

Saving Superstore

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Task 1: Profits & losses

Identify the profit and loss centers of our stores.

Among the pairs of dimensions (e.g., subcategory + region, or shipping mode + product ID) which are the two biggest profit centers and two biggest loss-makers?

Which products should the superstore stop selling?

Which product subcategories should the stores focus on and which should they stop selling?

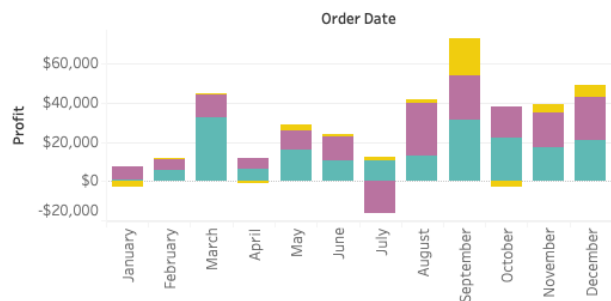
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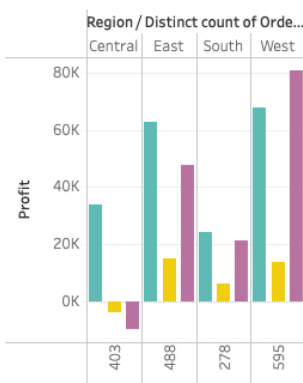
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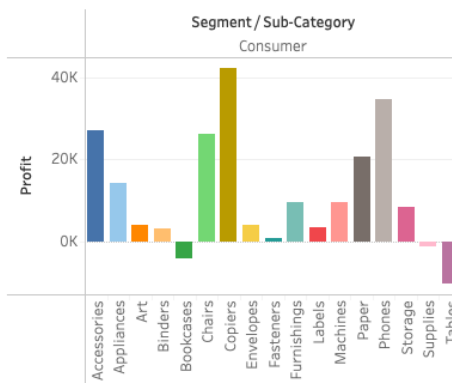
PNL by Sub-Category in Each Month



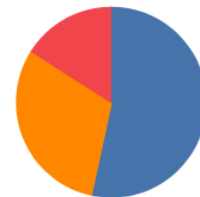
PNL by Category



Consumer Sales by Sub-Category



PNL by Segment



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I recommend the stores should focus on selling more phones, copiers, accessories as they yield the highest profit.

Task 2: Advertising

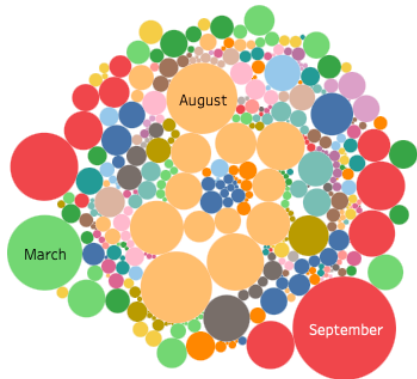
Our current ad budget is 20% of profit generated. How much money can be spent on advertising and how would the advertising be most effective.

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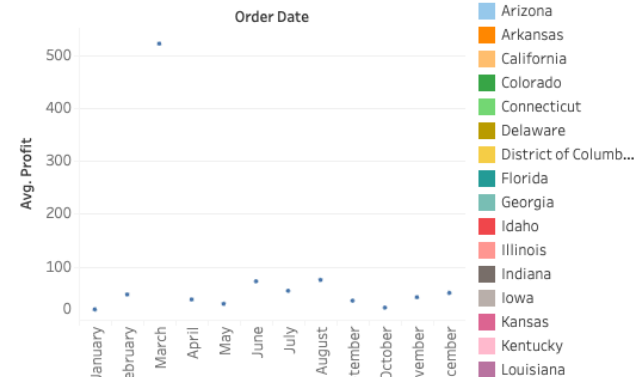
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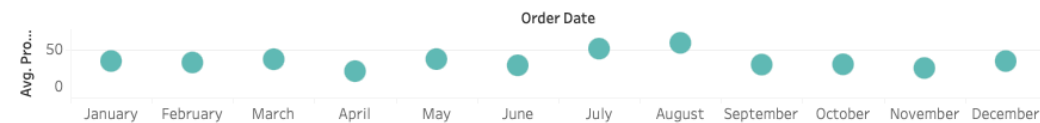
Profit by Month and State



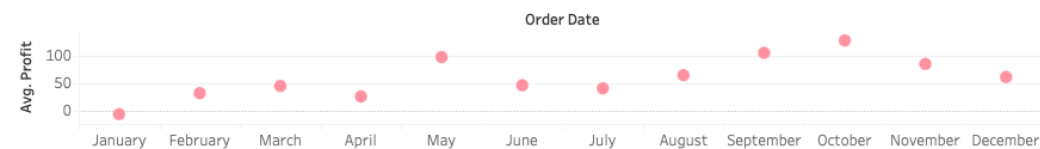
Washington Average Profit Per Month



California Average Profit Per Month



New York Average Profit Per Month



State

- Alabama
- Arizona
- Arkansas
- California
- Colorado
- Connecticut
- Delaware
- District of Colum...
- Florida
- Georgia
- Idaho
- Illinois
- Indiana
- Iowa
- Kansas
- Kentucky
- Louisiana

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Task 3: Returned items

Analyze the returns in order to see if Superstore can benefit from dropping certain products that may be costing the company money rather than making us money.

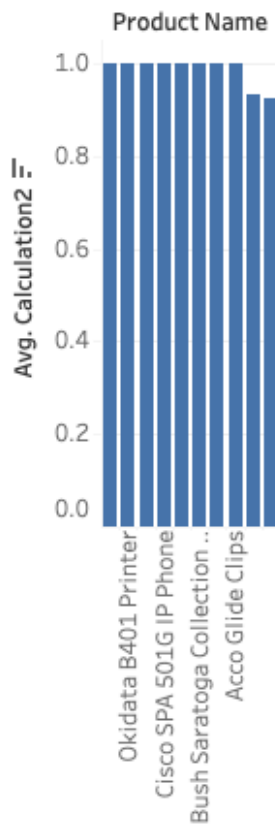
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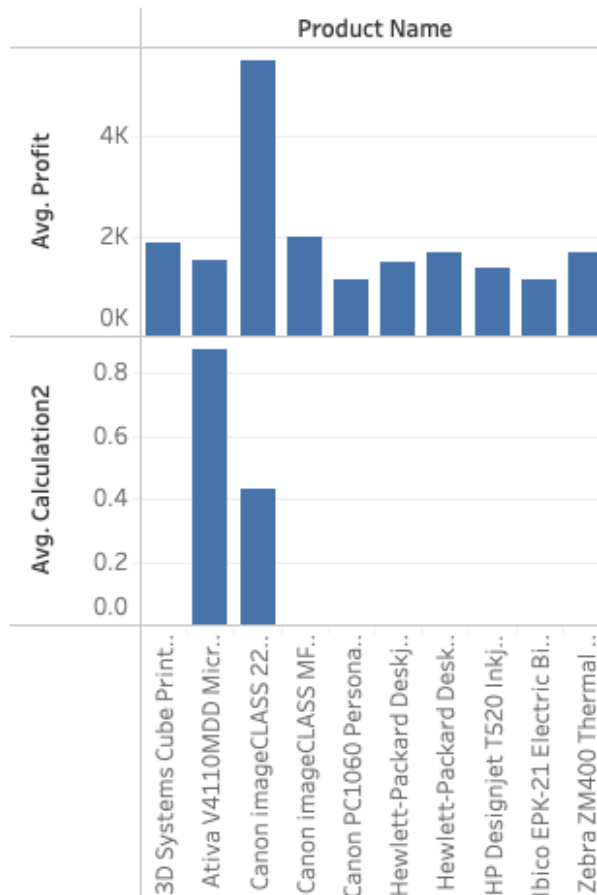
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Product
Return Rate



Avg Profit and Return



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Highest Customer Return Rate

