

Customer Segmentation and Basket Analysis

Insights from Online Retail Dataset

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Dataset Overview

Understanding Our Data: Online Retail Transactions

Source: UCI Machine Learning Repository (541,909 transactions, Dec 2010–Dec 2011)
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Original Attributes: InvoiceNo, StockCode, Description, Quantity, InvoiceDate, UnitPrice, CustomerID, Country

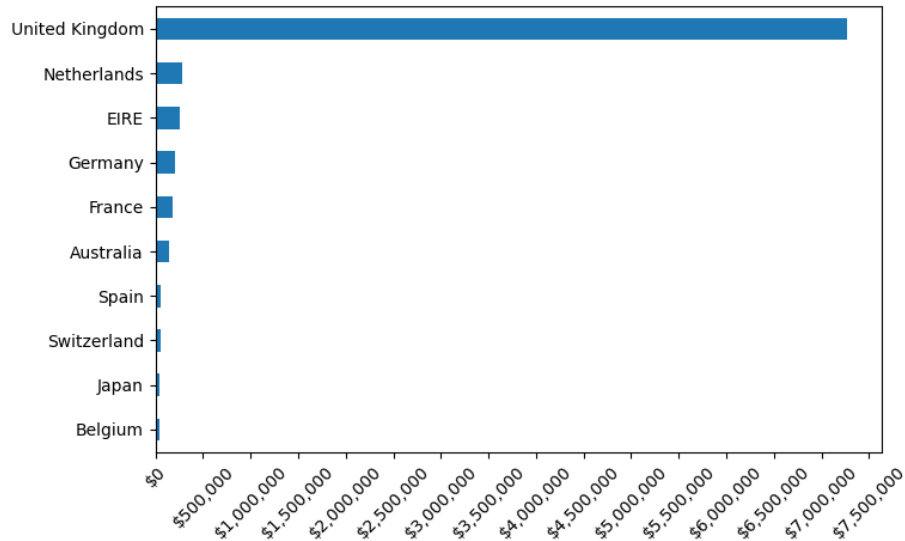
Feature Engineered Columns:

- *Revenue*: Calculated as UnitPrice * Quantity for total transaction value
- *Year, Month, Day, Hour, Minute*: Extracted from InvoiceDate for temporal analysis
- *DayOfWeek*: Day of the week for purchase pattern analysis
- *IsWeekend*: Boolean indicating weekend purchases (Saturday/Sunday)
- *IsBusiness*: Boolean identifying high spend customers (revenue > \$30K) as businesses

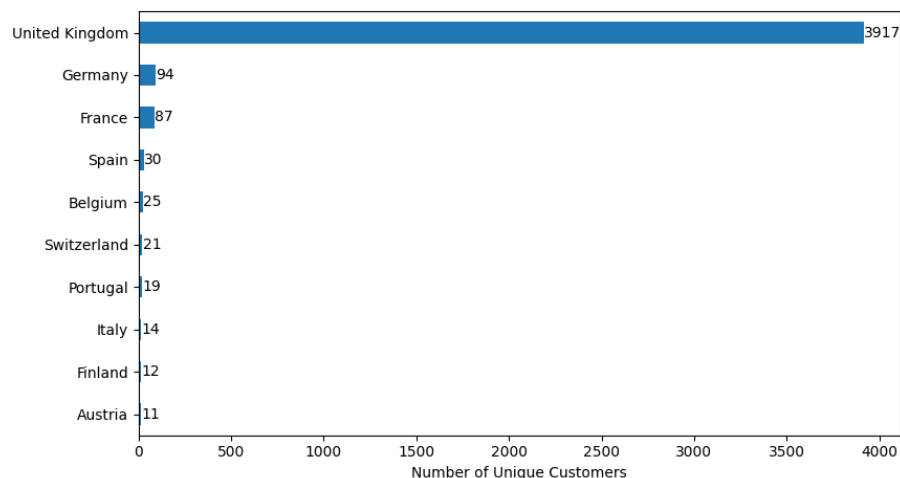
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| 536365 | 85123A | WHITE HANGING HEART T-LIGHT HOLDER | 6 | 2010-12-01 08:26:00 | \$ 2.55 | 17850 | United Kingdom | \$ 15.30 | 2010 | 12 | 1 | 8 | 26 | 2 | FALSE | FALSE |
| 536365 | 71053 | WHITE METAL LANTERN | 6 | 2010-12-01 08:26:00 | \$ 3.39 | 17850 | United Kingdom | \$ 20.34 | 2010 | 12 | 1 | 8 | 26 | 2 | FALSE | FALSE |
| 536365 | 84406B | CREAM CUPID HEARTS COAT HANGER | 8 | 2010-12-01 08:26:00 | \$ 2.75 | 17850 | United Kingdom | \$ 22.00 | 2010 | 12 | 1 | 8 | 26 | 2 | FALSE | FALSE |
| 536365 | 84029G | KNITTED UNION FLAG HOT WATER BOTTLE | 6 | 2010-12-01 08:26:00 | \$ 3.39 | 17850 | United Kingdom | \$ 20.34 | 2010 | 12 | 1 | 8 | 26 | 2 | FALSE | FALSE |
| 536365 | 84029E | RED WOOLLY HOTTIE WHITE HEART. | 6 | 2010-12-01 08:26:00 | \$ 3.39 | 17850 | United Kingdom | \$ 20.34 | 2010 | 12 | 1 | 8 | 26 | 2 | FALSE | FALSE |
| 536365 | 22752 | SET 7 BABUSHKA NESTING BOXES | 2 | 2010-12-01 08:26:00 | \$ 7.65 | 17850 | United Kingdom | \$ 15.30 | 2010 | 12 | 1 | 8 | 26 | 2 | FALSE | FALSE |
| 536365 | 21730 | GLASS STAR FROSTED T-LIGHT HOLDER | 6 | 2010-12-01 08:26:00 | \$ 4.25 | 17850 | United Kingdom | \$ 25.50 | 2010 | 12 | 1 | 8 | 26 | 2 | FALSE | FALSE |
| 536366 | 22633 | HAND WARMER UNION JACK | 6 | 2010-12-01 08:28:00 | \$ 1.85 | 17850 | United Kingdom | \$ 11.10 | 2010 | 12 | 1 | 8 | 28 | 2 | FALSE | FALSE |
| 536366 | 22632 | HAND WARMER RED POLKA DOT | 6 | 2010-12-01 08:28:00 | \$ 1.85 | 17850 | United Kingdom | \$ 11.10 | 2010 | 12 | 1 | 8 | 28 | 2 | FALSE | FALSE |
| 536367 | 84879 | ASSORTED COLOUR BIRD ORNAMENT | 32 | 2010-12-01 08:34:00 | \$ 1.69 | 13047 | United Kingdom | \$ 54.08 | 2010 | 12 | 1 | 8 | 34 | 2 | FALSE | FALSE |
| 536367 | 22745 | POPPY'S PLAYHOUSE BEDROOM | 6 | 2010-12-01 08:34:00 | \$ 2.10 | 13047 | United Kingdom | \$ 12.60 | 2010 | 12 | 1 | 8 | 34 | 2 | FALSE | FALSE |
| 536367 | 22748 | POPPY'S PLAYHOUSE KITCHEN | 6 | 2010-12-01 08:34:00 | \$ 2.10 | 13047 | United Kingdom | \$ 12.60 | 2010 | 12 | 1 | 8 | 34 | 2 | FALSE | FALSE |
| 536367 | 22749 | FELTCRAFT PRINCESS CHARLOTTE DOLL | 8 | 2010-12-01 08:34:00 | \$ 3.75 | 13047 | United Kingdom | \$ 30.00 | 2010 | 12 | 1 | 8 | 34 | 2 | FALSE | FALSE |
| 536367 | 22310 | IVORY KNITTED MUG COSY | 6 | 2010-12-01 08:34:00 | \$ 1.65 | 13047 | United Kingdom | \$ 9.90 | 2010 | 12 | 1 | 8 | 34 | 2 | FALSE | FALSE |
| 536367 | 84969 | BOX OF 6 ASSORTED COLOUR TEASPOONS | 6 | 2010-12-01 08:34:00 | \$ 4.25 | 13047 | United Kingdom | \$ 25.50 | 2010 | 12 | 1 | 8 | 34 | 2 | FALSE | FALSE |

Exploratory Data Analysis

Revenue per Country



Customer Count per Country



Insights into what drives the revenue for Netherlands and EIRE as customer count is exceedingly low

Netherland (9 Customers)

| CustomerID | Revenue |
|------------|-----------|
| 14646 | \$279,138 |
| 12759 | \$1,411 |
| 12775 | \$1,281 |

EIRE (3 Customers)

| CustomerID | Revenue |
|------------|-----------|
| 14911 | \$136,275 |
| 14156 | \$116,729 |
| 14016 | \$4,291 |

Germany (94 Customers)

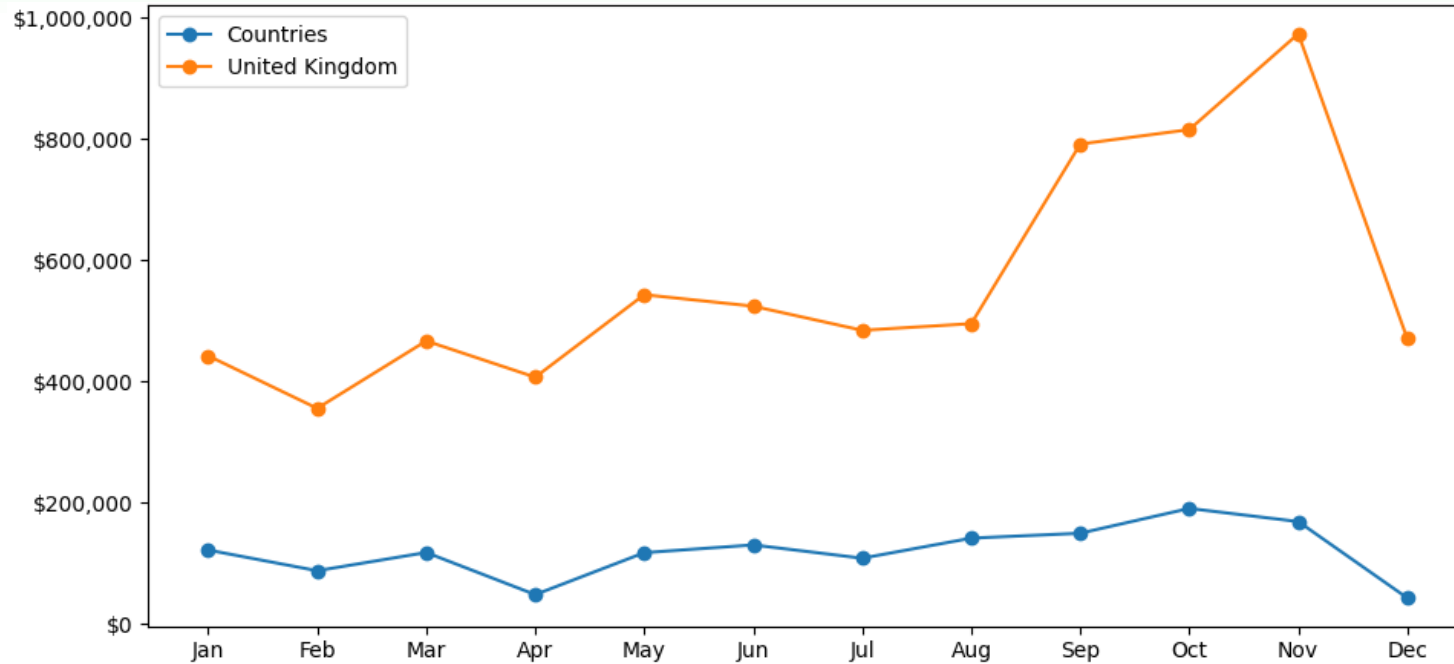
| CustomerID | Revenue |
|------------|----------|
| 12471 | \$17,424 |
| 12477 | \$13,219 |
| 12621 | \$12,411 |

EDA Insights

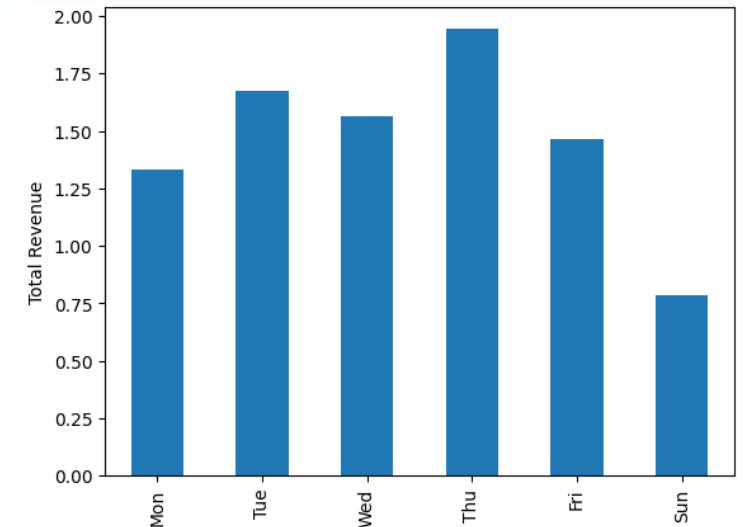
- We see that the UK is heavily **dominated** in this dataset exceeding their **revenue** and **customer count** compared to the rest of the countries
- Further analysis into why Netherlands and EIRE appear as 2nd and 3rd ranked in revenue although don't appear in top customer counts
 - Netherlands is dominated by one customer: 14646, that makes up **98.33% of their revenue**
 - EIRE contains two customers out of 3 also making up **98% of its revenue**

Exploratory Data Analysis

Monthly Revenue



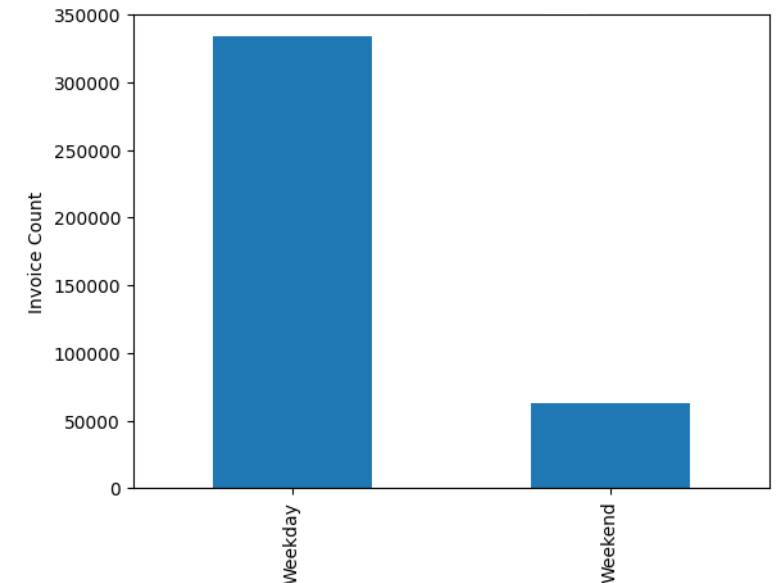
Day of Week Revenue



Revenue Insights

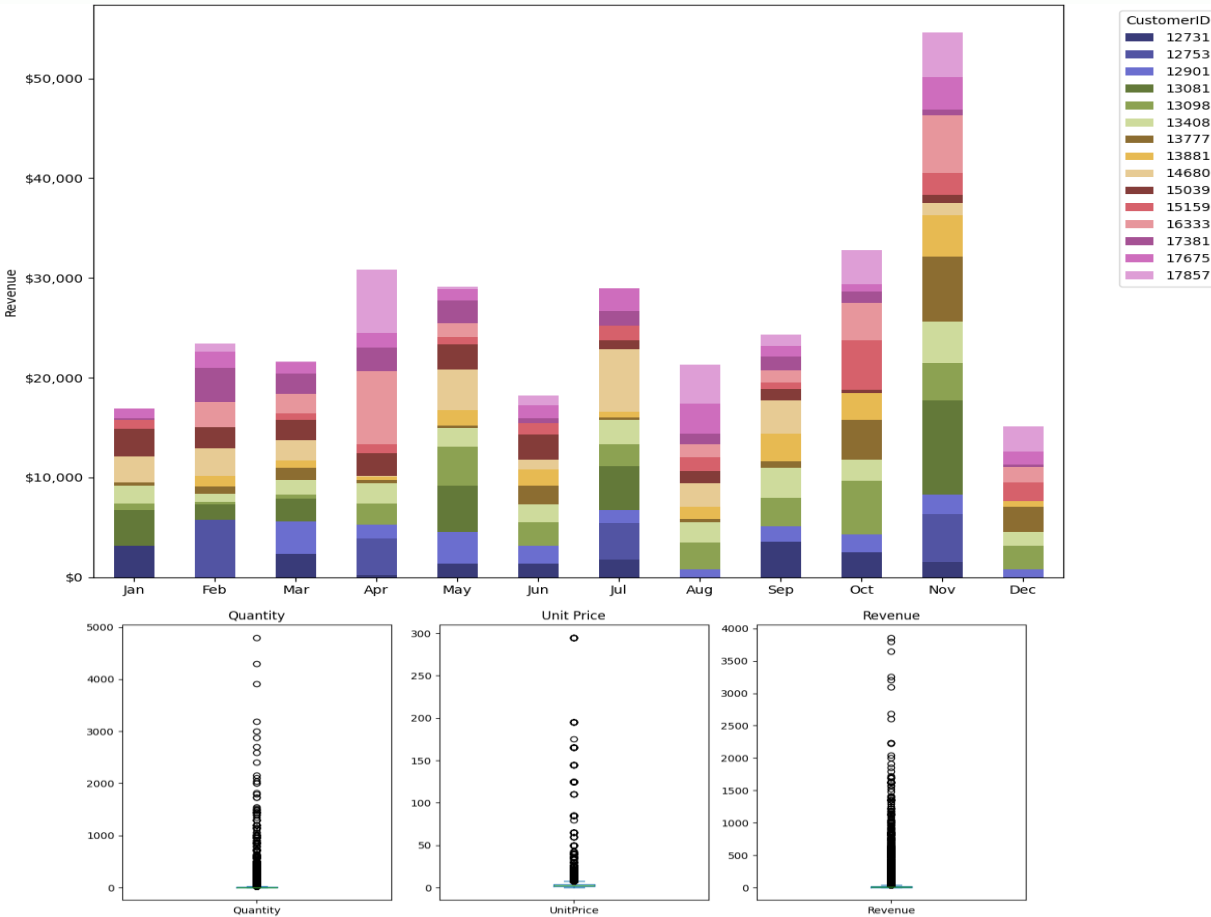
- The UK **exceeds** all other countries in **monthly revenue**; we even see seasonal trends during the winter holiday season
- Looking at the daily revenue, we see **no transactions** on **Saturdays** which lead to a large disparity between weekday and weekend revenue

Weekday vs Weekend



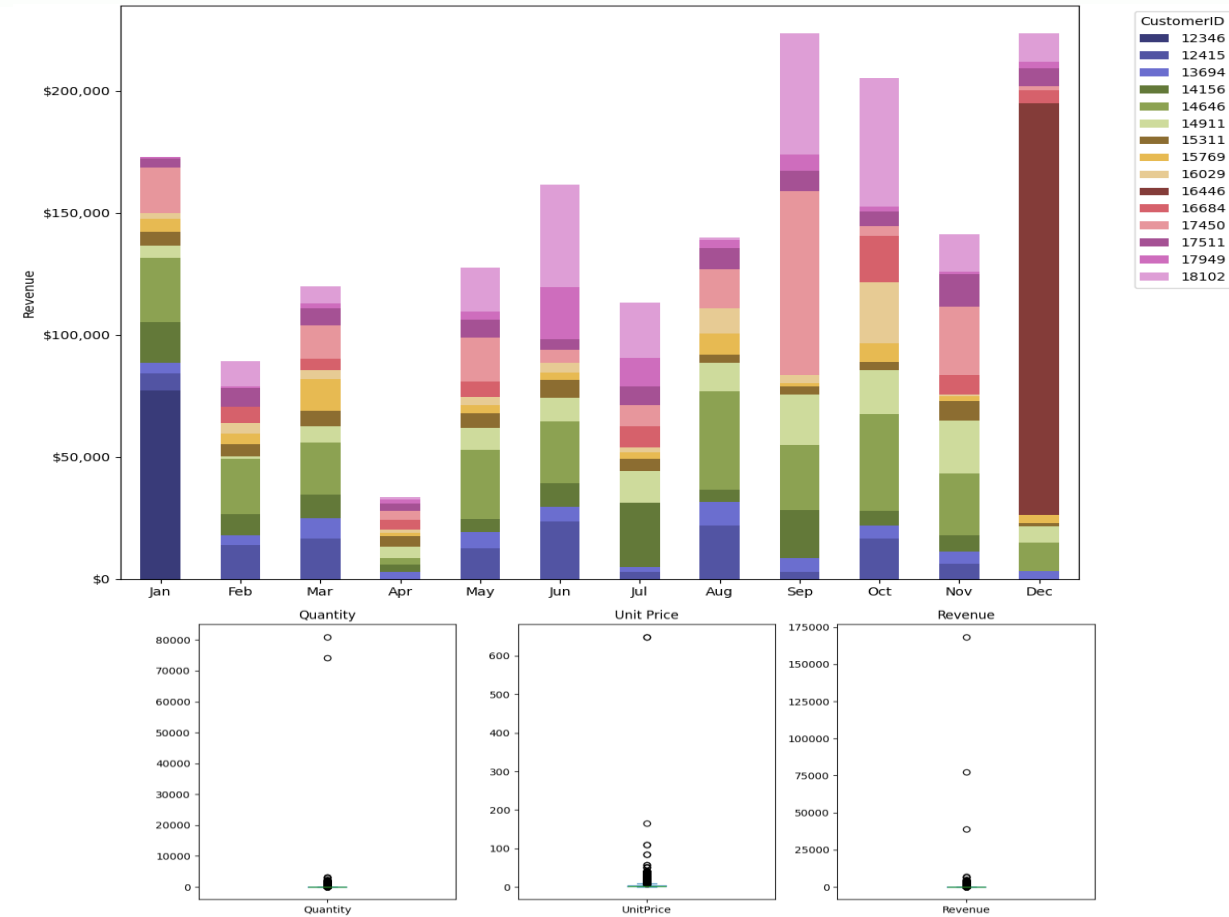
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Non-Business Customers



For non-business customers, we observe a **uniformly** distributed revenue pattern with no discernible outliers

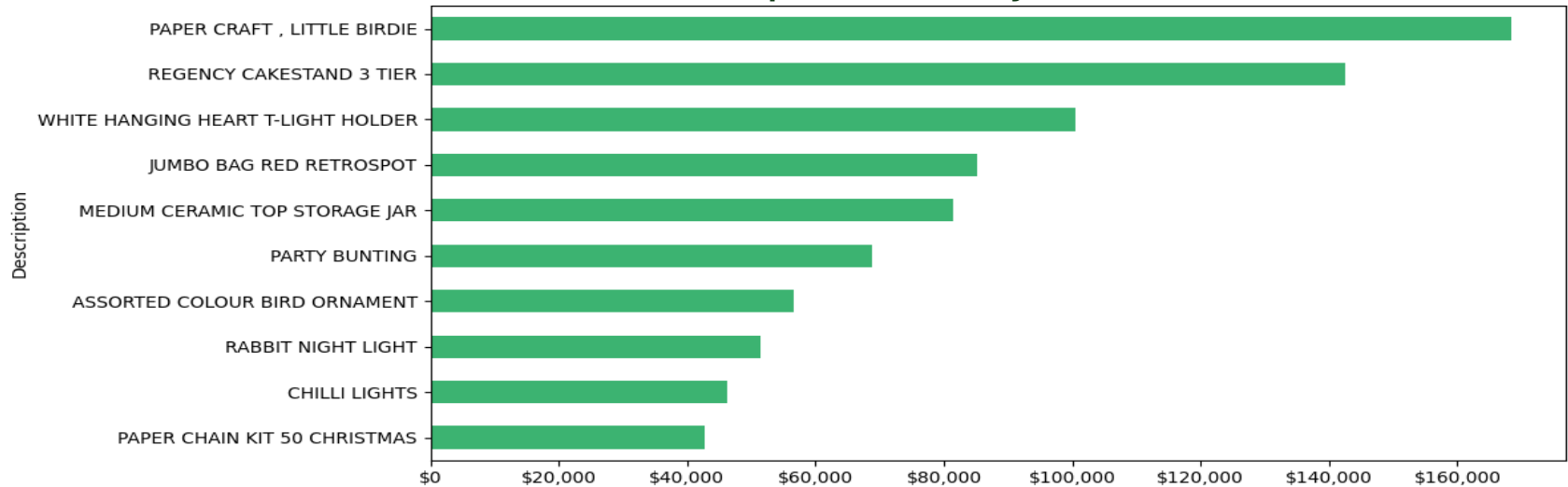
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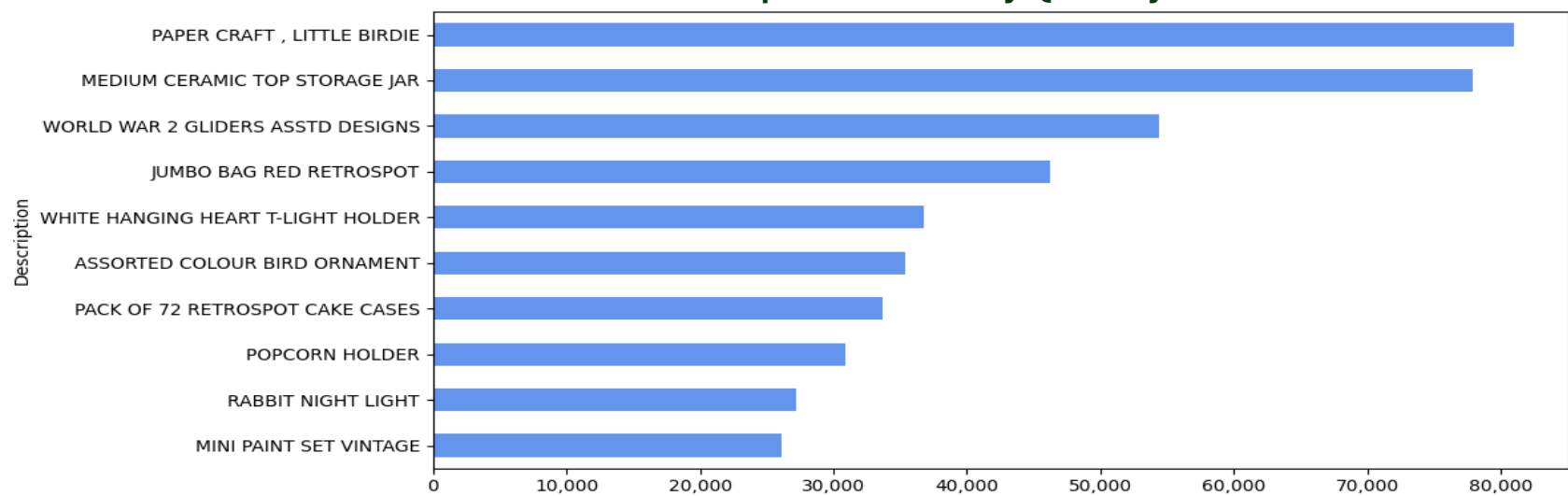
For business customers, the box plot **reveals outliers** (CustomerID: 16446 and 12346), which correspond to businesses placing bulk orders at the end/beginning of the year, likely driven by seasonal demand, holiday shopping, or tax related reasons

Exploratory Data Analysis

Top 10 Products by Revenue



Top 10 Products by Quantity



Product Insights

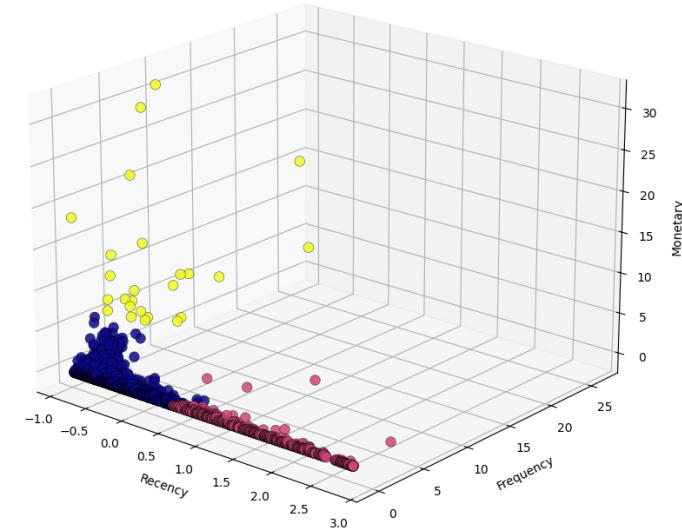
- The product **"PAPER CRAFT , LITTLE BIRDIE"** dominates both revenue and quantity sold
- Other products like **"REGENCY CAKESTAND 3 TIER"** appear in the revenue chart but not in quantity, suggesting a high price point despite fewer units sold
- **"WORLD WAR 2 GLIDERS ASSTD DESIGNS"** shows up in the quantity chart but not revenue, implying it's a lower priced, high-volume product

Customer Segmentation

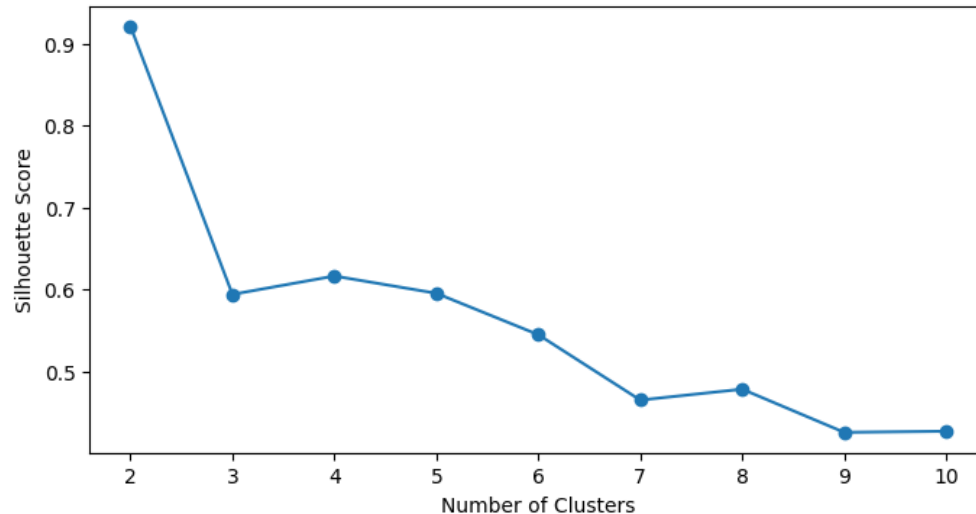
Segmenting Customers for Targeted Marketing

- **Methodology:** Use K-Means clustering on standardized RFM scores, with number of clusters determined by Elbow Method and Silhouette Scores
- **RFM Analysis:** Measures **Recency** (days since last purchase), **Frequency** (transaction count), **Monetary** (total Revenue)
 - *Why RFM?:* Proven framework **to identify high-value customers** and prioritize **marketing efforts**
- **Determining K value:**
 - **Elbow Method:** Indicates that **3 clusters** offers the best trade off between compactness and interpretability
 - **Silhouette Score:** Indicates a peak at 2 clusters, likely due to overfitting, with an improvement observed at 4 clusters; however, the score stabilizes and remains relatively consistent from 3 to 5 clusters, suggesting that **3 clusters** is the optimal choice between balance and simplicity

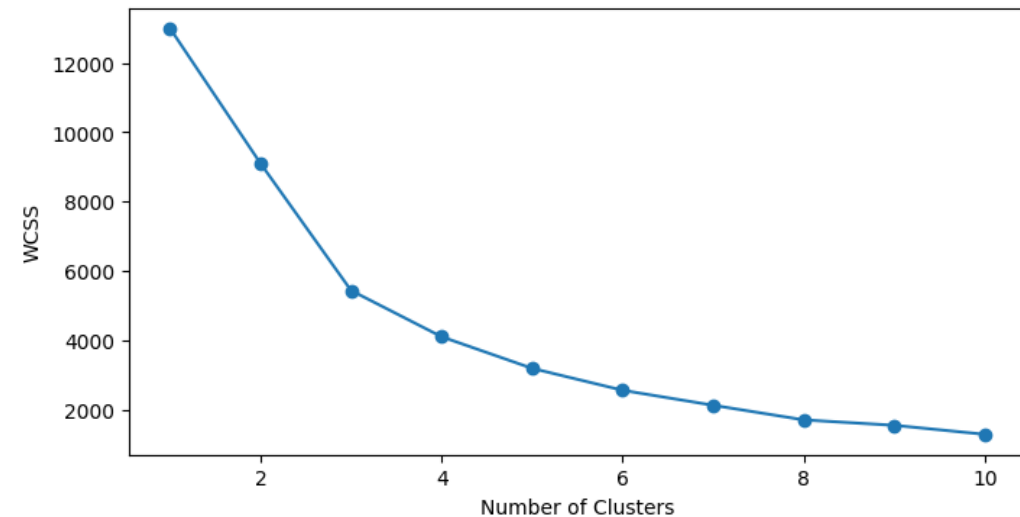
3D K-Means Clustering



Silhouette Score

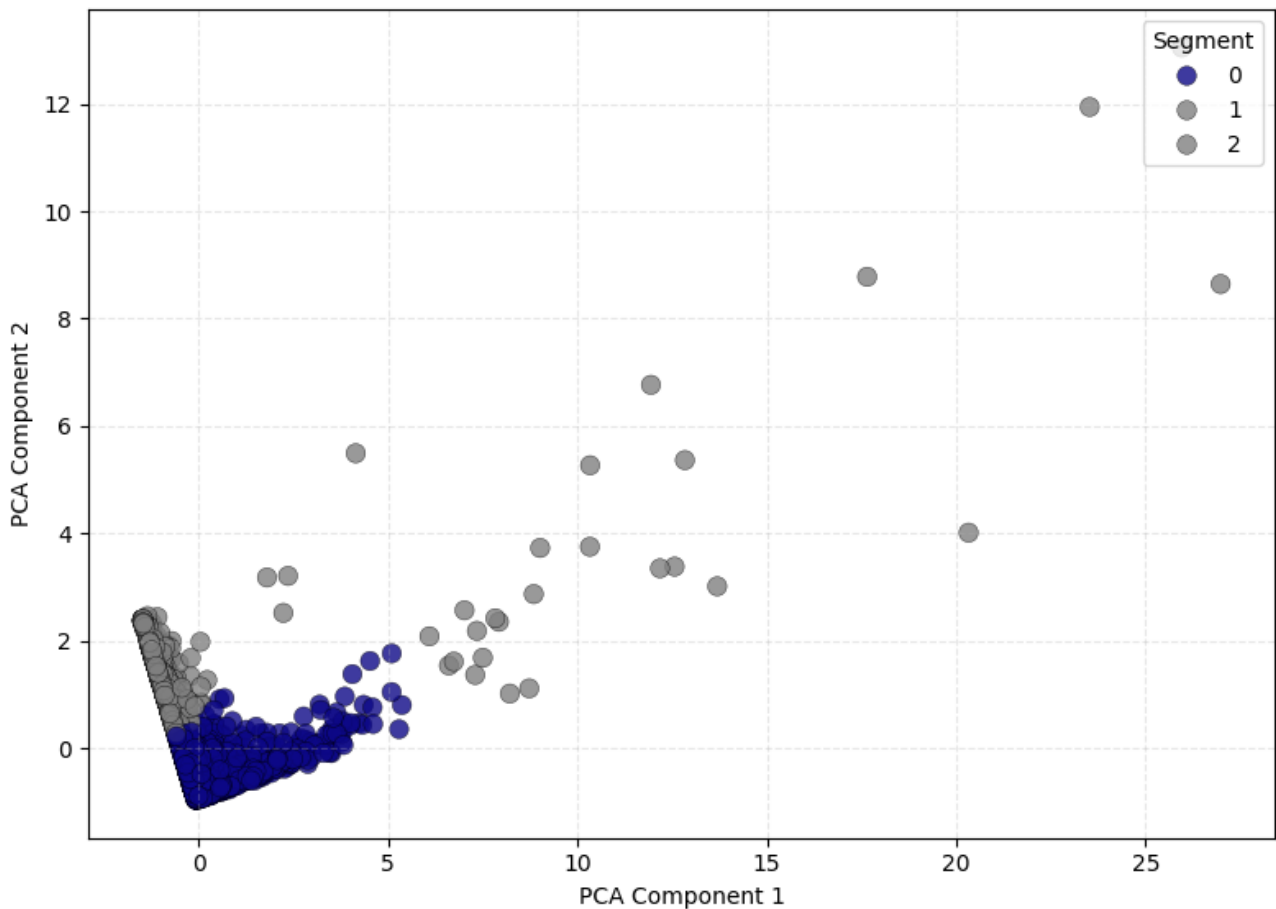


Elbow Method



Customer Segmentation

Segment 0 (Mid-Value, Active Customers)



Segment 0 (3,226 customers)

| Recency | Frequency | Monetary |
|---------|------------|----------|
| 41 days | 4.65 times | \$1,839 |

Characteristics

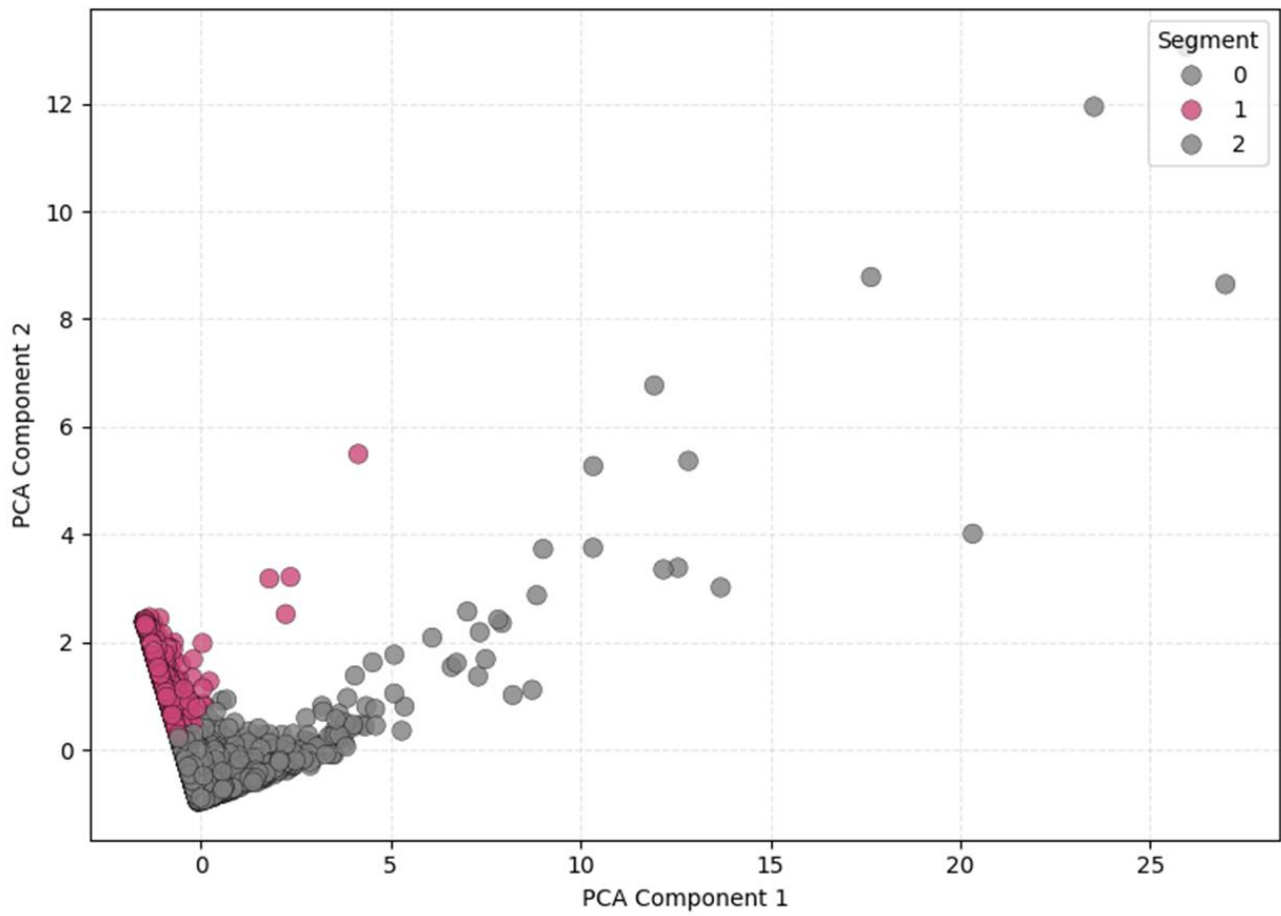
- These customers are **active** and **engaged**, purchasing regularly but not at the highest frequency or spend levels
- They represent a **broad, stable** customer base with potential for increased spending through upselling or cross-selling

Marketing Strategies

- Promote higher value products with **targeted discounts** via email to increase average order value (AOV)
- Implement a **loyalty program** with rewards for repeat purchases to boost frequency
- Launch **holiday campaigns** with special offers on popular items via digital ads to maximize sales during peak seasons

Customer Segmentation

Segment 1 (Low-Value, Inactive Customers)



Segment 1 (1,084 customers)

| Recency | Frequency | Monetary |
|----------|------------|----------|
| 247 days | 1.57 times | \$626 |

Characteristics

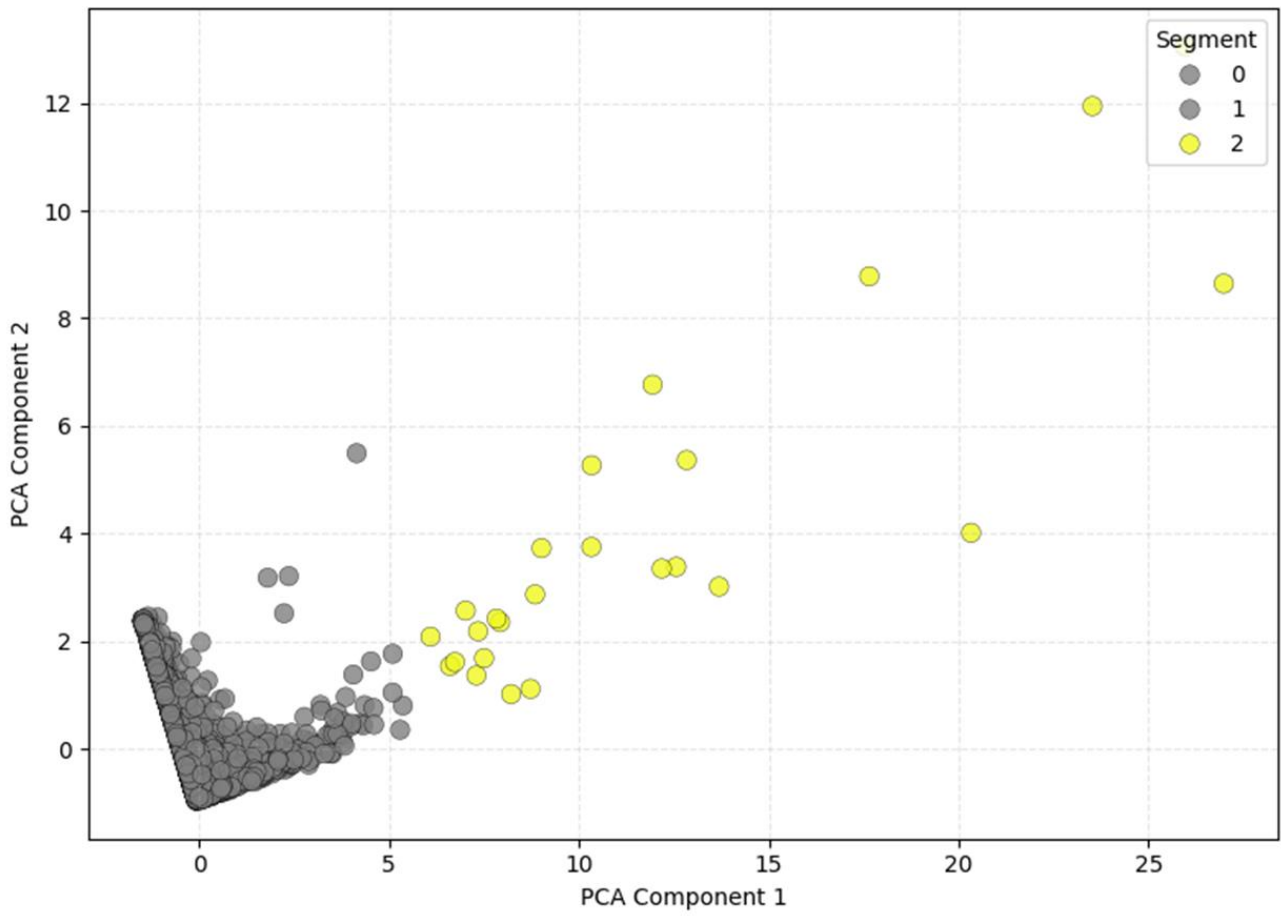
- These customers are largely **disengaged**, with purchases occurring rarely and long ago
- **Re-engaging these customers** could recover lost revenue and reduce churn, potentially converting them into mid-value customers

Marketing Strategies

- Send personalized **reactivation offers** via email to encourage return purchases
- Provide low-cost incentives like **discounts** via retargeting ads to stimulate repeat purchases
- **Collect feedback** through surveys with small incentives to understand disengagement

Customer Segmentation

Segment 2 (High-Value, Loyal Customers)



Segment 2 (25 customers)

| Recency | Frequency | Monetary |
|---------|-------------|----------|
| 6 days | 67.88 times | \$85,942 |

Characteristics

- These are the **most loyal** and **profitable** customers, purchasing frequently and spending significantly, often in bulk
- Despite their small size, this segment drives a **disproportionate share of revenue** due to high spend and frequency, therefore retaining these customers is critical

Marketing Strategies

- Offer a **premium loyalty program** with exclusive benefits to retain loyalty
- Provide **personalized product recommendations** via email to encourage larger orders
- Engage with dedicated **account support** for seasonal **bulk orders** to secure high value transactions

Market Basket Analysis

Segment 0

| Antecedents | Consequents | Confidence | Lift |
|--------------------------------|---|------------|-------|
| PINK REGENCY TEACUP AND SAUCER | ROSES & GREEN REGENCY TEACUP AND SAUCER | 0.75 | 18.81 |

Strong link to coordinated teacup sets, ideal for cross-selling to boost mid-value customer revenue

Segment 1

| Antecedents | Consequents | Confidence | Lift |
|---------------------------------|--|------------|------|
| GREEN REGENCY TEACUP AND SAUCER | ROSES & PINK REGENCY TEACUP AND SAUCER | 0.88 | 25 |

Similar teacup pairing trend as Segment 0 offering reactivation opportunities for inactive customers

Segment 2

| Antecedents | Consequents | Confidence | Lift |
|----------------------|---------------------|------------|------|
| HERB MARKER ROSEMARY | HERB MARKER PARSLEY | 0.81 | 68 |

Unique herb marker association, reflecting niche business purchases for Segment 2

Basket Mix Insights

Rules for Segments 0 and 1 are similar focusing on teacup sets, suggesting a unified consumer trend that can be leveraged for broad **cross-selling campaigns**. While Segment 2 differs with herb markers, highlighting a niche business market offering a **targeted opportunity** to secure high-value bulk orders

Business Summary

Key Findings:

Customer Segmentation: Identified Mid-Value Active, Low-Value Inactive, and High-Value Loyal customers using RFM analysis, revealing diverse engagement and spending patterns for targeted strategies

Market Basket Insights: Teacup set preferences in Mid-Value and Inactive segments support cross-selling, while High-Value's herb marker rule indicates niche business demand.



Business Impact:

- **Upselling** Mid-Value and **reactivating** Inactive customers can enhance revenue through tailored campaigns
- **Improved marketing efficiency** by aligning efforts with segment specific behaviors, reducing wasted ad spend
- Strengthened retention with **personalized approaches**, addressing churn across all segments



Next Steps:

- Launching **new marketing campaigns** for each segment
- **Monitor KPI's** (revenue, retention rate, order value) post-campaign to evaluate success
- Explore **real-time analytics** for continuous improvement