Executive Summary: Sales and Marketing



Sales Performance



Targeted Marketing

Top Performing Product Category

- Health & Beauty
- Watches and Gifts
- 3 Bed Bath Table

Summary

A thorough analysis of the location of LoMo's customers reveal to us that most their customers are located in the central regions of Thailand. This suggests to us that marketing efforts should be prioritized in the Northern and Southern regions of Thailand through geographically targeted advertisements.

Furthermore, we should take into account the technological advancements of different regions of Thailand and adjust our marketing strategy accordingly.

Introduction: LoMo Data Analytics Case





- LoMo is a department store in Portugal whose main online operations focus on a B2B2C model
- Their mission is to connect small businesses (and individuals) across the country through their online platform
- LoMo's end to end e-commerce solutions include logistic partners that help to fulfil deliveries to individuals, as well as various payment solutions to facilitate online payments

- This analytics task focuses on 2 key business problems analyzing Sales Performance and Sales Prediction
- By diving into the historical data of LoMo's e-commerce, we will uncover meaningful insights regarding the best performing product category on LoMo, and the product category with the highest potential
- In addition, we will conduct further analysis that will aid LoMo in their marketing efforts

Initial Hypothesis: Sales Performance and Marketing



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Question:

 Which product category will have the best performance on LoMo's ecommerce website?

Hypothesis:

 With the recent trends in fast fashion and the general demographics of online shoppers being younger people, I believe that fashion apparels and clothing will be the best performing product on LoMo.

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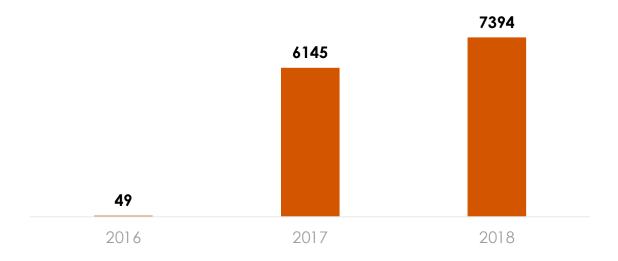
 How should marketing efforts be prioritized? Will marketing strategies differ by region?

Hypothesis:

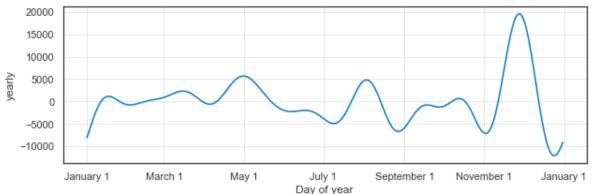
 Intuitively, I would think that marketing efforts should be prioritized in regions where LoMo is still not widely used.
 Marketing strategies should also differ across region – more digital focused in more digitized regions, and perhaps more traditional marketing strategies for regions that are less technologically advanced

Sales Performance: LoMo's overall sales rose sharply from 2016 to 2018

Total Sales across all products (in thousands)



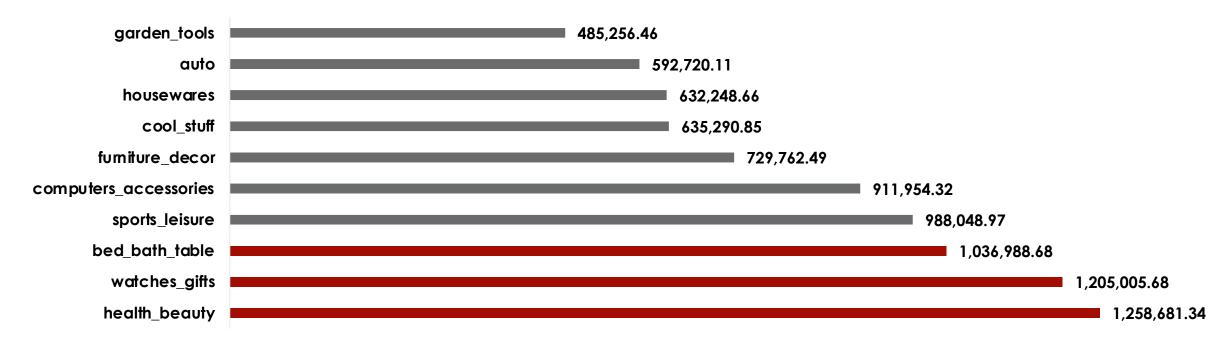
LoMo's total sales seasonality across the year



- In 2016, total sales across all products on LoMo's ecommerce website was just \$49,000 but it has impressively risen to \$7 million in 2018
- LoMo's e-commerce website sees the highest increase in sales towards the end of the year, highly likely due to the holiday season when customers spend/purchase more

Sales Performance: Beauty health products were the best performing category

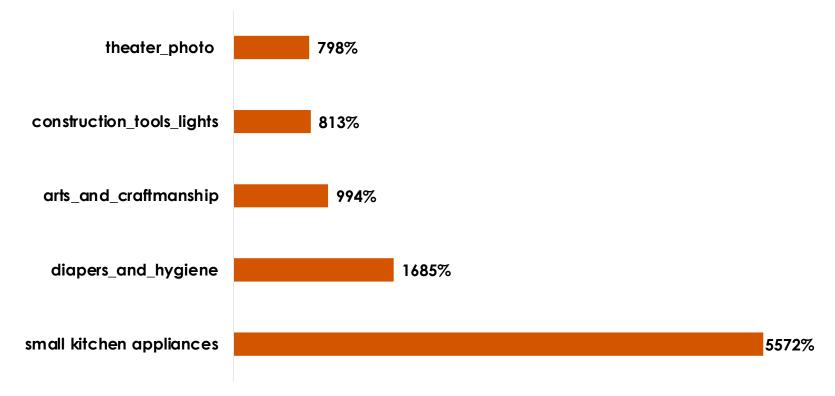
Top performing product categories by total sales



- Ranking product categories by total gross merchandise values (price of good * quantity of goods sold) across 2016 to 2018, beauty health products
 comes in first, followed by watch gifts, then bed bath table
- This finding comes as a bit of a surprise compared with our initial hypothesis that fashion apparels would be the best-selling category
- One reason for this might be that the shoppers are from Thailand where health and beauty products are more popular

Sales Performance: Small kitchen appliances have the highest potential

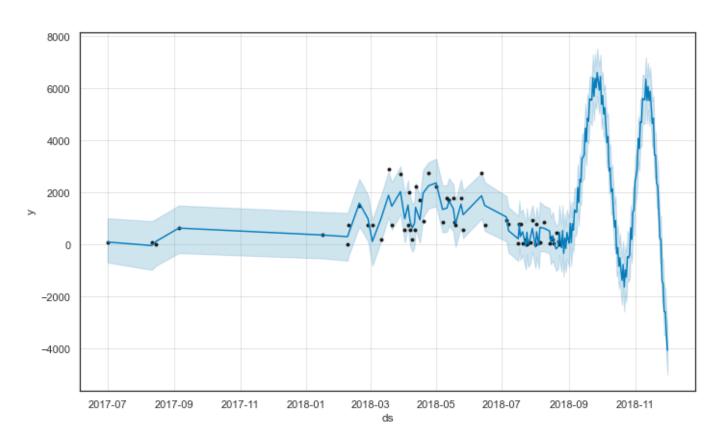
% Growth in Sales of top 5 highest potential product categories from 2017 to 2018



- To determine the product category with the highest potential, I calculated the percentage change in Gross Merchandise Value from 2017 to 2018 (the most recent year)
- This would tell us which product category has grown the fastest in the past year, possibly indicating that there is a growing demand for this product category
- Knowing the product category with the highest potential will allow LoMo to focus onboarding sellers within these categories to meet future demand spikes

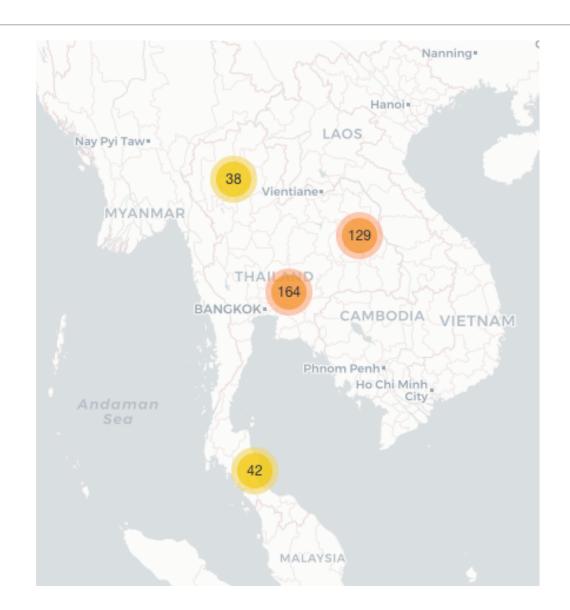
Sales Prediction: Using fbprophet to forecast future sales of high potential products

Time Series Forecast of Small Kitchen Appliances product category using fbprophet



- Using Facebook's open-source software 'Prophet' we can obtain time series sales prediction for every product category
- In this plot, the black dots are historical data, the blue line is predicted data, and the shaded region is the 95% confidence interval of the prediction
- From the historical results, we can see that the model has done a decent job predicting sales data but more validation work must be done for this model to be deployed in real time

Marketing Efforts: A geospatial analysis reveals that most customers are from Central Thailand



- The geospatial representation of customers that shop on LoMo shows us where majority of LoMo's customers are located
- The numbers represent the number of unique locations customers are located, and darker color represents areas with more customers
- This geospatial analysis allows us to perform geographically targeted advertising since majority of our customers within Thailand are situated in the central regions, we should prioritize marketing efforts on the Northern and Southern regions of Thailand

Thank you