Exercise 3A: Data and tidyverse

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The Data Wrangling Cheat Sheet and the Data Visualization Cheat Sheet may be helpful.

Data set on supermarket sales

The data for this and several subsequent exercises is available from

http://nielsrhansen.github.io/Dong/Supermarket.txt

• Read the data set into R as a tibble called supermarket. Inspect the data set in the Data Viewer.

The data set contains sales for a major supermarket chain in Sweden from the first 12 weeks of 2007. Most variable names are self-explanatory. The four marketing variables are indicators of whether the different marketing strategies have been used. The variable NormalSale is the expected (seasonally adjusted) number of sold items. The variable TotalSale is the actual number of items sold.

Cleaning and filtering data

- How many observations have a missing DiscountSEK?
- Discard observations with a price less than 1 SEK and replace negative and missing values of DiscountSEK by 0 for the remaining observations.
- Construct a new variable normalPrice containing the price without discount.
- Carry on with further inspections of the data.

Summaries

- Cross-tabulate the four marketing variables.
- Find the 10 items with the largest number of observations.
- Find the 10 items with the largest total sale.

Visualization

- Plot the total sale against the normal sale for the top 10 most sold items. Use the color aesthetic to distinguish between the items. Change both axes to be on a log-scale. Add a line with slope 1 and intercept 0 using geom_abline. Give an interpretation.
- The relative total sale is TotalSale / NormalSale. Plot, using hexagonal binning, the relative total sale against the discount in percent. It's probably still a good idea to have the y-axis on a log-scale. Add a smoother (in red) to the plot.