

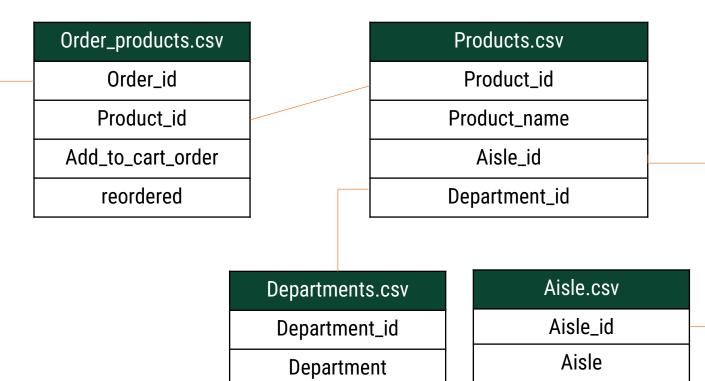
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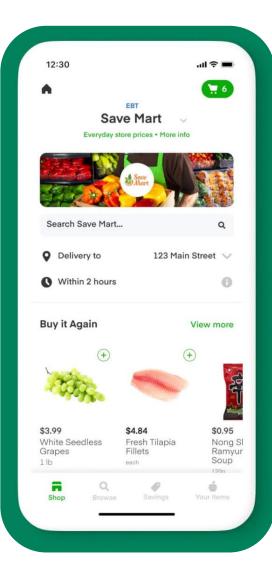
"The Instacart Online Grocery Shopping Dataset 2017"



Data originally comes from https://www.instacart.com/datasets/grocery-shopping-2017 My data: Instacart Market Basket Analysis | Kaggle

Order.csv								
Order_id								
user_id								
Order_number								
Order_dow								
Order_hour_of_day								
Days_since_prior_order								







(32.434.489 rows, 14 columns)

Memory usage: 1.6+ GB

Background and Objectives

Value Proposition Objective

simplifying grocery shopping increase profitability



Business Model

Order using Web/App





Subscription

Monthly \$9.99 Annual \$99

Pickup Fees: \$1.99



Cost Structure

Marketing



Assign User's order to Shopper

Advertising Retailer Product

Web/App Maintenance

Web/App



Shop the order from selected Store

Full-Service Shopper or In-Store Shopper

Delivery Fee \$3.99 - \$9.99

Service Fee 5 - 10% of Total

Salary/Shopper Payment



Provide the item for the User

Commission % of the price

Mark-up Price

Administration & Operations

Store/Retailer

Problem Statement

Goal: Increase profitability by leveraging large customer base transactions behavior and purchasing history Research Question: How to find lever from customer transactions behavior and purchasing history to improve profitability?



Customer Transactions



Purchase Order History



Customer Segmentation

Based on Spending Profile

RFM - K-means

Based on Buying Pattern

TSNE or PCA - K-means¹





Market Basket Analysis



Tailored marketing approach

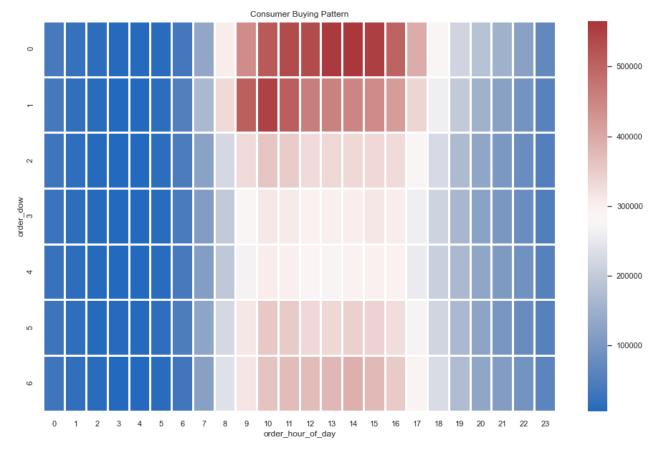


¹Analysis of Accuracy K-Means and Apriori Algorithms for Patient Data Clusters N P Dharshinni *et al* 2019 *J. Phys.: Conf. Ser.* **1230** 012020

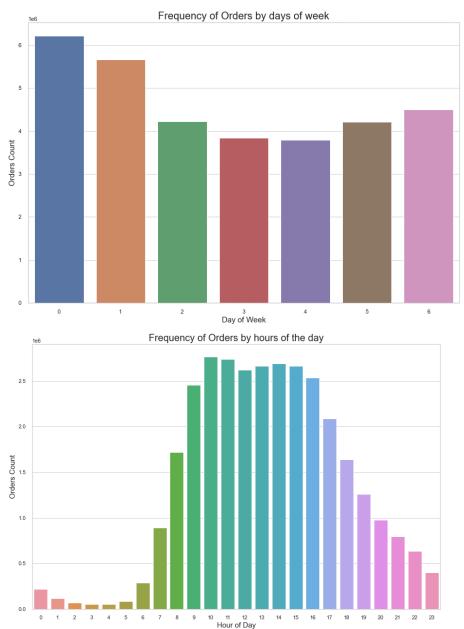
Exploratory Data Analysis

Total Order : 3.214.874

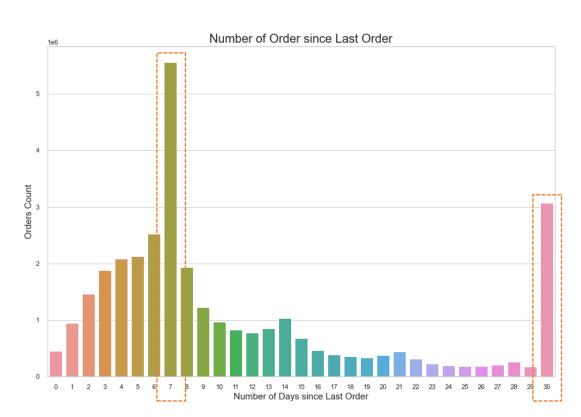
Total Product : 49.677 Total User : 206.209



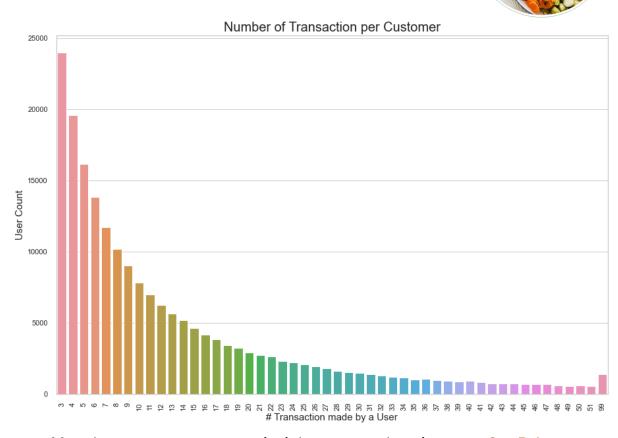
Most orders happens in the **weekend** and the **middle of the day** (9 AM – 16 PM)
The busiest hour is between **10 AM – 15 PM on Saturday**, and **9 AM – 11 AM on Sunday**



Exploratory Data Analysis



Most reorder happens after 7 days and 30 days after prior purchase. It means most of Instacart customers are doing weekly and monthly shopping.



Most Instacart customers only doing transactions between 3 – 5 times. Its indicated Instacart has a problem in retaining new customer.

Methodology

Customer Segmentation

Based on Spending Profile

Feature Engineering Create RFM Metrics

K-Means Clustering Choose Optimum K-Value Analyze the Resulting
Cluster using
Visualization

Based on Buying Pattern

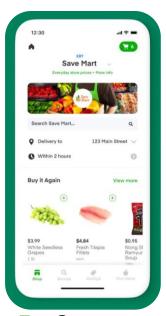
Feature Engineering User_id vs Aisle

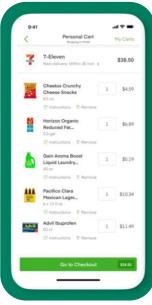
Dimensionality Reduction TSNE/PCA

K-Means Clustering

Analyze the Resulting Cluster

Choose Optimum K-Value







Modelling

Customer Segmentation – Based on Spending Profile

In order to achieve better customer retention and profitability, the company needs to customize marketing strategies and fulfill different customers' needs by allocating resources effectively and efficiently (Huang et al., 2009; Chang et al., 2010)².

RFM (recency, frequency and monetary) model is a behavior-based model used to analyze the behavior of a customer by measuring when people buy, how often they buy and how much they buy. (Hughes, 1996; Yeh et al., 2009).

Why using RFM?

- 1. RFM is **cost-effective** in acquiring important customer behavior analysis and is **easy to quantify customer behavior**.
- 2. It is **very effective** as the purchase behavior can be summarized by **using a small number of variables**.
- 3. RFM variables are gathered via an **internal database** regarding the transaction history and are not obtained through the aggregate level information in the demographic databases. Hence, RFM is more **meaningful for targeting particular customers** (Kaymak, 2001)³.

Feature Engineering

```
1 recency = df_final.groupby("user_id").aggregate(recency=("days_since_prior_order", "mean")).reset_index()
2 recency
1 freq = df_final.groupby("user_id").aggregate(frequency=("order_number", "max")).reset_index()
2 freq
1 monetary = df_final.groupby("user_id").aggregate(monetary = ('add_to_cart_order', 'mean')).reset_index()
2 monetary
```

user_id	recency	frequency	monetary
1	19.135593	10	3.627119
2	15.369231	14	8.553846
3	10.977273	12	4.443182
4	13.500000	5	2.777778
5	12.270270	4	5.513514

³Kaymak U (2001). Fuzzy target seleciton using RFM variables. IFSA World Congress 20th NAFIPS Int. Conf., 2: 1038-1043.

RECENCY

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Frequency

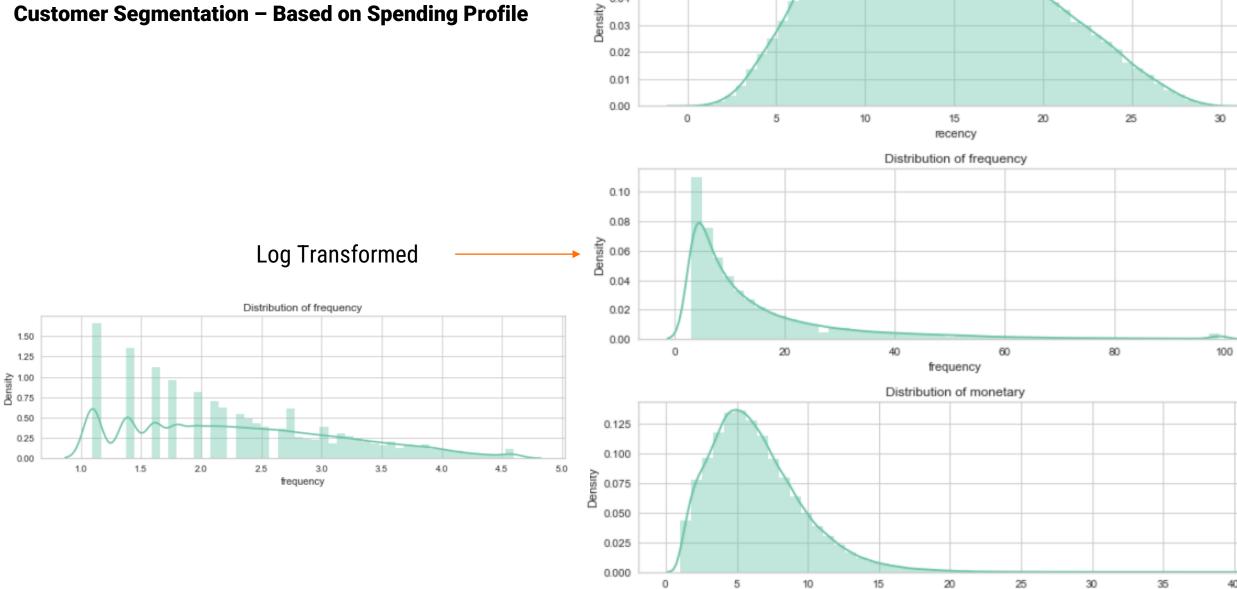
Monetary

²Huang SC, Chang EC, Wu HH (2009). A case study of applying data mining techniques in an outfitter's customer value analysis. Expert Syst. Appl., 36: 5909-5915.

²Chang EC, Huang SC, Wu HH (2010). Using K-means method and spectral clustering technique in an outfitter's value analysis. Qual Quant., 44(4): 807-815.

Data Pre-processing

Customer Segmentation – Based on Spending Profile



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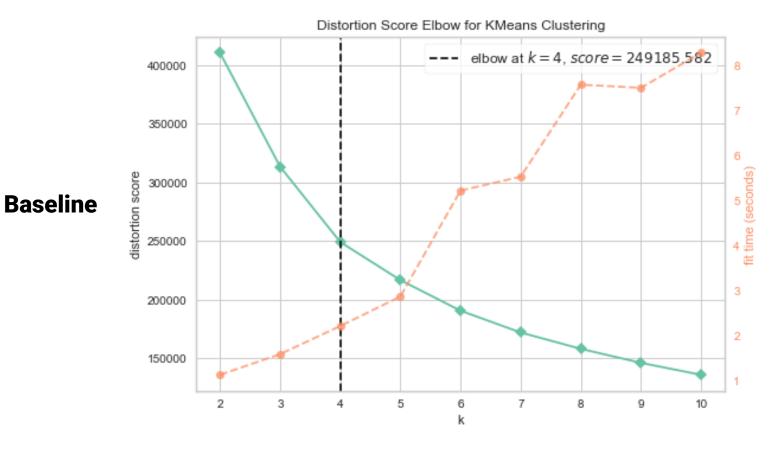
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Distribution of recency

monetary

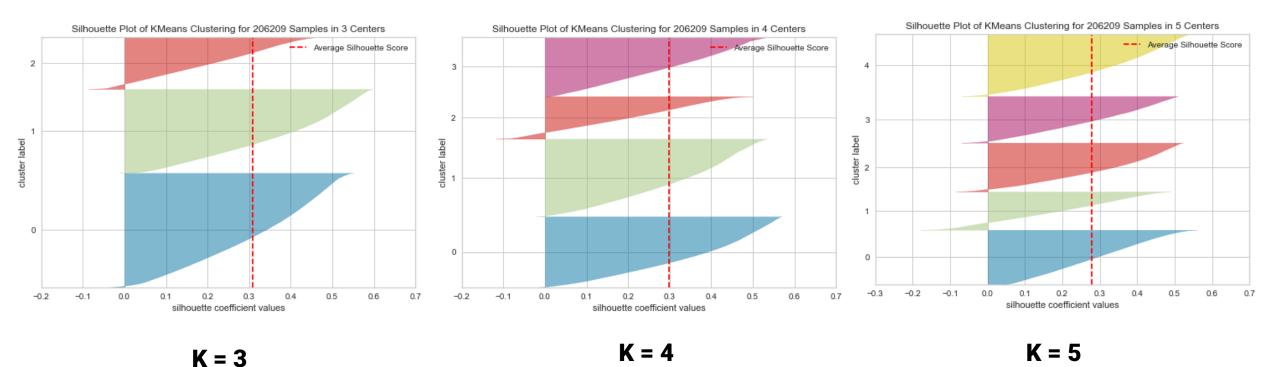
Customer Segmentation – Based on Spending Profile

Elbow Method

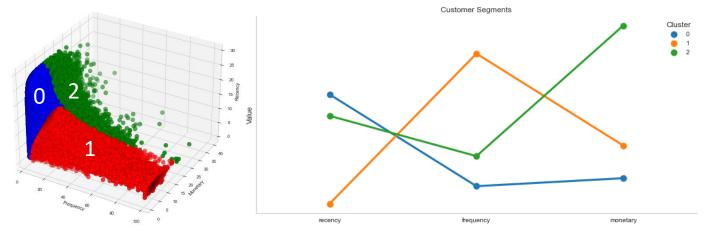


Customer Segmentation – Based on Spending Profile

Silhouette Score

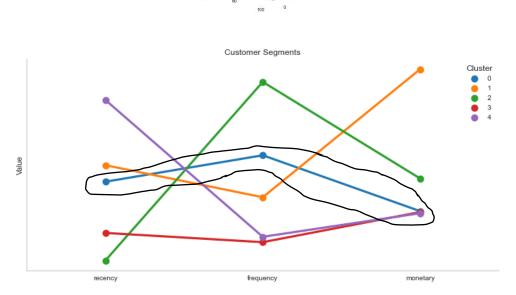


Customer Segmentation – Based on Spending Profile







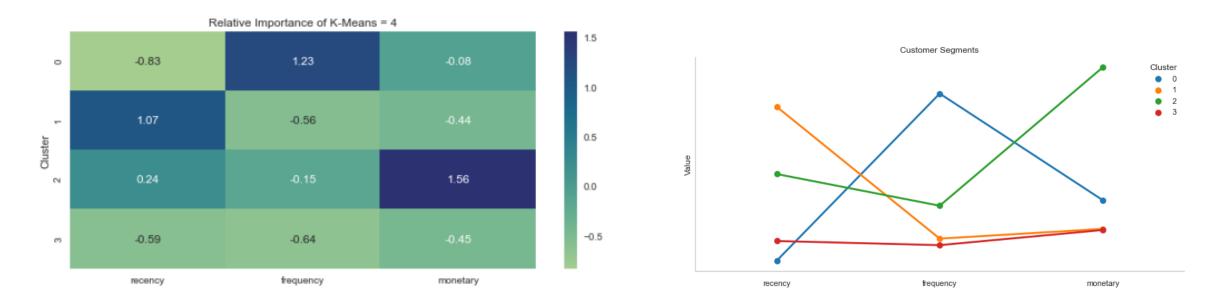


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Analysis

Customer Segmentation – Based on Spending Profile



Cluster 0: High Recency, High Frequency, Medium Monetary (Loyal Customer) 30.90%

Cluster 1: Low Recency, Low Frequency, Low Monetary (Hibernating) 17.05%

Cluster 2: Medium Recency, Medium Frequency, High Monetary (Big Spender) 28.24%

Cluster 3: High Recency, Low Frequency, Low Monetary (**Promising**) 23.82%

Data Pre-processing

Customer Segmentation – Based on Customer Buying Pattern

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	air fresheners candles	asian foods	baby accessories	baby bath body care	baby food formula	bakery desserts	baking ingredients	baking supplies decor	beauty	beers coolers ·	spre	ads tea	tofu meat alternatives	tortillas flat bread	trail mix snack mix	trash bags liners	vitamins supplements	water seltzer sparkling water	white wines	yogurt
user_id																				
1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		1 0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
2	0	3	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0		3 1	1	0	0	0	0	2	0	42
3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		4 1	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0
4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0 0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0
5	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0 0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
206205	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0 0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5
206206	0	4	0	0	0	0	4	1	0	0		1 0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0
206207	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0		3 4	0	2	1	0	0	11	0	15
206208	0	3	0	0	3	0	4	0	0	0		5 0	0	7	0	0	0	0	0	33
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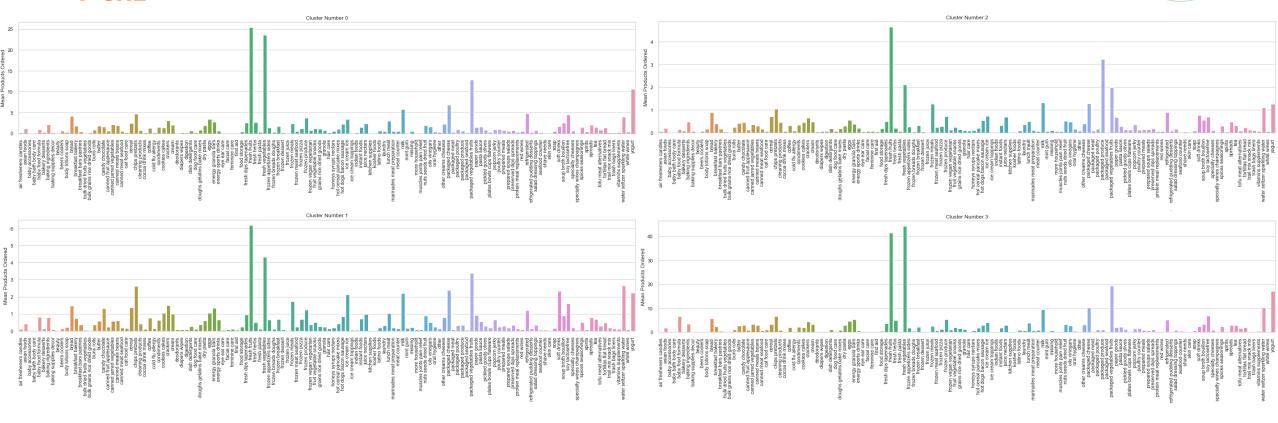
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Because the dataset contain too many products (49.677) and too little departments (21), aisle (134) is used in the analysis to segment customer buying pattern.

Customer Segmentation – Based on Customer Buying Pattern

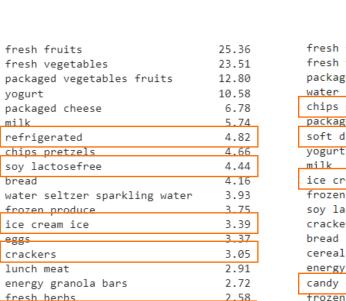
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T-SNE



Customer Segmentation – Based on Customer Buying Pattern

T-SNE



2.49

2.47

fresh fruits	6.20
fresh vegetables	4.31
packaged vegetables fruits	3.37
water seltzer sparkling water	2.64
chips pretzels	2.61
packaged cheese	2.38
soft drinks	2.33
yogurt	2.22
milk	2.21
ice cream ice	2.12
frozen meals	1.74
soy lactosefree	1.59
crackers	1.50
bread	1.45
cereal	1.35
energy granola bars	1.33
candy chocolate	1.31
frozen produce	1.24
refrigerated	1.20
eggs	1.04
Name: aisle, dtype: float64	

fresh fruits	4.66
packaged produce	3.23
fresh vegetables	2.11
packaged vegetables fruits	2.00
milk	1.32
packaged cheese	1.28
yogurt	1.27
frozen meals	1.26
water seltzer sparkling water	1.11
chips pretzels	1.04
refrigerated	0.90
bread	0.88
soft drinks	0.76
ice cream ice	0.73
cereal	0.72
frozen produce	0.70
juice nectars	0.69
soy lactosefree	0.68
paper goods	0.67
crackers	0.66
Name: aisle, dtype: float64	

fresh vegetables	44.19
fresh fruits	41.39
packaged vegetables fruits	19.32
yogurt	17.08
packaged cheese	10.19
water seltzer sparkling water	10.15
milk	9.50
soy lactosefree	6.76
baby food formula	6.68
chips pretzels	6.65
bread	5.76
frozen produce	5.30
energy granola bars	5.26
refrigerated	5.10
fresh herbs	4.93
eggs	4.56
crackers	4.34
ice cream ice	3.94
lunch meat	3.87
fresh dips tapenades	3.57
Name: aisle, dtype: float64	

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value_counts()/unique

Cluster 0

soup broth bouillon

fresh dips tapenades

Name: aisle, dtype: float64

23.97%

Cluster 1

27.46%

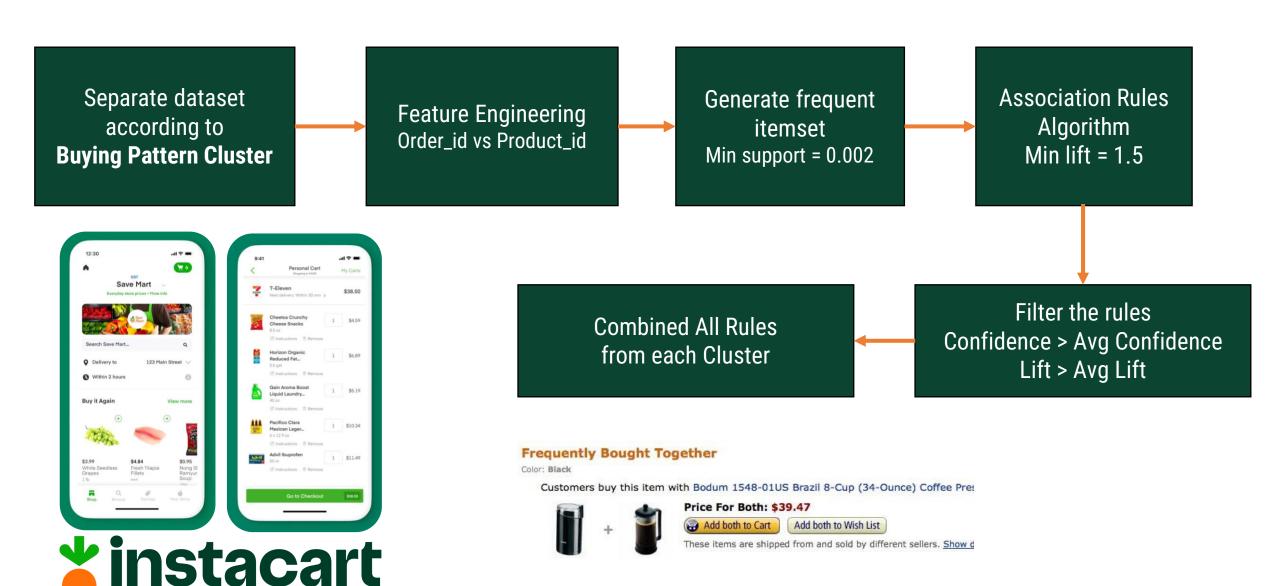
Cluster 2

27.82%

Cluster 3

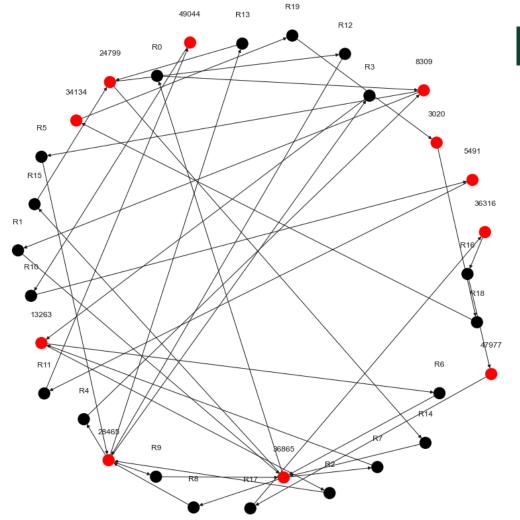
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Methodology

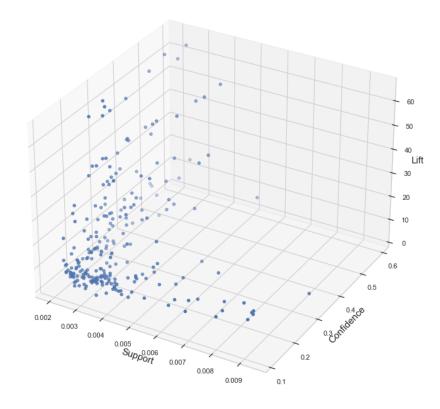


Market Basket Analysis – Association Rules

Network Graph for Association Rules



Combined Cluster



	antecedent support	consequent support	support	confidence	lift	leverage	conviction
count	251.000000	251.000000	251.000000	251.000000	251.000000	251.000000	251.000000
mean	0.015933	0.029694	0.003195	0.234801	15.027893	0.002678	1.297013
std	0.008769	0.021169	0.001336	0.101569	15.680076	0.001054	0.225980
min	0.004132	0.004132	0.002006	0.115061	2.462832	0.001350	1.079016
25%	0.009170	0.011716	0.002326	0.151126	4.440272	0.002004	1.140980
50%	0.014313	0.025914	0.002774	0.206522	6.510077	0.002358	1.205295
75%	0.020856	0.040395	0.003490	0.282595	20.932092	0.003036	1.362823
max	0.047455	0.134664	0.009387	0.592233	64.910215	0.007268	2.429755

Market Basket Analysis – Association Rules

Final Rules

251 rules

ante	ecedents_id	antecedents_name	ant_aisle_id	ant_aisle	ant_dept_id	ant_dept	consequents_id	consequents_name	con_aisle_id	con_aisle	con_dept_id	con_dept	confidence	lift
0	49044	Organic Pears, Peas and Broccoli Puree Stage 1	92	baby food formula	18	babies	5491	Stage 1 Apples Sweet Potatoes Pumpkin & Bluebe	92	baby food formula	18	babies	0.380435	57.376482
1	5491	Stage 1 Apples Sweet Potatoes Pumpkin & Bluebe	92	baby food formula	18	babies	49044	Organic Pears, Peas and Broccoli Puree Stage 1	92	baby food formula	18	babies	0.318182	57.376482
2	3020	Broccoli & Apple Stage 2 Baby Food	92	baby food formula	18	babies	34134	Spinach Peas & Pear Stage 2 Baby Food	92	baby food formula	18	babies	0.361905	42.281690
3	43875	Baby Food Stage 2 Blueberry Pear & Purple Carrot	92	baby food formula	18	babies	34134	Spinach Peas & Pear Stage 2 Baby Food	92	baby food formula	18	babies	0.271523	31.722321
4	34134	Spinach Peas & Pear Stage 2 Baby Food	92	baby food formula	18	babies	3020	Broccoli & Apple Stage 2 Baby Food	92	baby food formula	18	babies	0.267606	42.281690
93	39275	Organic Blueberries	123	packaged vegetables fruits	4	produce	21137	Organic Strawberries	24	fresh fruits	4	produce	0.227201	2.463706
94	22035	Organic Whole String Cheese	21	packaged cheese	16	dairy eggs	27845	Organic Whole Milk	84	milk	16	dairy eggs	0.152898	3.227555
96	30391	Organic Cucumber	83	fresh vegetables	4	produce	47209	Organic Hass Avocado	24	fresh fruits	4	produce	0.206924	2.595843
97	34243	Organic Baby Broccoli	83	fresh vegetables	4	produce	47209	Organic Hass Avocado	24	fresh fruits	4	produce	0.206831	2.594674
98	8174	Organic Navel Orange	24	fresh fruits	4	produce	13176	Bag of Organic Bananas	24	fresh fruits	4	produce	0.338583	2.514278

251 rows × 14 columns



Business Implication

Market Basket Analysis – Association Rules

Top 25 Most Order /Reorder Product

'Banana', 'Bag of Organic Bananas', 'Organic Strawberries', 'Organic Baby Spinach', 'Organic Hass Avocado', 'Organic Avocado', 'Organic Whole Milk', 'Large Lemon', 'Organic Raspberries', 'Strawberries', 'Limes',

'Organic Yellow Onion',

'Organic Garlic',

'Organic Zucchini',

'Cucumber Kirby',

'Organic Fuji Apple',

'Organic Blueberries',

'Apple Honeycrisp Organic',

'Organic Lemon',

'Organic Half & Half',

'Sparkling Water Grapefruit',

'Honeycrisp Apple',

'Organic Large Extra Fancy Fuji Apple',

'Organic Cucumber',

'Organic Grape Tomatoes']

Recommendation

	antecedents_id	antecedents_name	ant_aisle_id	ant_aisle	ant_dept_id	ant_dept	consequents_id	consequents_name	con_aisle_id	con_aisle	con_dept_id	con_dept	confidence	lift
0	4605	Yellow Onions	83	fresh vegetables	4	produce	47626	Large Lemon	24	fresh fruits	4	produce	0.144725	2.46283
1	4605	Yellow Onions	83	fresh vegetables	4	produce	24964	Organic Garlic	83	fresh vegetables	4	produce	0.158537	4.58487
2	4920	Seedless Red Grapes	123	packaged vegetables fruits	4	produce	16797	Strawberries	24	fresh fruits	4	produce	0.116124	2.508991
3	5876	Organic Lemon	24	fresh fruits	4	produce	24964	Organic Garlic	83	fresh vegetables	4	produce	0.140473	4.062469
4	5876	Organic Lemon	24	fresh fruits	4	produce	22935	Organic Yellow Onion	83	fresh vegetables	4	produce	0.124277	4.482093
23	47626	Large Lemon	24	fresh fruits	4	produce	26209	Limes	24	fresh fruits	4	produce	0.200384	4.960636
24	47626	Large Lemon	24	fresh fruits	4	produce	47766	Organic Avocado	24	fresh fruits	4	produce	0.201342	4.278996
25	47766	Organic Avocado	24	fresh fruits	4	produce	26209	Limes	24	fresh fruits	4	produce	0.158568	3.925458
26	47766	Organic Avocado	24	fresh fruits	4	produce	47626	Large Lemon	24	fresh fruits	4	produce	0.179028	4.278996
27	49683	Cucumber Kirby	83	fresh vegetables	4	produce	47766	Organic Avocado	24	fresh fruits	4	produce	0.217949	4.631921

Cucumber Kirby

Large Lemon

Limes

Organic Yellow Onion

Seedless Red Grapes

Yellow Onions

antecedents name

Organic Avocado

Organic Blueberries

Organic Garlic

Organic Lemon

Sparkling Water Grapefruit

Strawberries

Name: consequents name, dtype: object

[Organic Avocado]

[Limes, Organic Avocado]

[Organic Garlic, Organic Cilantro, Organic Avo...

[Limes, Large Lemon]

[Organic Strawberries, Organic Raspberries]

[Organic Yellow Onion, Organic Red Onion, Limes] [Organic Garlic, Organic Yellow Onion, Organic...

[Organic Small Bunch Celery, Organic Garlic]

[Strawberries]

[Peach Pear Flavored Sparkling Water, Pure Spa...

[Raspberries]

[Large Lemon, Organic Garlic]

Potential Impact

Amazon reportedly attributes as much as 35 percent of its sales to cross-selling through its "frequently bought together" options on every product page

It means, the sales increase 54% from normal sales.

Top 25 Most Order /Reorder Product Recommendation

antecedents_name Cucumber Kirby Large Lemon

Limes

Organic Avocado Organic Blueberries

Organic Garlic

Organic Lemon

Organic Yellow Onion Seedless Red Grapes

Sparkling Water Grapefruit

Strawberries

Yellow Onions

[Organic Red Onion, Organic Yellow Onion, Limes]
[Organic Hass Avocado, Organic Cucumber, Organ...
[Organic Garlic, Organic Small Bunch Celery]

[Strawberries]

[Organic Raspberries, Organic Strawberries]

[Organic Cilantro, Organic Avocado, Organic Ga...

[Lime Sparkling Water, Peach Pear Flavored Spa...

[Raspberries]

[Organic Garlic, Large Lemon]

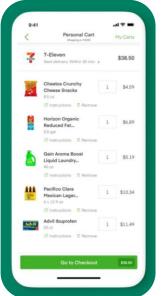
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Antecedent	Consequent	Forecasted Additional Sales Quantity (54%)	Price (USD)	Confidence	Expected Additional Revenue
Organic Blueberries	Organic Strawberries	142.928	6.99	0.227201	226.990
Limes	Large Lemon	82.434	0.69	0.207547	11.805
			•••	•••	
Cucumber Kirby	Cucumber Kirby Organic Avocado		3.49	0.217949	72.626

Total Revenue 2017 : **8.8086.587**

Expected Additional Revenue : 1.268.043

INCREASE 15.68%



[Organic Avocado]

[Large Lemon, Limes]

[Limes, Organic Avocado]



Potential Impact

Promotional Pricing (discount to stimulate purchase for other products), leveraging association rules

Discount 20% Sales Increase 20%







Cross-sell Sales increase 54%

\$0.97 each (est.) Organic Green Kiwi \$4.99 / lb

\$2.89 /lb Organic D'Anjou Pears

		Organic Green Kiwi	Organic D'Anjou Pears	Organic Green Kiwi	Organic D'Anjou Pears	
Price		0.97	2.89	0.776	2.89	
#Order		50.141	48.915	60.169	90.394	
Markup Price		0%	5%	0%	5%	
Sales Revenue		48.636	51.360	46.691	86.811	
Commission	10%	4.863	5.136	4.669	8.681	
Service Fee	5%	2.431	2.568	2.334	4.340	
Revenue		7.295	7.704	7.003	13.021	
Total Revenue		14.	999	20.025 (Increase 33%)		



Business Implication

Market Basket Analysis – Association Rules

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Use Case

Most association rule that generated, antecedent and consequent have the same aisle. So, the placement already appropriate. Still, there are 83 out of 251 rules that have different aisle. So, layout arrangement is needed to **optimize shopping efficiency**.

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Department	Canned Goods	Dairy Eggs	Frozen	Meat Seatood	Produce
Aisle	sle Canned Meals Beans		Frozen Produce	Packaged Poultry	Fresh Fruits
		Packaged Vegetables Fruit			
	Pa	ackaged Chee	ese		Fresh Herbs
	Fresh Vegetables				
	Packaged Produce				



Conclusion

- Instacart has a problem in retaining new customer.
- The busiest hour is between 10 AM 15 PM on Saturday, and 9 AM 11 AM on Sunday, lower activity on weekday. Most weekday activity is in the morning.

There are 4 Clusters of Customer based on Spending Profile

Loyal Customer 30.90%

Hibernating 17.05%

Big Spender 28.24%

Promising 23.82%

 There are 251 association rules generated from Customer's Cluster based on buying pattern.

• From these association rules, 28 items can be recommended to top 25 most order/reorder product.

 83 out of 251 rules have different aisle. So, layout arrangement is needed to optimize shopping efficiency.



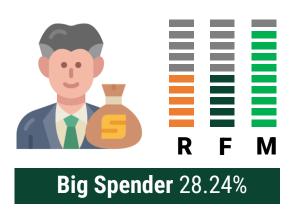






Marketing Approach based on Priority





Main objective: increase AOV (Average Order Value)

- Focus on loyalty programs and new product introductions. These customers have proven to enjoy Instacart services, so don't use discount pricing of services to generate incremental sales.
- Reward these customers. They can become early adopters for new products & services and will help promote
 Instacart brand.
- Leverage Herd Mentality: Its inborn people do what they see other people do. That's the herd mentality concept smart marketers use to persuade shoppers to spend more: product recommendations, frequently bought together, best seller items to cross-sell the products.
- Send birthday, anniversary, and milestone emails (send gifts to customer in their birthday), anniversary of the first time they bought from company, or when they've purchased certain number of items. Birthday emails result in 481% more transactions than promotional emails.

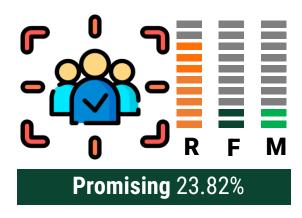
Main objective: increase engagement

- These customers have demonstrated a high willingness to pay. Don't waste margin on too many product discounts.
- Offer Subscription to increase frequency and recency, and provide upgrade offers.
- Offer membership or loyalty programs or recommend related products to cross-sell them and help them become ideal Customer.
- Cart abandonment email
- Post-purchase email series that suggests similar items to the one originally purchased.

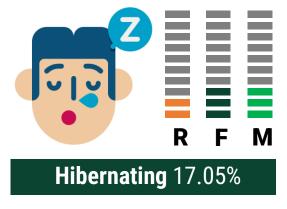




Marketing Approach based on Priority



- Need to handle with care by improving relationship with them. Try to enhance their purchasing experience by providing good services and products, and customer care services.
- Provide Onboarding support, Free trials, special offers, and Brand awareness campaigns to increase their visits.
- **Increase Customer satisfaction**: resolve a complaint in your customers' favor (e.g., offering them a refund or accepting a return that's out of warranty).



- For the sake of allocating efficient resources, **the effort** to bring back these customers **should be minimum**, because the hurdle to improve sales from this type is actually harder.
- **Discount may perform well**. Use a 'discount ladder', a series of increasing discounts only available if the previous discount hasn't been redeemed, to incentivize purchase.
- Give frequent product updates, brand updates, and company newsletter email in regular basis
- Instacart should try to understand why they left, and make sure that it does not happen again, from Customer Survey.

Recommendation



		Profit			
	Revenue Cost				
Commissions Delivery & Se Mark-up Price	rvice Fee	Subscription	Advertising	Variable Cost Full-Service Shopper	I
Promotional Pricing (discount to stimulate purchase for other products), leveraging association rules Price Discrimination in busy hour to gener	•	Target Customer with transaction frequency <= 2 times/month to maximize profit Cluster - Big Spender	Encourage Retailer to advertise their product which in antecedent in association rules	Price Discrimination for Shopper's payment in busy hour to attract more Full- Service Shopper to work at that time	Sh I i
Cross-sell other products Bundling products Frequently bought together		Upsell other services			Sh t
Highly associated Aisles and Department were recognized place close together (in store/web/app) to boost products.					Da
Customizing the store layout, reduce time for Shopper, increase order capacity					Tu
Homepage/Product/Shopping Cart Recommendations					We
Help Retailer in better Inventory Management					Th
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Fixed Cost In-Store Shopper

Customizing the store layout, reduce time for Shopper, reduce cost from **In-Store Shopper** salary

Allocate more In-Store Shopper on the weekends, to maximize 29 working hour

Day	Manhours		
Monday	4		
Tuesday		4	
Wednesday	4		
Thursday		4	
Friday	5	5	
Saturday	8	8	
Sunday	8	8	
Total	29	29	

