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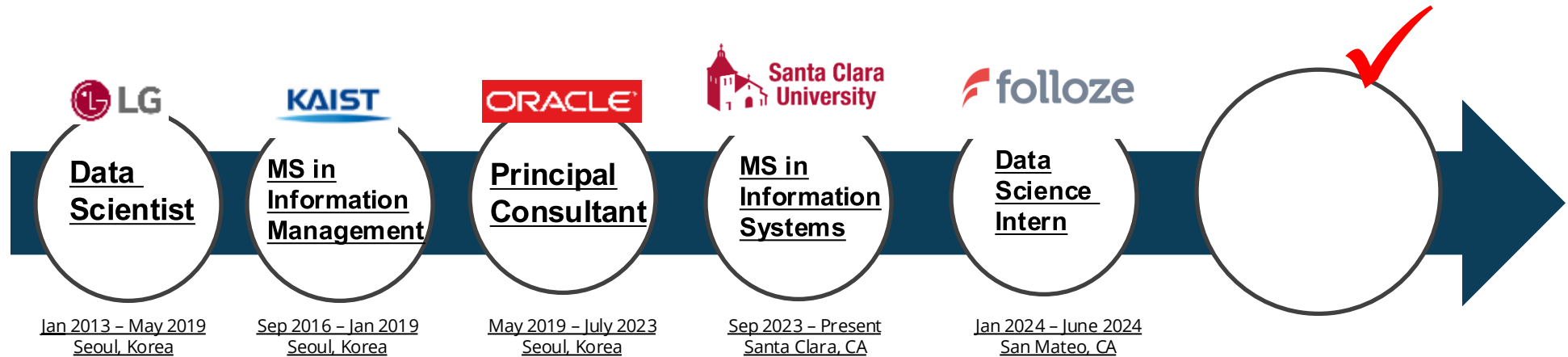
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Career Journey

- ✓ Driven to push boundaries in data science across industries, from manufacturing to enterprise solutions
Now ready to create transformative impact through innovative data-driven solutions in Silicon Valley



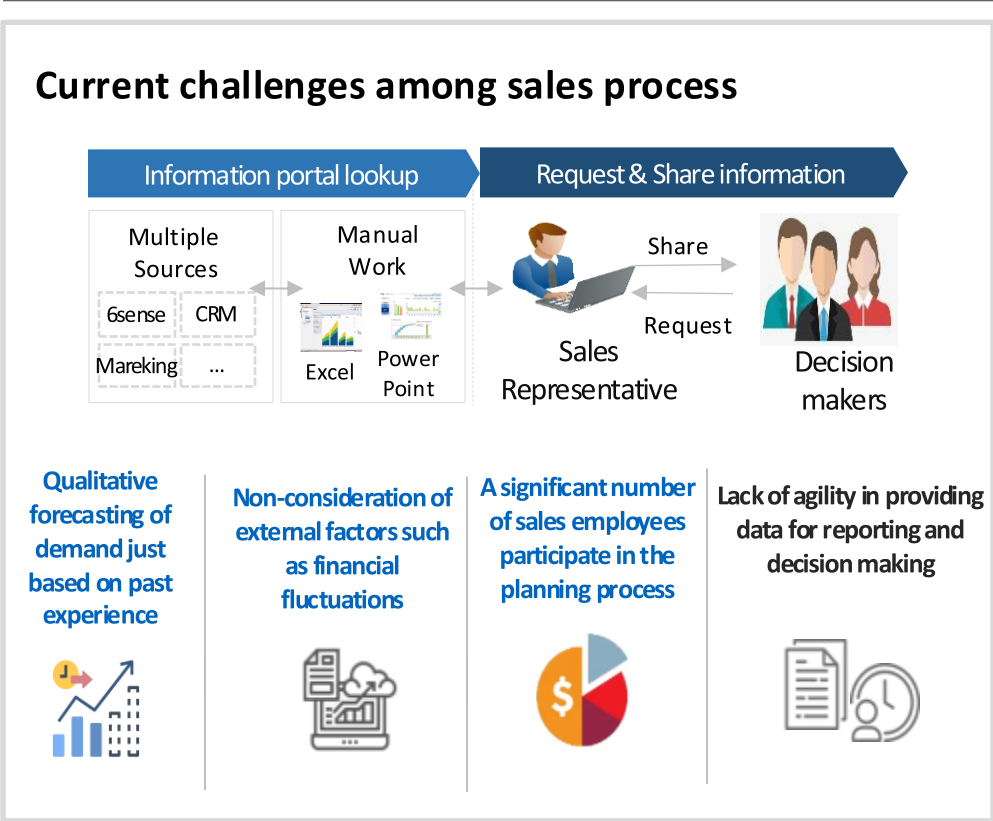
- ✓ Started career as a **Data Scientist at LG**, working on **process optimization and sentiment analysis using NLP** in the manufacturing sector. To broaden my experience beyond manufacturing, I pursued an **MS in Information Management at KAIST**, where I worked on **machine learning and data analytics projects** across **education, e-commerce, and healthcare**, gaining hands-on experience in **A/B testing and experimental design**.
- ✓ After graduation, I joined **Oracle**, expanding my expertise with **enterprise-scale projects** in **finance, insurance, retail, and pharmaceuticals**, focusing on the predictive modeling such as **recommendation systems, demand forecasting, and churn prediction**. Seeking **further growth and diverse challenges**, I moved to **Silicon Valley** to advance my career in data science.

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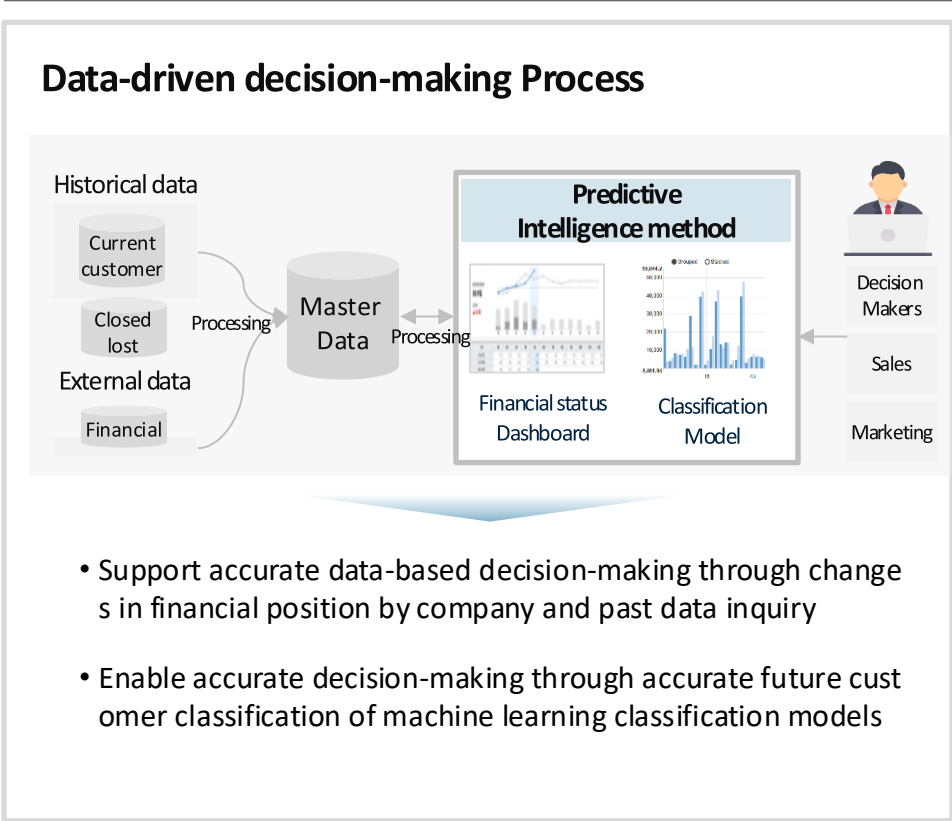
1. Customer Propensity to buy analysis
2. Optimizing Store-Specific Item Recommendations with a 3-Stage Re-Ranking Architecture
3. Early warning system for customer churn
4. Sales Forecasting using ARIMA time series analysis
5. News Sentiment Analysis System for IR Strategy
6. Marketing analytics – Facebook ads optimization
7. E-commerce Recommendation Engine: Matrix Factorization with Implicit Feedback and Negative Sampling
8. Research paper – Expected values on the continuous intention to use IoT products from the perspective of expectation
9. Financial QA & Sentiment analysis Chatbot

- ✓ Transitioning from manual, experience-based sales decision-making to a data-driven approach using machine learning techniques for improved accuracy and efficiency.

As-Is



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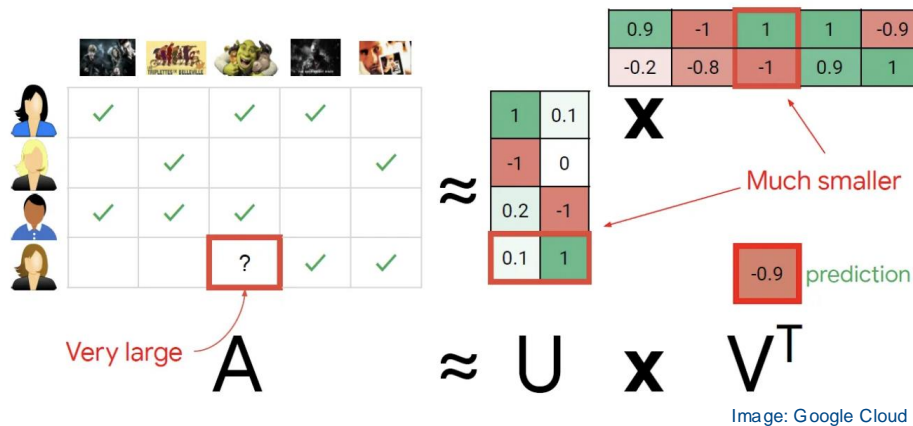
Customer Propensity Analysis for Sales Forecasting and Targeting		
1	Business pain-point	<p>Limited sales resources make it difficult to manage all customer lists.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Aim to focus on high-potential customers by predicting potential vs. non-potential customers.
2	Project Overview	<p>This project aims to develop a machine learning classification model to identify potential future customers.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Optimizes lead prioritization, enhances customer targeting, improves sales efficiency, and drives business growth.
3	Data Collection	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Customer & Company Data: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Demographic/transactional information of clients and non-clients. • External Financial Data: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ MRDS dataset containing company profiles and financial indicators. • Feature Set: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ 130+ features, including company metadata (e.g. industry, contract details) and financial metrics (e.g., revenue, credit rating).
4	Data Preparation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Imbalanced Data: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Class imbalance between customers (less than 10%) and non-customers. • Missing Value Imputation: Applied median, mean, and mode where necessary <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Tree-based model used for imputing crucial missing values (SPC SRC: D~A+) • Scaling & Transformation: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Used Robust Scaler and Log Transformation for skewed data. • Outlier Detection & Treatment: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Identified and handled outliers using IQR
4	Exploratory Data Analysis	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Examined key financial metrics such as revenue, liabilities, and stockholder equity. • Identified correlations between features impacting customer classification <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Remove multicollinearity using VIF, PCA, Regularization(L1) techniques • Visualized distribution trends across different customer segments <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Small, medium, and large customers, each capturing unique characteristics specific to their segment. ➤ Ensemble models (Develop 3 different models)

	<u>Customer Propensity Analysis for Sales Forecasting and Targeting</u>	
5	Feature Engineering	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Create new features: lifetime value, Report filing delay, Gap preliminary official
6	Manage Imbalance data	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Consider and experiment with different methods to address data class imbalance: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) SMOTE (Synthetic Minority Over-sampling Technique) 2) Random oversample 3) Random undersample 4) Class weight (Cost-sensitive modeling)
7	Model development & evaluation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Experimented with and trained various models, including SVM, Decision Tree, Random Forest, XGBoost, LightGBM, AdaBoost with Decision Tree, Logistic Regression, and an Ensemble Voting model <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ 3 XGBoost models with SMOTE (for small, medium, and large customers) ensembled using weighted majority voting (Tried stacking as well, but it led to overfitting and was too complex to maintain) ➤ Recall is crucial to avoid missing potential customers, ensuring maximum lead capture. A recall of 0.82 minimizes lost opportunities, while an F-beta score of 0.83 balances precision and recall To Reduce Overfitting: PCA, Regularization (L1, L2), VIF (Remove features bigger than 8.0)
8	Hyper parameter tuning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fine-tuned hyperparameters to mitigate overfitting and enhance performances <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ max_depth = 5 ➤ Eta = 0.2 ➤ Colsample_bytree = 0.9 ➤ Colsample_bylevel = 0.7
9	Reflections and Future Improvements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> There were many private clients, but the lack of public financial data required exploring alternative solutions Aimed to apply the model to the business through A/B testing, but due to time constraints, we handed it over to the responsible team

Optimizing Store-Specific Item Recommendations with a 3-Stage Re-Ranking Architecture

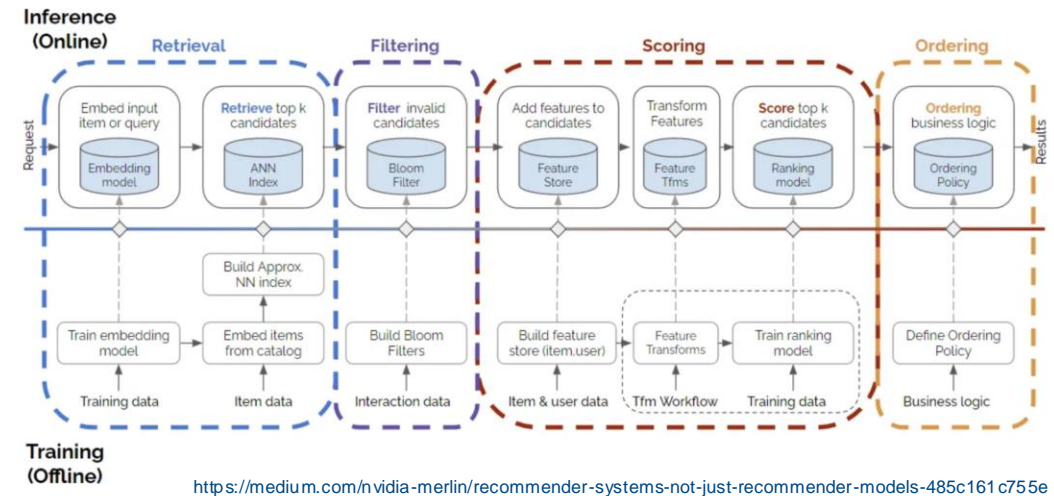
- ✓ Designed a 3-stage re-ranking architecture incorporating SGD-based matrix factorization for collaborative filtering, optimizing item recommendations based on store-specific sales volume

- ✓ SGD matrix factorization



- Factorizes the store-item interaction matrix into lower-dimensional latent factors.
- SGD (Stochastic Gradient Descent) is used to optimize the factorization.
- Predicts missing interactions (e.g., ratings, purchases) based on learned embeddings.

- ✓ 3-stage recommendation system architecture



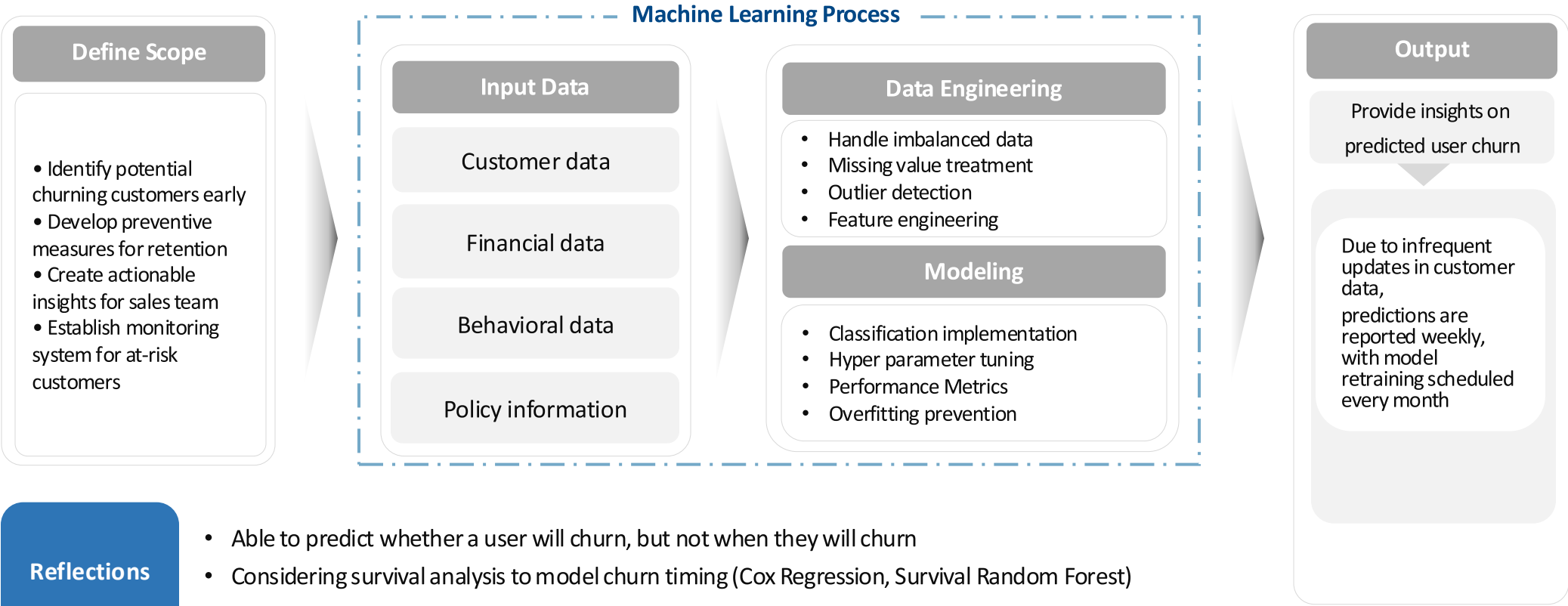
- Retrieval: Fetches top-N relevant candidates using an ANN index.
- Filtering: Applies Bloom Filters to remove invalid recommendations.
- Scoring & Ordering:
 - Enhances rankings with additional feature transformations.
 - Uses a ranking model (e.g., ML-based scoring).

Optimizing Store-Specific Item Recommendations with a 3-Stage Re-Ranking Architecture		
1	Business pain-point	Faced stagnant sales growth and sought new revenue opportunities by leveraging machine learning and a data-driven recommendation system to optimize inventory management and enhance product sales.
2	Project Overview	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tried to propose market basket analysis using POS sales data • Ultimately designed a 3-stage re-ranking architecture with SGD matrix factorization-based Collaborative Filtering (CF) recommendation model to suggest items based on store-specific sales volume.
3	Architecture	<p>Designed a 3-stage Re-Ranking Architecture</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Stage 1: SGD-based Matrix Factorization – Generates initial item recommendations. ➤ FAISS Indexer: Enhances efficiency by enabling fast similarity search. ➤ Stage 2: Bloom Filter: Filters out items already sold at the store. ➤ Stage 3: XGBoost Ranker – Refines rankings based on additional features.
4	Data Collection	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 27 data tables (Supplier, customer information, POS data and so on) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Utilized store-specific item sales quantity for recommendations. (Since they operate only offline stores, they lack customer interaction data)
5	Data Preparation & Feature engineering	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sparse Matrix Construction – Converting raw transactional data into a store-item interaction matrix. • Feature Engineering for Stage 2 Re-Ranking Model : Used around 40 features <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Store Average Sales Amount The mean sales given by a store across all items on sale. ➤ Item Average Sales Amount The mean sales an item received from all stores. ➤ Store-Store Cosine Similarity Measures how similar a store is to other stores based on sales patterns. ➤ Item-Item Cosine Similarity Measures item similarity based on shared store interactions. ➤ Rating Count Features Number of sales per store and sales per item, which help assess data density and confidence levels.

Optimizing Store-Specific Item Recommendations with a 3-Stage Re-Ranking Architecture		
5	Model selection & development	<p>Consider of four recommendation models:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Apriori with Association Rules → Excluded <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➢ Difficult to set optimal lift and support thresholds, automation challenges. • FP-Growth → Excluded <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➢ Interpretation of tree-based patterns is challenging • Collaborative Filtering → Adopted (Benchmarked from research papers on store-item sales-based recommendation models) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➢ KNN-based CF: Too simple; performance was suboptimal ➢ SGD-based Matrix Factorization: Suitable for capturing high-dimensional interaction patterns. • Deep Learning-Based Models → Excluded <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➢ Lack of organizational expertise in machine learning/deep learning ➢ No available infrastructure to support deep learning deployment.
6	Model Evaluation	Optimizes score calibration for fine-tuning the ranking, where metrics NDCG: NDCG@10: 0.79 → Top 10 item selection
7	A/B test & Result	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Base Metric: Daily Revenue • Expected Metric: 5% Increase in Daily Revenue • Controlled Conditions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➢ Same Store Locations ➢ Same Day of the Week (to control demand fluctuations) ➢ Same Time Window (to eliminate hourly sales variations) • Statistical Parameters: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➢ Power ($1-\beta$): 85% ➢ Significance Level (α): 5% ➢ Experiment period (Based on minimum Sample Size): 31.36 days (calculated using t-test formula). • A/B Test Results: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➢ Comparison by Time Zone & Item Category ➢ Lift & p-value analysis to determine statistical significance. ➢ Revenue (Monitoring Metric) shows a Significant Positive Impact (+4.5%) ➢ Indicates Quantifiable Growth due to product recommendations ➢ Confirms Positive Business Impact from optimization in recommendation strategy

Outline

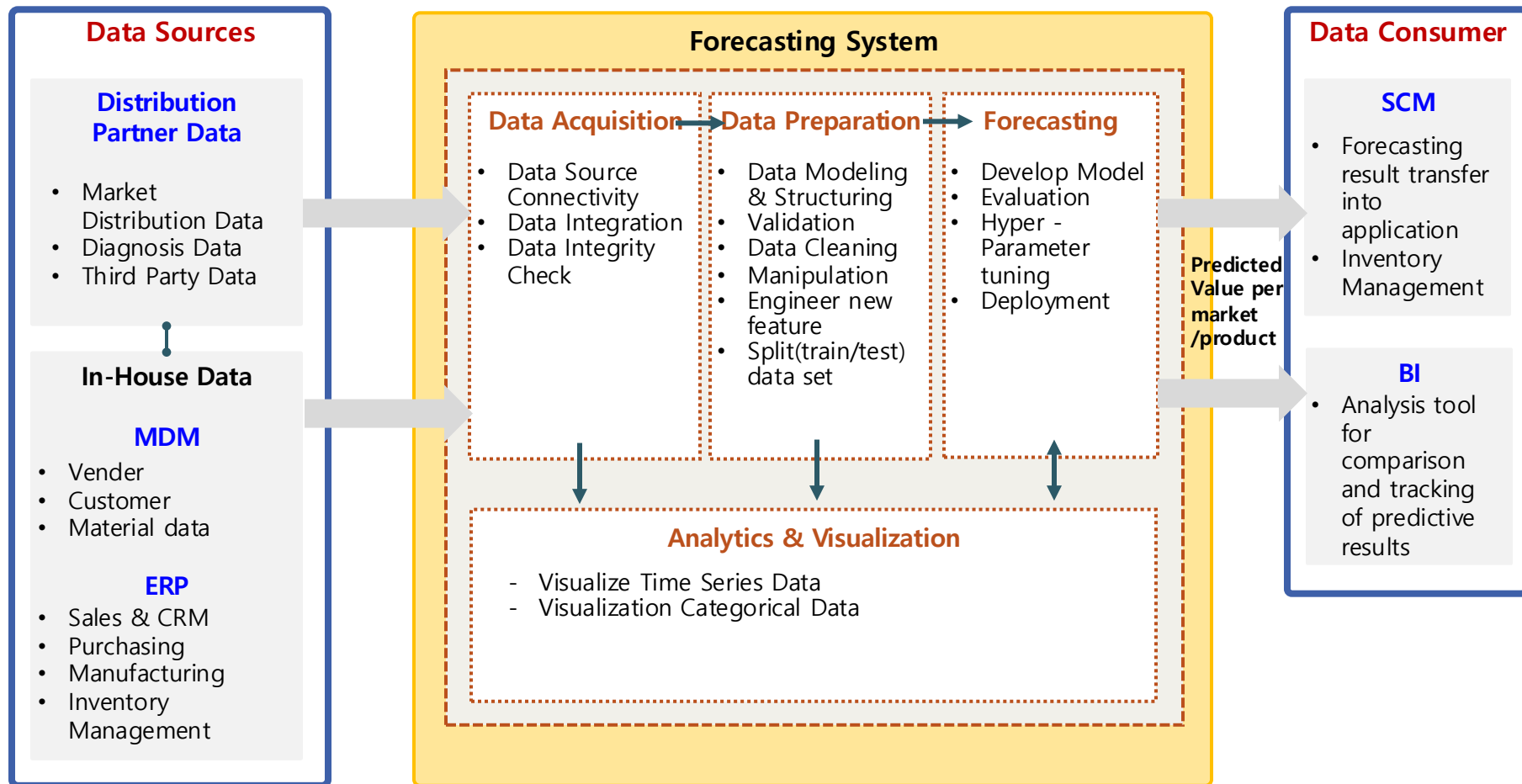
Early Warning System for Customer Churn



	<u>Early Warning System for Customer Churn</u>	
1	Business pain-point	<p>Problem: The company lacks proper churn management, leading to potential revenue loss.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Develop a churn prevention model to identify at-risk customers and provide actionable insights for retention.
2	Project Overview	<p>Utilize existing customer data to predict churn probability.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Generate reports on at-risk customers for marketing and sales teams to take proactive retention actions.
3	Data Collection	<p>Customer Data</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Feature Types: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Demographics: Gender, age, marital status, and so on ➤ Financials: Income, retirement status ➤ Other Behavioral & Policy Data (Details confidential) ➤ Target: Churn or Not (Binary Classification) - Churned Customer → Has an End-date in their policy
4	Data Preparation & Exploratory Data Analysis	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Highly Imbalanced Data: Churned customers are significantly fewer than non-churned customers. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Applied SMOTE, random oversampling/undersampling, or cost-sensitive learning. • Handling Missing Values <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Used median for skewed data, mean imputation. ➤ For highly correlated features, built a regression model to estimate missing values. • Skewed Data: Price-related features showed skewness. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Applied log transformation for normalization. • Outlier Detection & Treatment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Used IQR (Interquartile Range) method for outlier handling.

Early Warning System for Customer Churn		
5	Feature Engineering	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Create derived features: cancel_customer, dormant, lifetime_value, and so on. Create interaction Variables: 20 variables <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Arithmetic Interaction: e.g. income * age ➤ Conditional Relationship: e.g. income/household_size ➤ Statistical Transformation: e.g. log(income) * education level Partial PCA: Apply PCA only to highly correlated subgroups related to price, preserving raw features for interpretation. One-hot encoding: Convert values into numeric values. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Applied Lasso (L1) regression, which forces some coefficients to exactly 0, removing less important features.
6	Manage Imbalance data	<p>Consider and experiment with different methods to address data class imbalance:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) SMOTE (Synthetic Minority Over-sampling Technique) 2) Random oversample 3) Random undersample 4) Class weight (Cost-sensitive modeling)
7	Model development & evaluation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prioritizing interpretability over model performance (Understanding churn reasons and root causes is crucial) Prioritized churn probability over estimating user lifetime. (Classification vs Cox Regression, Survival Random Forest) Experimented with and trained various models, including Logistic regression, SVM, Decision Tree, Random Forest, XGBoost, LightGBM <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Model Used: XGBoost ➤ Primary Metric: Recall (Focus on minimizing false negatives to avoid missing churned customers). ➤ Recall: 0.81, Precision: 0.75, F-2(beta) score: 0.80 (More weight on recall than precision) To Reduce Overfitting: PCA, Regularization (L1), VIF (Remove features bigger than 8.0) Due to infrequent updates in customer data, predictions are reported weekly, with model retraining scheduled every month
8	Hyper parameter tuning	<p>Fine-tuned hyperparameters to mitigate overfitting and enhance performances</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ max_depth = 6 ➤ Eta = 0.3 ➤ Colsample_bytree = 0.7 ➤ Colsample_bylevel = 0.8
9	Reflections and Future Improvements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Able to predict whether a user will churn, but not when they will churn Considering survival analysis to model churn timing (Cox Regression, Survival Random Forest)

- ✓ Developed a biosimilar sales forecasting model using SARIMA to optimize production planning, enabling data-driven inventory management.

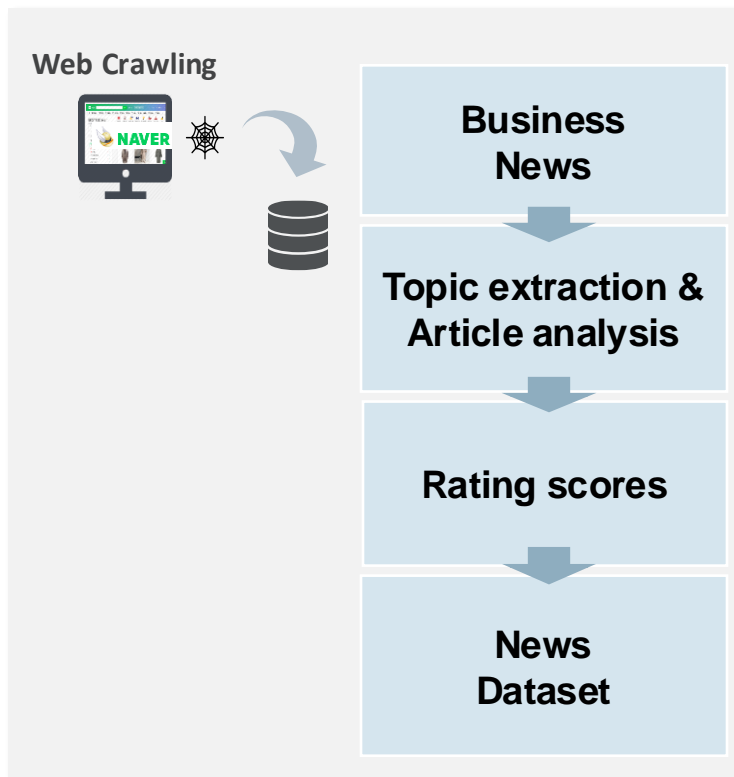


	<u>Biosimilar Sales Forecasting Using ARIMA Time Series Analysis</u>	
1	Business pain-point	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lack of demand forecasting for current products prevents optimization of production lines by product type
2	Project Overview	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Aim to establish a foundation by developing a baseline demand forecasting model
3	Data Collection	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provided Data Time Range: total 10 years (Monthly herbal medicine data) Regions: Includes US Product Categories: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Dosage Forms ➤ Packaging Types Target Variables: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Revenue_unit ➤ Revenue_value ➤ Price
4	Data Preparation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Designed ETL processing to convert wide-format time-series data into long format using <code>pd.melt()</code> for easier analysis. Baseline modeling: Started with one product as the baseline model. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Trend Analysis: Observed significant differences in sales unit trends across different products. ➤ Conclusion: Requires individualized modeling per product rather than a one-size-fits-all approach.
5	Exploratory Data Analysis	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Decomposition Analysis <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Compared Original, Seasonal, Trend, and Residual plots to analyze time-series components. Autocorrelation & Partial Autocorrelation Analysis <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Checked ACF/PACF plots to identify dependencies over time. ➤ Observed non-stationarity, indicating the need for transformation. Differencing for Stationarity <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Applied first and second-order differencing to remove trends and stabilize the series.

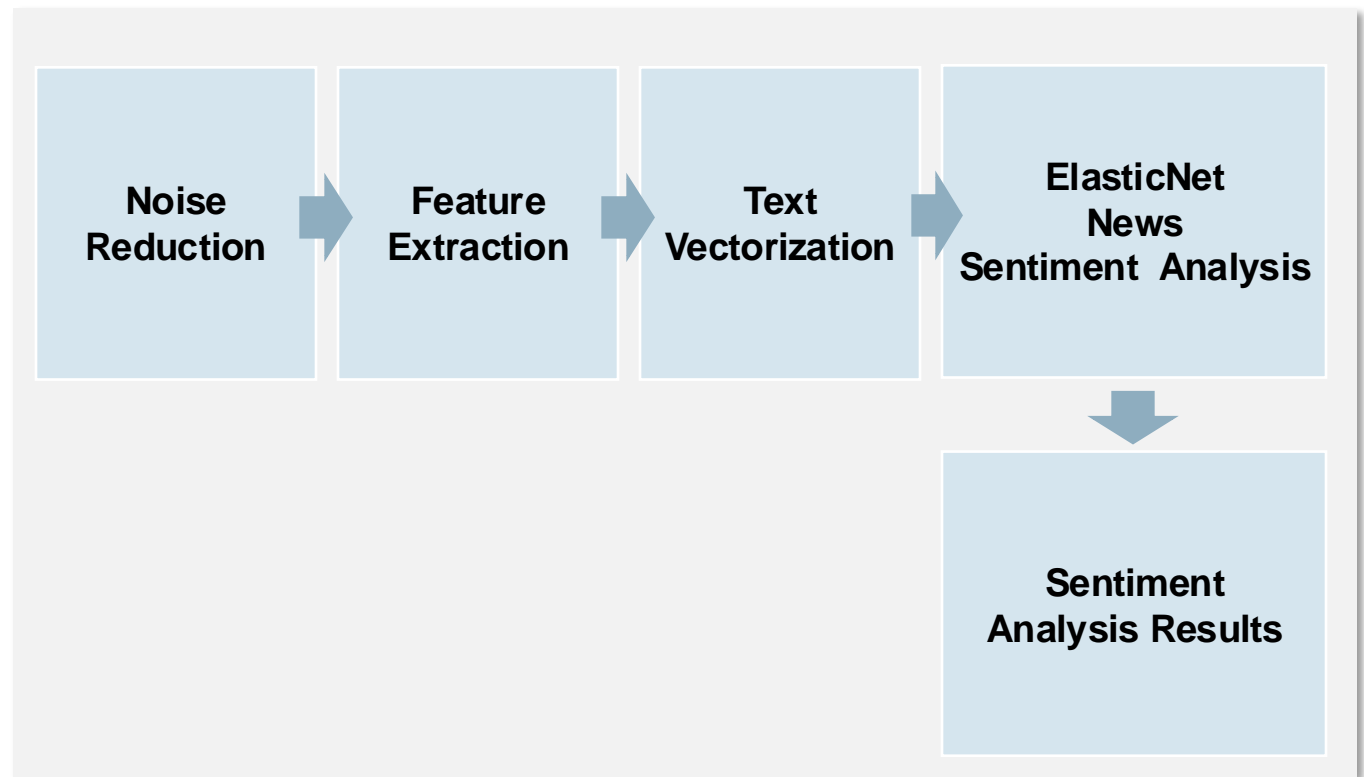
	<u>Biosimilar Sales Forecasting Using ARIMA Time Series Analysis</u>	
6	Model selection	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Decision: Time-Series Analysis Over Regression <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Initially considered both regression-based modeling and time-series forecasting ➤ The challenge was determining which features to include (e.g., competitor sales, prescriptions, stock levels, clinical trials, claims data) ➤ Due to the complexity and sequential nature of the data, we chose time-series analysis as the preferred approach Model Selection for Time-Series Analysis <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Exponential Smoothing is simple but fails to capture seasonality, as observed in the decomposition analysis. • Since the trend exhibits seasonal patterns, a more advanced model like ARIMA (or SARIMA for seasonality) is required.
7	Model development & evaluation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ACF & Partial ACF Comparison: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Compared MA(q), AR(q), and ARMA(p,q) models. ➤ After second-order differencing, the data exhibited AR(q) characteristics. SARIMA outperformed ARIMA, effectively capturing seasonal trends with a higher R^2 (0.84) and lower AIC (429.78). Effectiveness validation was handed over to the client MLOps team for A/B testing and the deployment.
8	Hyper parameter tuning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hyper parameter tuning & performance comparison: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ ARIMA (p:2, d:1, q:2) → AIC: 670, R^2: 0.45 ➤ Seasonal ARIMA (SARIMAX) (p:2, d:1, q:2) with Seasonal (P:2, D:1, Q:0, s:12) → AIC: 429.78, R^2: 0.84 ➤ Significantly better performance with seasonal adjustment and hyper parameter tuning.
9	Reflections and Future Improvements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Extend the SARIMA model to cover all regions and new pharmaceutical products. • Adapt the model for different market conditions and product-specific trends. • Fine-tune parameters for region-specific and product-level forecasting accuracy.

- ✓ **Analyze daily news sentiment to provide early notifications, helping stakeholders protect the company's reputation**

✓ **Web crawling**



✓ **Data engineering & model development**



<u>News Sentiment Analysis System for IR Strategy</u>		
1	Business pain-point	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Due to high stock price volatility, the company faced increased risk exposure for stakeholders. This volatility created challenges in maintaining financial stability and required proactive measures to mitigate potential risks.
2	Project Overview	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To strengthen risk management and enable proactive decision-making, we identified the need for a real-time news sentiment analysis system.
3	Data Collection	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Scraped 15,000 news articles from NAVER News Collected 30 days of data (March 2018), averaging 500 articles daily. Selected only business-related keywords (e.g., Samsung, display, and so on).
4	Data Preparation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sentiment Labeling <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Employed domain experts for manual sentiment scoring (1-5 scale) to ensure sentiment classification aligns with LG's perspective, accurately assessing whether news articles have a positive or negative impact on the company. ➤ Used scores as training data for a regression model to predict sentiment Quality Check <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Verified sentiment score accuracy before model training.
5	Data engineering	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Morphological Analysis <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Korean text requires morphological analysis to break words into meaningful units. Part-of-Speech (POS) Filtering <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Select only nouns, verbs, and adjectives Stopword Removal & Lemmatization <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Remove commonly used words Convert words to their base forms Deduplication & Special Character Removal <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Remove duplicate words to avoid bias in frequency-based models. Filter out special characters TF-IDF Transformation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Convert text into a Document-Term Matrix min_df=3 → Exclude rare words appearing in less than 2–3 documents. max_df=0.90 → Remove extremely common words appearing in over 95% of documents.

News Sentiment Analysis System for IR Strategy		
6	Model selection	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Model Selection: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> News titles effectively capture the sentiment and key takeaways of the article. Efficiency—processing full articles requires more computational resources. Deep Learning (LSTM, RNN): Not chosen because news titles are short (length <20), making complex models unnecessary. Explored reinforcement learning models as well but insufficient data for meaningful reinforcement learning. Decision: ElasticNetCV (Regularized Regression) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Applies penalty terms (L1 & L2 regularization) to handle infrequent words. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Balances feature sparsity (L1) and weight shrinkage (L2) for better generalization
7	Model development & evaluation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Regression Performance: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ R^2: 0.79 ➤ MAE: 0.35, MSE: 0.2 Adjusting Sentiment Classification Threshold (Conservative Approach) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reason: Reduces false positives, making the model more risk-averse in sentiment classification. ➤ Predicted sentiment score < 3.8 → Negative ➤ Predicted sentiment score ≥ 3.8 → Positive Automated batch process runs daily at 4 AM to collect, score, and report the previous day's news sentiment to the IR team for proactive risk management
8	Hyper parameter tuning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> l1_ratio = 0.8 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> l1_ratio = 1.0 → Pure Lasso Regression (stronger feature selection) l1_ratio = 0.5 → Balanced L1 & L2 (default) l1_ratio = 0.0 → Pure Ridge Regression (no feature elimination, only weight shrinkage)
9	Reflections and Future Improvements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Expanding Data Sources: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ News titles captured sentiment well, but lacked context compared to full articles. ➤ Limited data scope (30 days) might not fully capture long-term sentiment trends. Real-time Monitoring & Deployment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Develop a real-time dashboard for monitoring sentiment trends

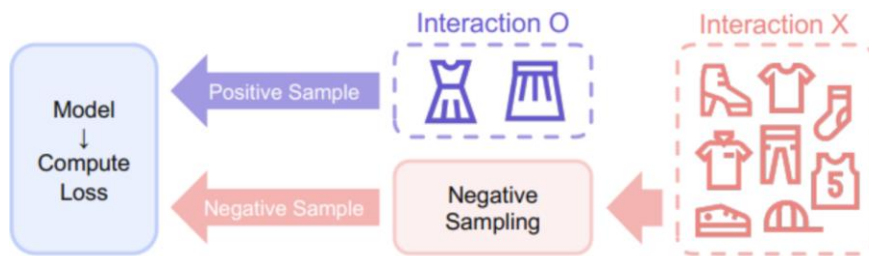
✓ **Design and run time zone/age-based A/B tests for female-targeted Facebook ads| 12% improvement in CTR through target segment optimization (Lift 1.12, p-value < 0.05, 30k samples)**

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1	Target User	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Potential customers who interact with ads and marketing channels but have not yet converted
2	Observation	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Users engaging with the service through Facebook (especially women aged 36-54, active between 12-1 PM) and Email channels, where conversion rates are high
3	Problem Statement	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Reduce ad spend on low-conversion channels and reallocate budget to FacebookProviding more detailed information (images, details, etc.) on Naver, and other channels, similar to email, can improve conversion rates.
4	Hypothesis	<ul style="list-style-type: none">H₀: Reducing ad spend on low-conversion channels and reallocating it to Facebook does not result in a statistically significant increase in conversion rateH₁: Reducing ad spend on low-conversion channels and reallocating it to Facebook leads to a statistically significant increase in conversion rate

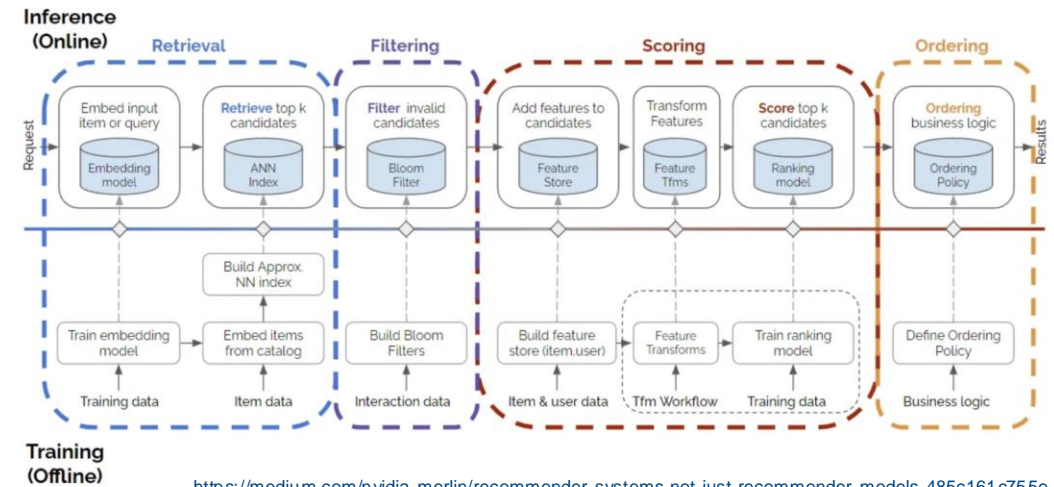
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6	Experiment Group	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Group A (Control Group): Current ad spend distribution remains unchanged across all channelsGroup B (Experimental Group): Increase Facebook ad budget targeting high-converting segments (women aged 36-54, 12-1 PM).
7	Experiment Period	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Base metric: Facebook avg conversion rateExpected metric: 0.55%Alpha (Significance): 95% confidence level ($\alpha = 0.05$)1-Beta (Power): 80%<ul style="list-style-type: none">Since sample collection was not difficult, there was no need to lower the power. Increasing the power was considered, but the cost was too high to justify.Minimum Sample size (z-test): around 32,000 peoplePeriod calculation: Required days
8	Metric	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Conversion Rate (CTR)
9	Trade-off	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Potential loss of customers from other channels, leading to reduced engagement
10	Andon	<ul style="list-style-type: none">A significant drop in conversion rate and revenue sustained for more than 3 days.

- ✓ Developed a 3-stage recommendation system leveraging negative sampling for implicit feedback and ANN-based retrieval, enhancing ranking with ML-based scoring for optimized item recommendations

- ✓ Negative sampling for implicit data



- ✓ 3-stage recommendation system architecture



<https://medium.com/nvidia-merlin/recommender-systems-not-just-recommender-models-485c161c755e>

- Limited availability of explicit data, such as purchase history or user ratings.
- Apply negative sampling to handle implicit feedback efficiently.
- Items with no interactions are assumed to be irrelevant or less preferred and are sampled as negative instances to optimize model training while reducing computational cost.
- Retrieval: Fetches top-N relevant candidates using an ANN index.
- Filtering: Applies Bloom Filters to remove invalid recommendations.
- Scoring & Ordering:
 - Enhances rankings with additional feature transformations.
 - Uses a ranking model (e.g., ML-based scoring).

	<u>E-commerce Recommendation Engine: Matrix Factorization with Implicit Feedback and Negative Sampling</u>	
1	Business pain-point	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Had customer data available but was not effectively utilizing it to drive business impact
2	Project Overview	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Goal: Increase conversion rate (CVR) through a personalized recommendation system. Initial Approach: Developed an in-house user-based collaborative filtering model themselves. Issue: Model did not achieve satisfactory performance, requiring further optimization or alternative approaches.
3	Architecture	<p>Existing Challenges & Improvements</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Challenge 1: Insufficient Training Data <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Explicit data (purchase history, ratings record) was not enough for robust training. b) Solution: Proposed using click history (implicit feedback) to augment training data and improve model performance. ➤ Challenge 2: Limitations of User-Based Collaborative Filtering (CF) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) User-based CF relies only on user-item interactions (ratings, purchases), making it relatively simple. b) Issue: Struggles to capture complex relationships beyond basic similarities. c) Solution: Adopted matrix factorization + feature-based ranking for deeper insights. <p>Proposed a 3-stage Re-Ranking Architecture</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Stage 1: SGD-based Matrix Factorization – Generates initial item recommendations. ➤ FAISS Indexer: Enhances efficiency by enabling fast similarity search. ➤ Stage 2: Bloom Filter: Filters out items already sold at the store. ➤ Stage 3: XGBoost Ranker – Refines rankings based on additional features.
4	Data Collection	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Since purchase history is insufficient, click data (implicit feedback) is used, and negative sampling is applied by selecting items the user did not interact with. Negative Sampling Methods for Implicit Data <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Random Negative Sampling ➤ Popularity-Based Negative Sampling: More effective than random sampling in recommendation scenarios
5	Data Preparation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sparse Matrix Construction – Converting raw transactional data into a user-click interaction matrix.

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5	Model selection & development	<p>Consider of four recommendation models:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> User-based Collaborative Filtering → SGD Matrix Factorization <ul style="list-style-type: none"> User-based method: pairwise similarity calculations (computationally expensive), struggles users who have few or no interactions KNN-based CF: Too simple; performance was suboptimal SGD-based Matrix Factorization: captures latent factors, making it effective even with incomplete data. Deep Learning-Based Models → Excluded <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lack of organizational expertise in machine learning/deep learning No available infrastructure to support deep learning deployment.
6	Model Evaluation	<p>Stage 1 focuses on retrieval quality (ranking high-relevance items first) using Recall@1000: 0.68</p> <p>Stage 3 optimizes score calibration for fine-tuning the ranking, where ranking metrics NDCG@10: 0.71 → Top 10 items</p>
7	A/B test	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Base Metric: CTR 3.0% Expected Metric: CTR 3.5% (Around 20.0% improvement) Controlled Conditions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> dd Statistical Parameters: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Power (1-β): 80% Significance Level (α): 5% Minimum Sample Size: 5,295 people (calculated using z-test formula). Experiment period: daily user: 300 people, required days: 17.7 days *2 group = 35.5days A/B Test Results: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lift & p-value Analysis: Confirmed statistical significance of improvements. CTR improved by 20% (3.0% → 3.6%), with evaluations conducted across OS types and item categories for deeper insights. Business Impact: Demonstrates quantifiable growth driven by optimized product recommendations. Validation: Confirms positive business impact from strategic recommendation enhancements.

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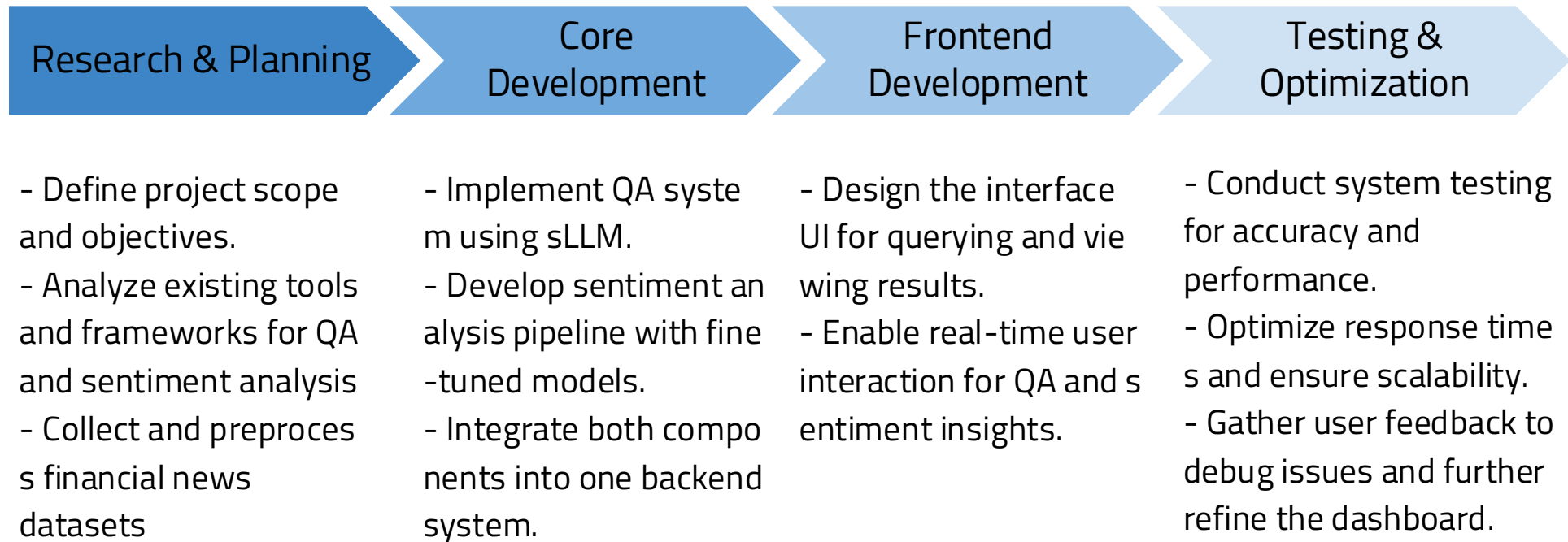


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1	Objective	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identify gaps between user expectations and actual experience with IoT devices. Detect pain points and improvement areas to develop user-driven product strategies.
2	Methodology	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Structural Equation Modeling (SEM) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Models latent variables to understand how different factors influence user satisfaction. Causal Analysis <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Examines independent-dependent variable relationships to establish causality between user expectations and actual usage experience. Exploratory Research <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Conducts data-driven hypothesis generation to uncover key insights on IoT adoption and usability.
3	Data collection	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> User Data (Demographics & Behavior) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Collected demographic and usage data: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Basic Information: Sex, age, income, region, household size, marital status, children. IoT Experience: Prior exposure to IoT products, average daily usage Survey Data (User Experience & Perception) <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Designed 50 survey questions based on previous research, with 4 questions per key variable. Key Variables for Analysis: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Perceived Manageability, Scalability, Entertainment Value, Reliability, Compensability, Expectation-Performance Alignment, Perceived Usefulness, Perceived Ease of Use, Social Influence, Satisfaction, Intention to Continue Use
4	Exploratory Data Analysis	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reference: document page p.12~14 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ https://nbviewer.org/github/whommso/ddaf/blob/main/Publication%20Thesis%20KAIST.pdf
5	Research model	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reference: document page p.8 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ https://nbviewer.org/github/whommso/ddaf/blob/main/Publication%20Thesis%20KAIST.pdf

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5	Feature engineering & Assessment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reliability Assessment: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Cronbach's Alpha (CA) ≥ 0.7, CR, and AVE confirm internal consistency & validity. Correlation Analysis: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ All coefficients < 0.85 ensure construct distinctiveness. ➤ Diagonal AVE's square root $>$ correlations confirms discriminant validity. Model Explanatory Power (R^2): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ $R^2 > 0.26$ indicates strong predictive power for dependent variables.
6	Evaluation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Model Construction <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Defined path relationships between independent and dependent variables. ➤ Mapped survey scores to respective variables. PLS-SEM Execution <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Path coefficient calculation to quantify relationships. ➤ Bootstrapping (400 resamples) to test statistical significance. ➤ P-value analysis: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> $p < 0.05 \rightarrow$ Reject H_0 (independent variable has a significant impact). $p > 0.05 \rightarrow$ Fail to reject H_1 (no significant relationship found). Interpretation of Results <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ If H_0 is rejected, e.g., Manageability significantly influences Agreement of Expectation. ➤ If H_0 is not rejected, the factor does not have a statistically significant effect.
7	Result	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Income Level: $\geq 50M$ KRW \rightarrow Manageability & Compensability had no impact on satisfaction or continued use. Household Size: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ 1-2 person \rightarrow Manageability & Entertainingness not significant. ➤ 3+ person \rightarrow Significant impact on satisfaction & continued use. Regional Differences: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Metro \rightarrow Manageability was a dissatisfaction factor. ➤ Non-Metro \rightarrow Compensability was valued for time & cost savings. Core Drivers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Perceived Usefulness \rightarrow Significant for $\leq 50M$ KRW & 3+ person households. ➤ Perceived Ease \rightarrow Strong positive impact on satisfaction & continued use.

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