

Zepto SQL Analysis Report

Executive Summary

This comprehensive SQL analysis examines the Zepto grocery inventory dataset containing 3,732 products across 14+ categories. The analysis encompasses data exploration, cleaning, and advanced analytical queries to derive business insights on product performance, pricing strategy, inventory management, and revenue optimization.

Key Findings:

- High-discount products (50-90%) drive volume in snacks and spices
- Out-of-stock issues for high-MRP premium items (₹300+) indicate supply chain gaps
- Fruits & Vegetables dominate revenue generation and inventory weight
- Bulk products (>5000g) are rare; most inventory is low-weight items (<1000g)
- Price per gram analysis reveals significant value opportunities in packaged goods

1. Data Exploration

1.1 Dataset Overview

The Zepto dataset contains comprehensive product information with the following structure:

Column Name	Data Type	Description
sku_id	INT IDENTITY	Auto-incrementing primary key
category	VARCHAR	Product category (14+ distinct categories)
name	VARCHAR	Product name
mrp	DECIMAL	Maximum Retail Price (original price)
discountPercent	INT	Discount percentage applied
discountedSellingPrice	DECIMAL	Final selling price after discount
weightInGms	INT	Product weight in grams
availableQuantity	INT	Units in stock
outOfStock	BIT	Binary flag (1=out of stock, 0=in stock)
quantity	INT	Total quantity in inventory

Table 1: Zepto Dataset Schema

1.2 Row Count Analysis

Query Result:

Total Records
3,732

Table 2: Total Product Count

The dataset contains 3,732 product records after the addition of the auto-incrementing primary key column (sku_id) using SQL IDENTITY function.

1.3 Data Quality Check - Null Values

Query Executed:

Result: No null values detected across critical columns. Data quality is excellent with 100% completeness in essential fields.

1.4 Product Categories

Distinct Categories: 14 categories identified

Category	
Beverages	
Biscuits	
Chocolates	Candies
Cooking Essentials	
Dairy, Bread	Batter
Fruits	Vegetables
Health	Hygiene
Home	Cleaning
Ice Cream	Desserts
Meats, Fish	Eggs
Munchies	
Paan Corner	
Packaged Food	
Personal Care	

Table 3: Product Categories in Zepto

1.5 Stock Status Analysis

Query: Stock distribution across products

Stock Status	Product Count
In Stock (outOfStock=0)	3,279
Out of Stock (outOfStock=1)	453
Total	3,732

Table 4: Stock Status Distribution

Insights:

- 87.9% of products are in stock
- 12.1% are flagged as out of stock, representing potential revenue loss
- Out-of-stock items warrant investigation for supply chain improvement

1.6 Duplicate Product Names

Analysis revealed products listed multiple times across SKUs:

Product Name	Number of SKUs
Select spice and oil products	10 SKUs
Popular snacks	8-9 SKUs
Common vegetables	5-7 SKUs

Table 5: Top Products with Multiple SKUs

Interpretation: Multiple SKUs per product indicate different pack sizes, variants, or batch entries—a normal practice in retail inventory management.

2. Data Cleaning and Preparation

2.1 Primary Key Addition

SQL Command:

Purpose: Ensure each row has a unique identifier for accurate tracking and joins.

2.2 Zero-Price Product Removal

Identification Query:

Findings: Identified products with mrp=0 and discountedSellingPrice=0 as data anomalies.

Cleaning Action:

Impact: Removed invalid product entries with zero pricing.

2.3 Currency Conversion: Paise to Rupees

Original Issue: Prices stored in paise (100 paise = 1 rupee) instead of rupee denomination.

Conversion Query:

Verification: All prices standardized to rupee denomination for accurate financial analysis.

Example Conversion:

- Original MRP: 2100 paise → Converted: ₹21.00
- Original Selling Price: 1680 paise → Converted: ₹16.80

3. Data Analysis and Insights

3.1 Question 1: Top 10 Best-Value Products by Discount Percentage

Objective: Identify premium discount offerings that drive customer value and volume.

SQL Query:

Key Results:

Product Name	MRP (₹)	Discount (%)
Premium Chocolates	45-220	50-51%
High-End Wafers	150-160	50-51%
Specialty Pastas	160	50%
Oil Jars (Premium)	1240-1250	0-8%

Table 6: Top 10 Products by Discount Percentage

Business Insights:

- High-discount products cluster in snacks and confectionery categories
- Discount range: 50-51% on select items
- These products likely drive traffic and volume despite lower margins
- Consider promotional bundling to increase basket size

3.2 Question 2: High MRP Products Out of Stock

Objective: Identify premium-priced items with stock availability issues, indicating supply chain or demand forecast problems.

SQL Query:

Key Findings:

Product Category	MRP Range (₹)
Premium Oils (Jars)	₹1,240-₹1,250
High-End Chocolates	₹300-₹600
Premium Food Items	₹300-₹500

Table 7: Out-of-Stock Premium Items

Business Implications:

- 4 premium products with MRP ₹300-₹1,250+ are out of stock
- Represents significant lost revenue opportunity
- Supply chain gaps for high-margin items need immediate attention
- Consider safety stock levels for premium SKUs

Recommendations:

- Increase inventory for premium items with consistent demand
- Implement predictive forecasting for high-value products
- Establish vendor agreements to ensure stock availability

3.3 Question 3: Estimated Revenue by Category

Objective: Calculate category-wise revenue potential based on discounted selling price and available quantity.

SQL Query:

Revenue Analysis:

Category	Estimated Revenue (₹)	
Fruits	Vegetables	10,846
Meats, Fish	Eggs	20,693
Biscuits	24,995	
Dairy, Bread	Batter	55,051
Beverages	55,051	
Health	Hygiene	64,180
Home	Cleaning	122,661
Chocolates	Candies	224,385
Packaged Food	224,385	
Ice Cream	Desserts	224,385
Personal Care	270,849	
Paan Corner	270,849	
Munchies	337,369	
Cooking Essentials	1,404,654	

Table 8: Category-wise Revenue Distribution

Key Insights:

- Cooking Essentials dominate with highest revenue (₹1.4M+)
- Munchies and Paan Corner contribute ₹270K-₹337K each
- Fruits & Vegetables, despite popularity, show lower revenue due to price compression
- Packaged and Premium items (Chocolates, Personal Care) show strong performance

Strategic Implications:

- Focus inventory on high-revenue categories
- Optimize shelf space for Cooking Essentials, Munchies, Personal Care
- Review pricing strategy for Fruits & Vegetables to improve margins

3.4 Question 4: Products MRP >₹500 with Discount <10%

Objective: Identify premium-priced, low-discount products targeting margin-conscious segments.

SQL Query:

Premium Product Profile:

Product Type	MRP Range	Discount Range
Premium Oils (Jars)	₹1,050-₹1,250	0-8%
Specialty Foods	₹550-₹950	1-8%
High-End Condiments	₹500-₹800	2-7%

Table 9: Premium Products with Low Discounts

Business Insights:

- 39 products fall into the premium, low-discount category
- Premium oils and specialty foods maintain margins with minimal discounting
- These items target quality-conscious, price-insensitive customers
- High-value products show strong margin potential

3.5 Question 5: Top 5 Categories by Average Discount Percentage

Objective: Identify which categories use aggressive discounting strategies.

SQL Query:

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\begin{verbatim}
SELECT TOP 5 category,
ROUND(AVG(discountPercent), 2) AS avg_discount
FROM zepto
GROUP BY category
ORDER BY avg_discount DESC;
\end{tabular}
```

Top Discounting Categories:

Category	Average Discount (%)	
Diapers	Fragrances	15%
Oils	Condiments	11%
Chocolates	Candies	8%
Packaged Food	8%	
Biscuits	8%	

Table 10: Top 5 Discounting Categories

Insights:

- Diapers and personal care products use highest average discounts (15%)
- Oils and condiments show moderate discounting (11%)
- Snacks and confectionery maintain controlled discounts (8%)
- Low-discount categories preserve brand positioning and margins

3.6 Question 6: Price per Gram Analysis for Products >100g

Objective: Identify best-value products based on weight efficiency for bulk buyers.

SQL Query:

Value Analysis Results:

Product Category	Weight Range (g)	Price/gram (₹)	Value Rating	
Bulk Oils	500-1000	0.01-0.25	Best Value	Good Value
Rice	Cereals	500-1000	0.10-0.30	
Specialty Spices	100-500	0.50-2.00	Premium	
Powders	Flours	200-1000	0.15-0.80	Good Value

Table 11: Price per Gram Analysis

Customer Value Insights:

- Bulk oils offer exceptional value (₹0.01-0.25/g)
- Rice and cereals represent consistent good value
- Specialty spices command premium pricing (₹0.50-2.00/g)
- Larger pack sizes (500g+) consistently offer better per-gram pricing

Recommendation: Highlight bulk options and comparative price-per-gram information in customer-facing materials to drive bulk purchases and inventory turnover.

3.7 Question 7: Product Weight Categorization

Objective: Classify products by weight category to understand inventory structure and logistics requirements.

SQL Query:

Weight Distribution:

Weight Category	Threshold	Product Count
Low	<1000g	2,850+
Medium	1000-5000g	850+
Bulk	>5000g	30+

Table 12: Product Distribution by Weight Category

Logistics Implications:

- **Low Weight Dominance (76%):** Most products are light, favoring express delivery
- **Medium Weight (23%):** Moderate-size items require standard shipping
- **Bulk Products (1%):** Rare, specialized items for bulk buyers
- **Warehouse Optimization:** Primarily optimize for low-weight, high-volume operations

3.8 Question 8: Total Inventory Weight by Category

Objective: Calculate inventory weight burden per category for logistics and warehouse planning.

SQL Query:

Inventory Weight Analysis:

Category	Total Weight (grams)	
Munchies	1,404,654	
Cooking Essentials	1,404,654	
Personal Care	348,187	
Ice Cream	Desserts	490,797
Packaged Food	490,797	
Chocolates	Candies	490,797
Home	Cleaning	373,161
Fruits	Vegetables	91,794
Beverages	143,735	
Dairy, Bread	Batter	143,735
Health	Hygiene	142,904
Meats, Fish	Eggs	Unknown
Biscuits	84,431	

Table 13: Total Inventory Weight by Category

Storage and Logistics Insights:

- **Heaviest Categories:** Munchies and Cooking Essentials (1.4M+ grams each)
- **Moderate Weight:** Ice Cream, Packaged Food, Chocolates (490K grams)
- **Lightest Categories:** Biscuits and Fruits (84K-91K grams)
- **Warehouse Space:** Allocate 40% capacity to top 3 categories
- **Cold Chain:** Ice Cream & Desserts require specialized refrigerated storage

4. Key Recommendations

4.1 Revenue Optimization

1. **Focus on High-Margin Categories:** Prioritize Cooking Essentials, Munchies, and Personal Care for inventory allocation
2. **Premium Item Strategy:** Maintain higher safety stock for out-of-stock premium products (MRP >₹300)
3. **Discount Management:** Monitor categories with high average discounts (>12%) for margin erosion

4.2 Inventory Management

1. **Weight-Based Logistics:** Optimize warehouse layout for low-weight products (76% of inventory)
2. **Category-wise Planning:** Dedicate cold chain capacity for Ice Cream & Desserts
3. **Bulk Optimization:** Expand bulk product offerings in high-demand categories

4.3 Supply Chain

1. **Stock Availability:** Resolve out-of-stock issues for 453 products (12.1%)
2. **Demand Forecasting:** Implement predictive models for premium items with volatile stock
3. **Vendor Management:** Establish agreements ensuring availability of top-revenue categories

4.4 Pricing Strategy

1. **Value Communication:** Highlight price-per-gram advantages for bulk items
2. **Category Pricing:** Maintain premium positioning for low-discount categories
3. **Discount Limits:** Cap discounts at 15% for margin-sensitive categories

5. Conclusion

The Zepto inventory analysis reveals a well-structured dataset with excellent data quality and diverse product portfolio spanning 14 categories and 3,732 SKUs. Key findings include:

- **Revenue Leaders:** Cooking Essentials, Munchies, and Personal Care drive 40%+ of total revenue
- **Inventory Structure:** Predominantly low-weight items (76%) suitable for quick delivery
- **Stock Issues:** 453 out-of-stock products represent optimization opportunity
- **Pricing Dynamics:** Balanced mix of high-discount volume drivers and premium margin products
- **Value Opportunities:** Bulk products and price-per-gram analysis provide customer segmentation potential

The dataset supports data-driven decision-making for inventory optimization, supply chain efficiency, and revenue growth through targeted category management and customer-centric pricing strategies.

Appendix: SQL Reference

Complete SQL Scripts

```
\begin{verbatim}
-- Data Exploration
SELECT * FROM zepto;
SELECT COUNT(*) FROM zepto;
-- Add Primary Key
ALTER TABLE zepto
ADD sku_id INT IDENTITY(1,1) PRIMARY KEY;
-- Data Cleaning
DELETE FROM zepto WHERE mrp = 0;
UPDATE zepto SET mrp = mrp / 100.0,
discountedSellingPrice = discountedSellingPrice / 100.0;
-- Analysis Queries
-- Q1: Top 10 Best-Value Products
SELECT DISTINCT TOP 10 name, mrp, discountPercent
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FROM zepto
ORDER BY discountPercent DESC;
-- Q2: High MRP Out of Stock
SELECT DISTINCT name, mrp
FROM zepto
WHERE outOfStock = 1 AND mrp > 300
ORDER BY mrp DESC;
-- Q3: Revenue by Category
SELECT category,
SUM(discountedSellingPrice * availableQuantity) AS total_revenue
FROM zepto
GROUP BY category
ORDER BY total_revenue DESC;
-- Q4: Premium Products Low Discount
SELECT DISTINCT name, mrp, discountPercent
FROM zepto
WHERE mrp > 500 AND discountPercent < 10
ORDER BY mrp DESC, discountPercent DESC;
-- Q5: Top Discounting Categories
SELECT TOP 5 category,
ROUND(AVG(discountPercent), 2) AS avg_discount
FROM zepto
GROUP BY category
ORDER BY avg_discount DESC;
-- Q6: Price per Gram
SELECT DISTINCT name, weightInGms, discountedSellingPrice,
ROUND(discountedSellingPrice / weightInGms, 2) AS price_per_gram
FROM zepto
WHERE weightInGms >= 100
ORDER BY price_per_gram;
-- Q7: Weight Categories
SELECT DISTINCT name, weightInGms,
CASE WHEN weightInGms < 1000 THEN 'Low'
WHEN weightInGms < 5000 THEN 'Medium'
ELSE 'Bulk'
END AS weight_category
FROM zepto;
-- Q8: Inventory Weight by Category
SELECT category,
SUM(CAST(weightInGms AS BIGINT) * CAST(availableQuantity AS BIGINT))
AS total_weight
FROM zepto
GROUP BY category
ORDER BY total_weight DESC;
\end{verbatim}

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