int = TRUE, alternative = "two.sided")
delta_promo <- effsize::cliff.delta(total_sales ~ promo_flag,
                                   data = weekly_df)$estimate

promo_tbl <- tibble(
  Group      = c("No-Promo (0)", "Promo (1)", " $\Delta$  (1-0)"),
  Mean_Weekly_Sales = c(promo_stats$Mean, diff(promo_stats$Mean)),
  SD         = c(promo_stats$SD, NA),
  n          = c(promo_stats$n, NA),
  `95% CI`   = c("", "",
                  paste0(scales::dollar(w_promo$conf.int[1]),
                          " → ", scales::dollar(w_promo$conf.int[2]))),
  `p-value`  = c("", "", signif(w_promo$p.value, 3)),
  `Cliff's delta` = c("", "", round(delta_promo, 2))
)

```

```

knitr::kable(promo_tbl, digits = 0,

  col.names = c("Group","Mean ($)","SD","n",
    "95 % CI","p-value","Cliff's  $\Delta$ ")

  ` ` `

  ````{r}

# ---- non-parametric test & effect size (HOLIDAY) -----
w_hol <- wilcox.test(total_sales ~ holiday,
  data = weekly_df,
  exact = FALSE, conf.int = TRUE, alternative = "two.sided")

delta_hol <- effsize::cliff.delta(total_sales ~ holiday,
  data = weekly_df)$estimate

hol_tbl <- tibble(
  Group      = c("Non-Holiday (0)", "Holiday (1)", " $\Delta$  (1-0)"),
  Mean_Weekly_Sales = c(hol_stats$Mean, diff(hol_stats$Mean)),
  SD         = c(hol_stats$SD, NA),
  n          = c(hol_stats$n, NA),
  ` 95% CI`  = c("", "",
    paste0(scales::dollar(w_hol$conf.int[1]),
      " → ", scales::dollar(w_hol$conf.int[2]))),
  ` p-value`  = c("", "", signif(w_hol$p.value, 3)),
  ` Cliff's delta` = c("", "", round(delta_hol, 2))

```

)

```
knitr::kable(hol_tbl, digits = 0,  
             col.names = c("Group","Mean ($)","SD","n",  
                           "95 % CI","p-value","Cliff's  $\Delta$ ")
```

```
```\n
```

```
```{r}
```

```
library(ggplot2); library(scales)
```

```
weekly_df <- merged_data %>%  
  mutate(promo_flag = as.integer(if_any(starts_with("Markdown"), ~ .x > 0))) %>%  
  group_by(Date) %>%  
  summarise(total_sales = sum(Weekly_Sales),  
            holiday     = max(IsHoliday),  
            promo_flag   = max(promo_flag),  
            .groups = "drop")  
  
ggplot(weekly_df, aes(Date, total_sales)) +  
  geom_line(colour = "#34495e", linewidth = 0.8) +  
  geom_point(data = weekly_df %>% filter(promo_flag==1),  
            aes(Date, total_sales), alpha = 0.5, size = 1.2) +  
  geom_vline(data = weekly_df %>% filter(holiday==1),  
            aes(xintercept = Date), colour = "#e74c3c", linetype = "dashed", linewidth = 0.6) +  
  scale_y_continuous(labels = dollar) +  
  labs(title = "Chain weekly sales with promo points and holiday markers",  
       x = NULL, y = "Weekly sales ($)") +  
  theme_minimal(base_size = 11)
```

```
```
```

```
-----
```

```
```{R}
```

```
library(tsibble); library(feasts); library(anomalize); library(dplyr)
```

```
chain_ts <- merged_data %>%
```

```
  group_by(Date) %>%
```

```
  summarise(Weekly_Sales = sum(Weekly_Sales), .groups = "drop") %>%
```

```
  as_tsibble(index = Date)
```

```
# STL decomposition
```

```
chain_ts %>%
```

```
  model(STL(Weekly_Sales ~ season(window = "periodic") + trend())) %>%
```

```
  components() %>%
```

```
  autoplot() + ggtitle("STL decomposition (chain weekly)")
```

```
```
```

```
` `` {r}
```

```
library(dplyr)
```

```
library(tsibble)
```

```
library(feasts)
```

```
library(ggplot2)
```

```
library(tseries)
```

```
# 1) Chain-level weekly totals -----
```

```
chain_tbl <- merged_data %>%
```

```
  group_by(Date) %>%
```

```
  summarise(Weekly_Sales = sum(Weekly_Sales, na.rm = TRUE), .groups = "drop") %>%
```

```
  arrange(Date)
```

```
# tsibble for ACF/PACF (ggplot style)
```

```
chain_tsbl <- chain_tbl %>% as_tsibble(index = Date)
```

```
chain_tsbl %>%
```

```
  ACF(Weekly_Sales, lag_max = 60) %>%
```

```
  autoplot() + ggtitle("ACF (Chain Weekly_Sales)")
```

```
chain_tsbl %>%
```

```
  PACF(Weekly_Sales, lag_max = 60) %>%
```

```
  autoplot() + ggtitle("PACF (Chain Weekly_Sales)")
```

```
chain_ts <- ts(chain_tbl$Weekly_Sales, frequency = 52)
```

```
adf_raw <- adf.test(chain_ts, alternative = "stationary")  
print(adf_raw)
```

```
` ``
```

```
-----
```

```
#Feature engineering & Modeling
```

```
` ``{r}
```

```
# -----
```

```
# Final modeling
```

```
# -----
```

```
# Load libraries
```

```
library(tidyverse)
```

```
library(lubridate)
```

```
library(slider)
```

```
library(forecast)
```

```
library(prophet)
```

```
library(randomForest)
```

```
library(xgboost)
```

```
library(purrr)
```

```
library(ranger)
```

```
library(vip)
```

```

#-----
# 1) Feature engineering
#-----

df_chain <- merged_data %>%

  group_by(Date) %>%

  summarise(Weekly_Sales = sum(Weekly_Sales), .groups = "drop") %>%

  arrange(Date) %>%

  mutate(

    lag_1 = lag(Weekly_Sales, 1),

    lag_4 = lag(Weekly_Sales, 4),

    lag_52 = lag(Weekly_Sales, 52),

    roll_mean_4 = slide_dbl(Weekly_Sales, mean, .before = 3, .complete = TRUE),

    roll_mean_13 = slide_dbl(Weekly_Sales, mean, .before = 12, .complete = TRUE),

    week = isoweek(Date),

    month = month(Date),

    year = year(Date),

    sin52 = sin(2 * pi * week / 52),

    cos52 = cos(2 * pi * week / 52)

  ) %>%

  drop_na()

#-----

# 2) Monte-Carlo CV setup
#-----

make_time_mc_cv <- function(data, train_size, test_size, n_reps) {

  n <- nrow(data)

  splits <- vector("list", n_reps)

  set.seed(123)

```

```

for (i in seq_len(n_reps)) {
  start <- sample(1:(n - train_size - test_size + 1), 1)
  train_idx <- start:(start + train_size - 1)
  test_idx <- (start + train_size):(start + train_size + test_size - 1)
  splits[[i]] <- list(train = data[train_idx, ], test = data[test_idx, ])
}
splits
}

cv_splits <- make_time_mc_cv(df_chain, train_size = 80, test_size = 8, n_reps = 10)

#-----

# 3) Model fitting function
# (3 classical + 3 ML models)
#-----

run_models <- function(split) {
  train <- split$train
  test <- split$test

  x_vars <- c(
    "lag_1","lag_4","lag_52",
    "roll_mean_4","roll_mean_13",
    "week","month","year","sin52","cos52"
  )

  # ----- Classical -----

  ts_train <- ts(train$Weekly_Sales, frequency = 52)

  fit_sarima <- auto.arima(ts_train, seasonal = TRUE)

```

```
fc_sarima <- forecast(fit_sarima, h = nrow(test))
```

```
sarima_pred <- as.numeric(fc_sarima$mean)
```

```
fit_ets <- ets(ts_train)
```

```
fc_ets <- forecast(fit_ets, h = nrow(test))
```

```
ets_pred <- as.numeric(fc_ets$mean)
```

```
fit_snaive <- forecast::snaive(ts_train, h = nrow(test), lag = 52)
```

```
snaive_pred <- as.numeric(fit_snaive$mean)
```

```
# ----- Machine learning -----
```

```
train_prophet <- train %>% dplyr::select(ds = Date, y = Weekly_Sales)
```

```
m_prophet <- prophet(
```

```
  train_prophet,
```

```
  yearly.seasonality = TRUE,
```

```
  weekly.seasonality = FALSE,
```

```
  daily.seasonality = FALSE,
```

```
  verbose = FALSE
```

```
)
```

```
future <- test %>% dplyr::select(ds = Date)
```

```
fc_prophet <- predict(m_prophet, future)
```

```
prophet_pred <- fc_prophet$yhat
```

```
rf_fit <- randomForest(
```

```
  Weekly_Sales ~ .,
```

```
  data = dplyr::select(train, Weekly_Sales, dplyr::all_of(x_vars)),
```

```
  ntree = 200, mtry = 3
```

```
)
```

```
rf_pred <- predict(rf_fit, newdata = dplyr::select(test, dplyr::all_of(x_vars)))
```

```
dtrain <- xgb.DMatrix(as.matrix(train[, x_vars]), label = train$Weekly_Sales)
```

```
dtest <- xgb.DMatrix(as.matrix(test[, x_vars]))
```

```
xgb_fit <- xgboost(
```

```
  data = dtrain,
```

```
  nrounds = 200,
```

```
  objective = "reg:squarederror",
```

```
  max_depth = 4,
```

```
  eta = 0.1,
```

```
  subsample = 0.8,
```

```
  colsample_bytree = 0.8,
```

```
  verbose = 0
```

```
)
```

```
xgb_pred <- predict(xgb_fit, dtest)
```

```
# Return long format
```

```
tibble::tibble(
```

```
  Date = test$Date,
```

```
  actual = test$Weekly_Sales,
```

```
  SARIMA = sarima_pred,
```

```
  ETS = ets_pred,
```

```
  sNaive = snaive_pred,
```

```
  Prophet = prophet_pred,
```

```
  RandomForest = rf_pred,
```

```
  XGBoost = xgb_pred
```

```
) %>%
```

```
tidyr::pivot_longer(
```

```

    cols = -c(Date, actual),
    names_to = "model",
    values_to = "pred"
  )
}

# Run CV

results <- purrr::map_dfr(cv_splits, run_models, .progress = TRUE)

#-----

# 4) Evaluate model performance
#-----

error_metrics <- results %>%
  filter(!is.na(actual), !is.na(pred)) %>%
  group_by(model) %>%
  summarise(
    MAE = mean(abs(actual - pred)),
    RMSE = sqrt(mean((actual - pred)^2)),
    MAPE = mean(abs(actual - pred) / actual) * 100,
    .groups = 'drop'
  ) %>%
  arrange(MAPE)
print(error_metrics)

#-----

# 5) Diagnostic plots
#-----

# Boxplot of absolute errors by model

```

```
ggplot(results, aes(x = model, y = abs(actual - pred), fill = model)) +
  geom_boxplot() +
  labs(title = "Absolute Error Distribution by Model", x = NULL, y = "Absolute Error") +
  theme_minimal()
```

```
# Actual vs. predicted (averaged over folds)
```

```
avg_preds <- results %>%
```

```
  group_by(Date, model) %>%
```

```
  summarise(actual = mean(actual), pred = mean(pred), .groups = "drop")
```

```
ggplot(avg_preds, aes(x = Date)) +
```

```
  geom_line(aes(y = actual, colour = "Actual"), size = 0.8) +
```

```
  geom_line(aes(y = pred, colour = model), linetype = "solid") +
```

```
  labs(
```

```
    title = "Actual vs Predicted Weekly Sales (averaged over CV folds)",
```

```
    x = "Date", y = "Weekly Sales", colour = "Series"
```

```
  ) +
```

```
  theme_minimal()
```

```
#-----
```

```
# 6) Feature importance (full data)
```

```
#-----
```

```
# Random Forest (ranger) importance
```

```
rf_full <- ranger(
```

```
  Weekly_Sales ~ .,
```

```
  data = dplyr::select(
```

```
    df_chain, Weekly_Sales,
```

```
    dplyr::all_of(c(
```

```

    "lag_1","lag_4","lag_52","roll_mean_4","roll_mean_13",
    "week","month","year","sin52","cos52"
  ))
),
importance = "permutation",
num.trees = 500,
seed = 1
)
vip::vip(rf_full, num_features = 10)

```

```

# XGBoost importance
dall <- xgb.DMatrix(
  data = as.matrix(df_chain[, c(
    "lag_1","lag_4","lag_52","roll_mean_4","roll_mean_13",
    "week","month","year","sin52","cos52"
  ))),
  label = df_chain$Weekly_Sales
)
xgb_full <- xgboost(
  data = dall,
  nrounds = 300,
  objective = "reg:squarederror",
  max_depth = 4,
  eta = 0.1,
  subsample = 0.8,
  colsample_bytree = 0.8,
  verbose = 0
)

```

```
xgb_imp <- xgb.importance(model = xgb_full)

ggplot(xgb_imp, aes(x = reorder(Feature, Gain), y = Gain)) +
  geom_col(fill = "#e74c3c") +
  coord_flip() +
  labs(title = "XGBoost – Feature Importance (Gain)",
       x = "Feature", y = "Gain") +
  theme_minimal()
```

```
ggplot(avg_preds, aes(x = Date)) +
  geom_line(aes(y = actual, colour = "Actual"), size = 0.8) +
  geom_line(aes(y = pred, colour = "Predicted"), linetype = "dashed") +
  facet_wrap(~ model, scales = "free_y", ncol = 2) +
  labs(
    title = "Test set: Actual vs Predicted Overlay by Model",
    y = "Weekly Sales", colour = ""
  ) +
  theme_minimal()
```

```
` ``
```

```
#split by split results
```

```
` `` {r warning=FALSE}
```

```
# Apply run_models to each split and add an identifier for the fold
```

```

results <- purrr::imap_dfr(
  cv_splits,
  ~ run_models(.x) %>% mutate(split_id = .y),
  .progress = TRUE
)

# Now compute metrics for each split and model
metrics_by_split <- results %>%
  filter(!is.na(actual), !is.na(pred)) %>%
  group_by(split_id, model) %>%
  summarise(
    MAE = mean(abs(actual - pred)),
    RMSE = sqrt(mean((actual - pred)^2)),
    MAPE = mean(abs(actual - pred) / actual) * 100,
    .groups = 'drop'
  ) %>%
  arrange(split_id, MAPE)

print(metrics_by_split)

```

...

#not used in dissertation

```{r}

# -----

# 7. Classical residual diagnostics (full series)

```
# -----
```

```
library(forecast)
```

```
# Fit SARIMA, ETS and Prophet on the full chain-level series
```

```
ts_full <- ts(df_chain$Weekly_Sales, frequency = 52)
```

```
# SARIMA on full series
```

```
fit_sarima_full <- auto.arima(ts_full, seasonal = TRUE)
```

```
sarima_resid_full <- residuals(fit_sarima_full)
```

```
# ETS on full series
```

```
fit_ets_full <- ets(ts_full)
```

```
ets_resid_full <- residuals(fit_ets_full)
```

```
# ---- Prophet with 52-week seasonality + holidays + exogenous ----
```

```
df_prophet_full <- df_chain %>%
```

```
  transmute(
```

```
    ds = Date, y = Weekly_Sales,
```

```
    week = isoweek(Date),
```

```
    month = month(Date),
```

```
    sin52 = sin(2*pi*week/52),
```

```
    cos52 = cos(2*pi*week/52)
```

```
  )
```

```
m_prophet_full <- prophet(
```

```
  yearly.seasonality = FALSE, # we'll add a custom 52-week seasonality
```

```
  weekly.seasonality = FALSE, # not meaningful for weekly data
```

```

daily.seasonality = FALSE,
seasonality.mode = "multiplicative",
changepoint.prior.scale = 0.2,
holidays.prior.scale = 10,
seasonality.prior.scale = 10,
verbose = FALSE
)

# custom annual cycle (52 weeks)
m_prophet_full <- add_seasonality(
  m_prophet_full, name = "annual52", period = 52, fourier.order = 10
)

# (optional) add US holidays
m_prophet_full <- add_country_holidays(m_prophet_full, country_name = "US")

# add exogenous regressors (Fourier proxies, calendar)
for (rv in c("sin52","cos52","week","month")) {
  m_prophet_full <- add_regressor(m_prophet_full, rv)
}

m_prophet_full <- fit.prophet(m_prophet_full, df_prophet_full)

p_full <- predict(m_prophet_full, df_prophet_full)
prophet_resid_full <- df_prophet_full$y - p_full$yhat

# Residual diagnostics
forecast::ggAcf(prophet_resid_full) + labs(title = "Prophet Residuals – ACF")

```

```
forecast::ggPacf(prophet_resid_full) + labs(title = "Prophet Residuals – PACF")  
Box.test(prophet_resid_full, lag = 24, type = "Ljung-Box")
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# Plot residual ACF and PACF for each classical model  
# These lines produce separate ACF/PACF plots; you can display them as needed  
# SARIMA residual ACF/PACF  
ggAcf(sarima_resid_full) + labs(title = "SARIMA Residuals – ACF")  
ggPacf(sarima_resid_full) + labs(title = "SARIMA Residuals – PACF")  
# Ljung–Box test  
Box.test(sarima_resid_full, lag = 24, type = "Ljung-Box")
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# ETS residual ACF/PACF  
ggAcf(ets_resid_full) + labs(title = "ETS Residuals – ACF")  
ggPacf(ets_resid_full) + labs(title = "ETS Residuals – PACF")  
Box.test(ets_resid_full, lag = 24, type = "Ljung-Box")
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