

# **Business Objective**

Build a recommender system that can facilitate user choices by:

- suggesting items that users would like
- solving the cold start problem



## **DATASET**

- Retail csv file containing 8 variables and 541909 records
- Records were taken between 01/12/2010 and 09/12/2011
- The dataset includes:
  - 25900 valid transactions
  - 4070 unique items
  - 4372 customers
  - 38 different countries.

- From the total of 25900 transactions,
  3836 were canceled (14.81%)
- 10624 instances have negative quantities



9288 Cancellations



1336 Non-Cancellations

 19265 duplicated instances by InvoiceNo and StockCode



- Transactions come from 38 different countries of which:
  - 24 are European
  - 8 are Asian
  - 3 are American
  - 1 is African
  - 1 is Oceanic
  - 13 are unspecified
- From the total of 25900 transactions, 23494 come from the UK (90.71%)

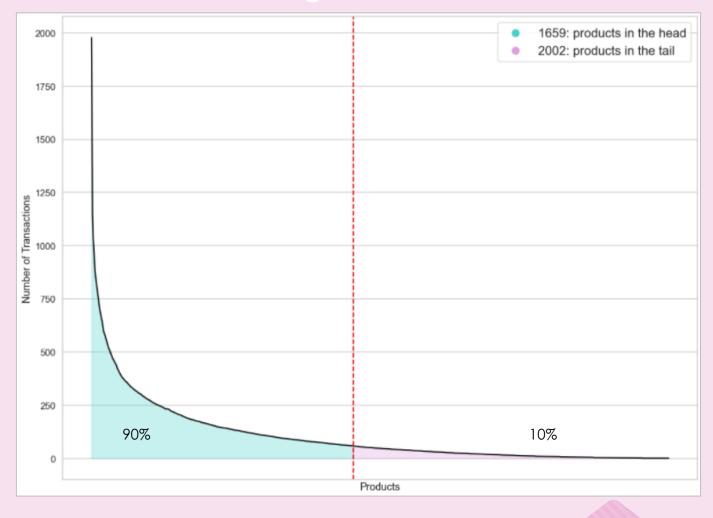
# INSIGHTS

- Stock Code: 5-Digit Code
- 10 products with a shorter code
- Drop all except PADS

#### **Doubtful Products**

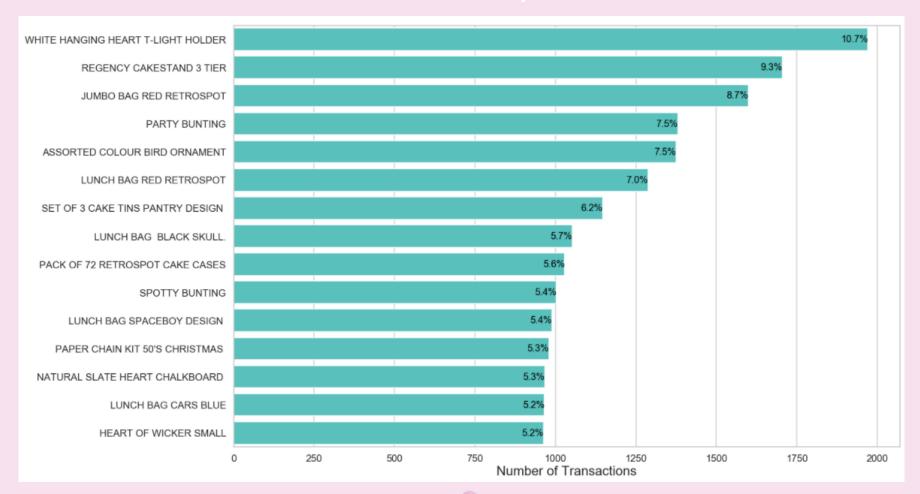
Stock Code	Description	Frequency (Number of observations)	Variety of Prices
POST	POSTAGE	1256	114
DOT	DOTCOM POSTAGE	710	687
M	Manual	571	260
C2	CARRIAGE	144	6
D	Discount	77	75
S	SAMPLES	63	59
CRUK	CRUK Commission	16	16
PADS	PADS TO MATCH ALL CUSHIONS	4	2
m	Manual	1	1
В	Adjust bad debt	1	1

#### Long Tail Plot

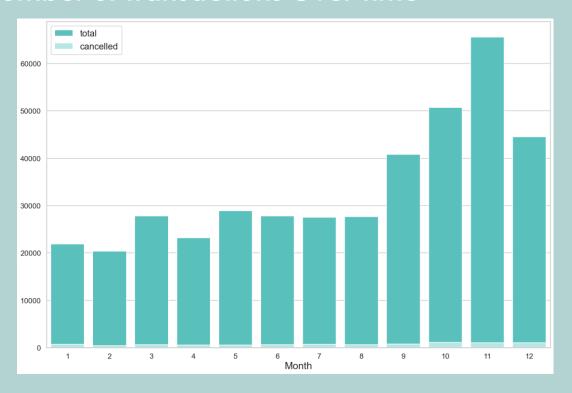


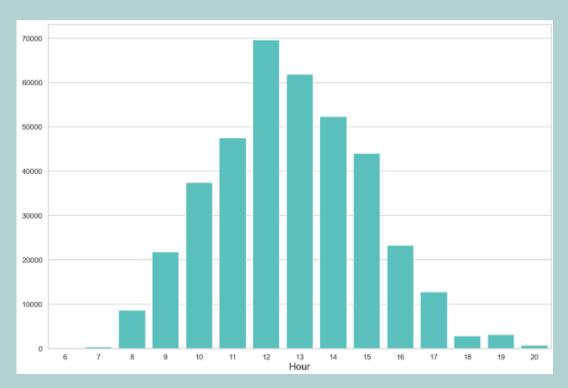
- Long Tailed Distribution
- Most products are in the "long tail"
- Only a small percentage of products have a high volume of transactions
- The 2002 tail products only represent 10% of the transactions

### **ZOOM:** TOP 15 products



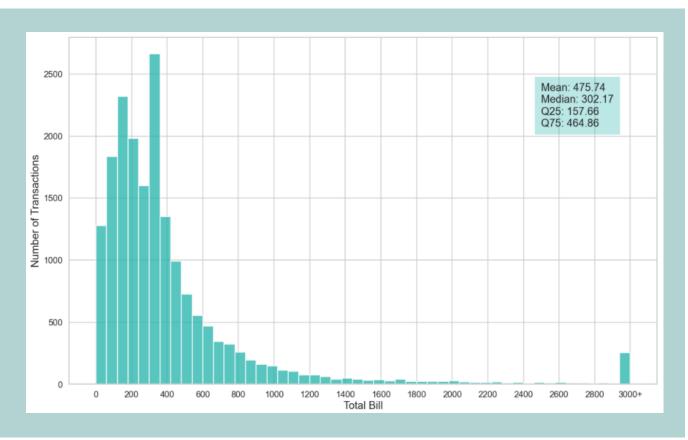
#### Number of Transactions Over Time





### **Transaction Bill**

- Skewed distribution
- Most frequent spend amount:300\$ to 350\$
- 75% of the transactions have a bill lower than \$464.86
- Max: 168 469.6\$



## RECOMMENDER SYSTEMS







# **RESULTS**

### **ALS Model**

• K = 5 Products

	pop_model	als_model
precision	0.095360	0.060253
map	0.061715	0.036538
ndcg	0.100412	0.060119
auc	0.506615	0.504074
personalization	NO	YES

### Popular Model

• K = 10 Products

	pop_model	
precision	1.000000	
map	1.000000	
ndcg	1.000000	
auc	0.501992	
personalization	NO	

### **Association Rules**

- Lift > 1
- 0.510 < Confidence < 0.757

confidence	lift
0.756650	13.198791
0.720450	13.198791
0.677340	6.020613
0.611486	5.435273
0.578723	5.144054
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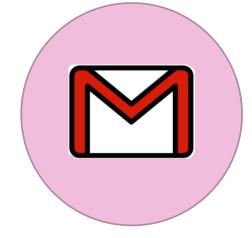
## **DEPLOYMENT**



Personalized menu, products' categories



Products ratings and reviews



Layout of landing page with preferences at the top



Coupons, bundle promotions

