PERSONALIZED PRODUCT RECOMMENDATIONS FOR HARDWARE SHOP CUSTOMERS USING MACHINE LEARNING

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Business Modeling and Financial Equations:

1. Business Model:

Subscription-Based Service

Target Customers: Hardware shop owners, including large retail chains, independent hardware stores, and online retailers.

Value Proposition:

- Personalized product recommendations to customers.
- Enhanced customer satisfaction and shopping experience.
- Increased sales, average order value, and revenue.

Revenue Streams:

- Monthly or annual subscription fees based on the size and needs of the business.
- Possible additional revenue from premium features like advanced analytics, custom recommendations, and priority support.

Cost Structure:

- Development and maintenance of the recommendation system.
- Data storage and processing.
- Customer support and service.
- Marketing and sales expenses.

Key Activities:

- Developing and updating machine learning algorithms.
- Maintaining the recommendation system infrastructure.
- Customer support and training.

- Marketing and sales efforts to acquire and retain subscribers.

Key Resources:

- Machine learning and software development teams.
- Data infrastructure (servers, databases, etc.).
- Customer support team.
- Marketing and sales team.

Channels:

- Direct sales to hardware shop owners.
- Online marketing and advertising.
- Partnerships with hardware shop chains and industry associations.

Customer Relationships:

- Subscription-based relationship.
- Regular updates and feature enhancements.
- Customer support and training.

Financial Equation

The general financial equation is:

$$y = m * x(t) - C$$

Where:

- y = Total profit
- m = Price of the subscription service
- x(t) = Total number of subscriptions at time t
- C = Total production and maintenance cost

1. Define the Subscription Fee (m)

Based on market research and competitive analysis:

- Let's assume an average subscription fee: m=Rs. 1000 per month

2. Estimate Total Production and Maintenance Cost (C)

Include costs such as:

- **Development Costs**: Salaries for software developers, data scientists, and machine learning engineers.
- **Maintenance Costs**: Server costs, cloud storage, software updates, and bug fixes.
- **Customer Support Costs**: Salaries for support staff and related expenses.
- **Marketing Costs**: Expenses for acquiring new customers, advertising, and promotional activities.

For simplicity, assume:

- C=Rs. 60,000 per month

3. Model Sales Over Time (x(t))

Assume a linear growth model for the initial phase:

- Let $x(t)=50t$, where t is the number of months.

4. Formulate the Financial Equation

Substitute the values into the general equation:

$$Y=1000*50(t)- 60000$$

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-Where t is the month.