Forecasting and Modeling Watch Sales for B2B Distribution

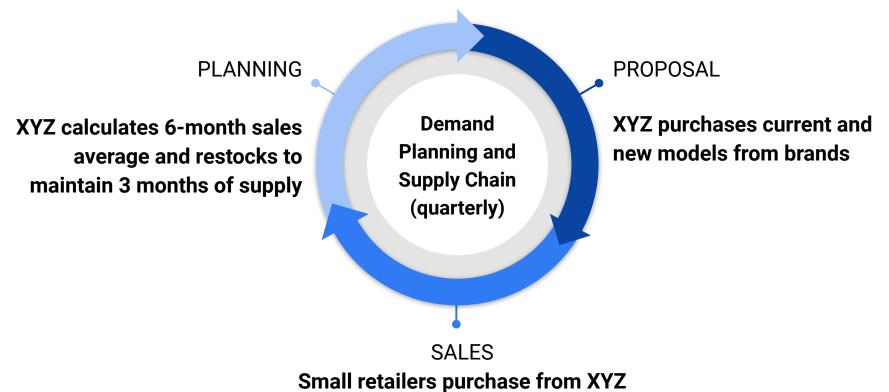
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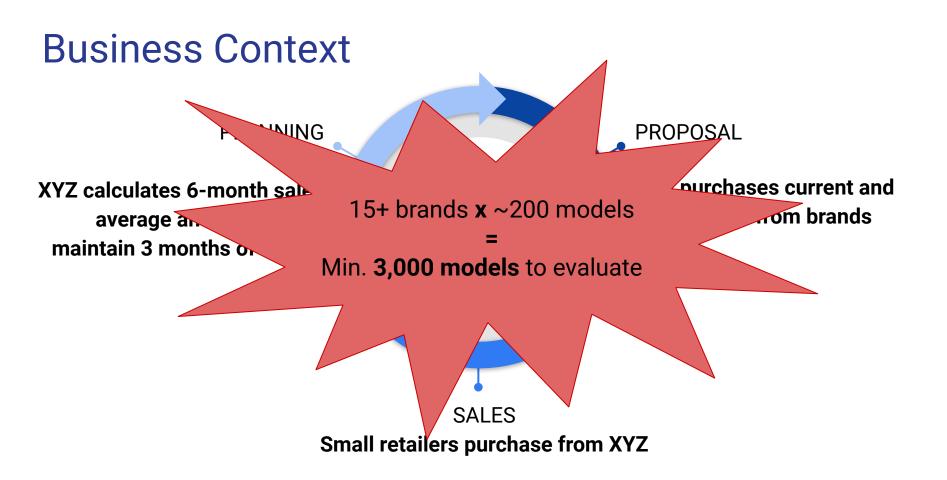
XYZ Company

Distributes fashion and household items to smaller retailers in the Caribbean & North American markets



Business Context

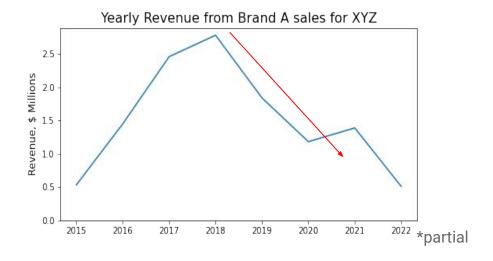




Problem Statement

Build an automated proposal system that more quickly and accurately predicts watch sales based on:

- Historical sales, and
- If not available, individual model attributes (collection, gender, color, price, material)



Solution Approach

Brand A

Existing Models
Time-Series
Forecasting

6-month rolling average

265 models

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New Models
Classification
Models

Extra Trees with Logistic Regression

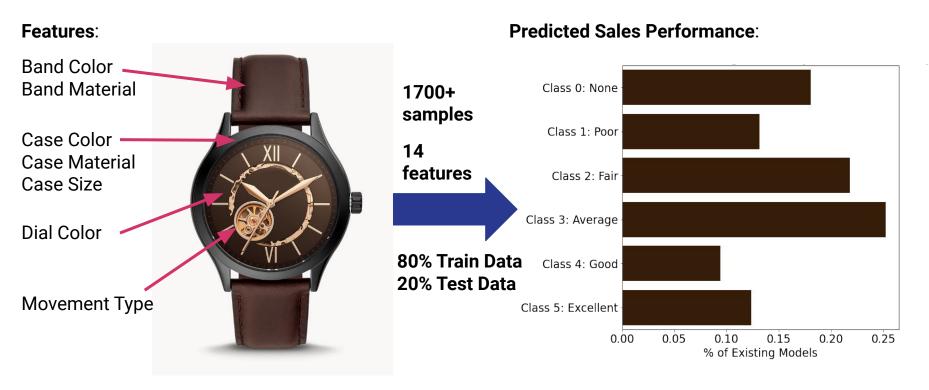
35 models

Order Sheet: Convert to order quantities

- ➤ 50% increase if Q4
- Subtract current inventory
- > Round up to nearest 5 units

300 models

Classification Model

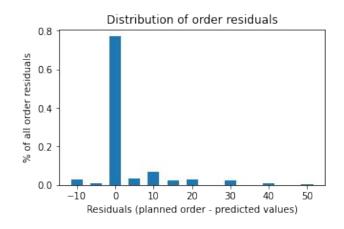


Other Features: Collection, Gender, Retail Price, Clasp Type, Water Resistance, Country of Origin, Warranty

Results

77%

of order quantities were identical to the *planned order*



41%

accuracy for the classification model using test data

91%

of order quantities were +/- 10 units of *planned order*

0-60

range of units in the *planned* order

Worst Prediction

Predicted Class: 0 (None) Actual Class: 5 (Excellent)



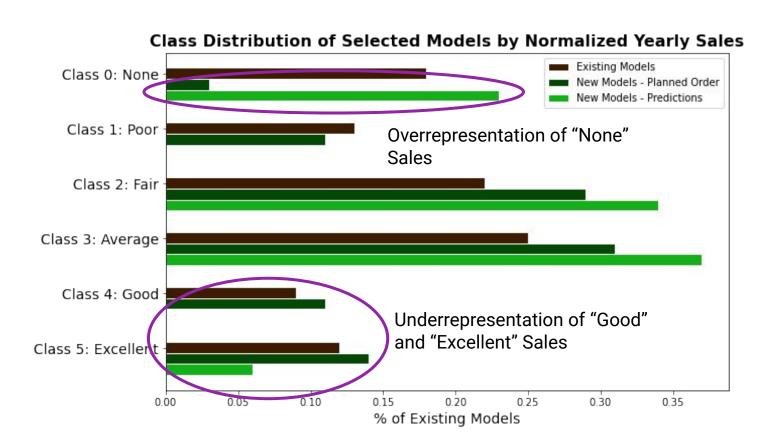
Key Observations:

- Classification model was split between classes 0 and 2
- Logistic Regression would have predicted class 2

Key Negative Factors:

- → Clasp type: Buckle
- → Case size: 42 mm
- → Dial color: Blue
- → Band Material: Leather

Discussion



Recommendations and Next Steps

Short-Term Recommendations

Use system to generate initial forecast - further review may be required

Future Work:

- Further consolidate values in categories
- Develop a script or app for more user-friendly use

Longer-Term Recommendations

 Restore and retain historical monthly sales for more sophisticated forecasting techniques, like SARIMA

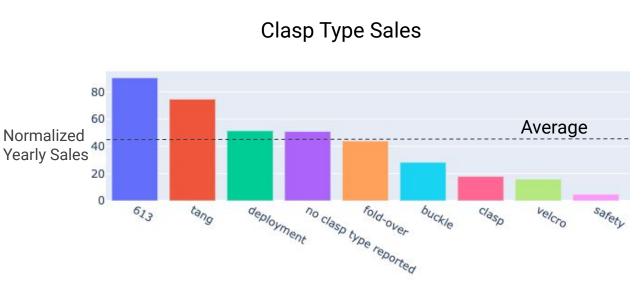
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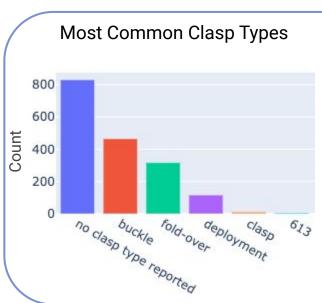
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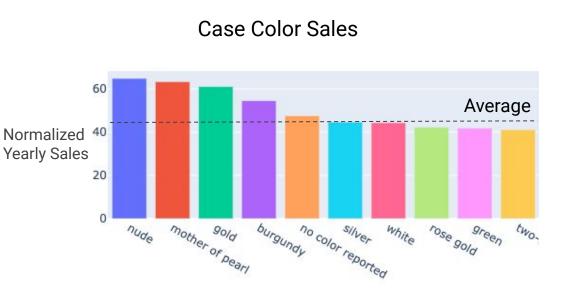
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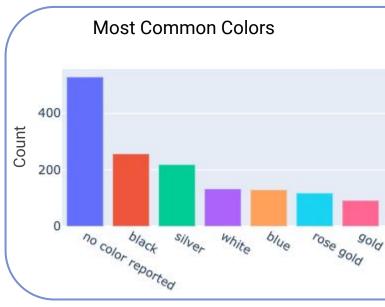




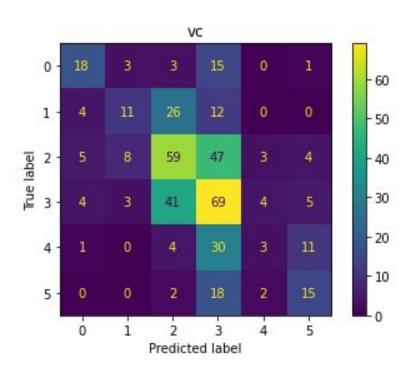
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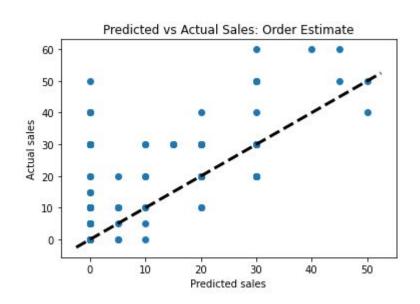




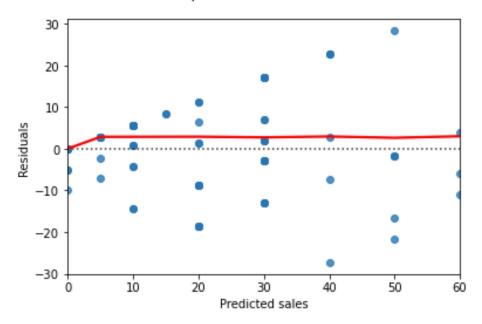
Classification Model - Confusion Matrix



Order Sheet - Metrics



Residuals vs predicted sales: Order Estimate



Order Sheet - Metrics

