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Lifecycle Triggers and Personalised Recommendations

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since **1937**

6000+ employees

32 locations

500k+ products

70% digital sales

100m visits

£1bn digital sales

WHY IS DATA SCIENCE IMPORTANT TO RS COMPONENTS?



RS truths

Facts / data



Siloed data

Join data streams



Digital
Transformation

2 of 5 strategic
conversion drivers
are DMP driven

DATA SCIENCE DOESN'T HAVE TO BE COMPLICATED



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B2B



B2C



We are a B2B organization with the realisation
that we need to act as a B2C business



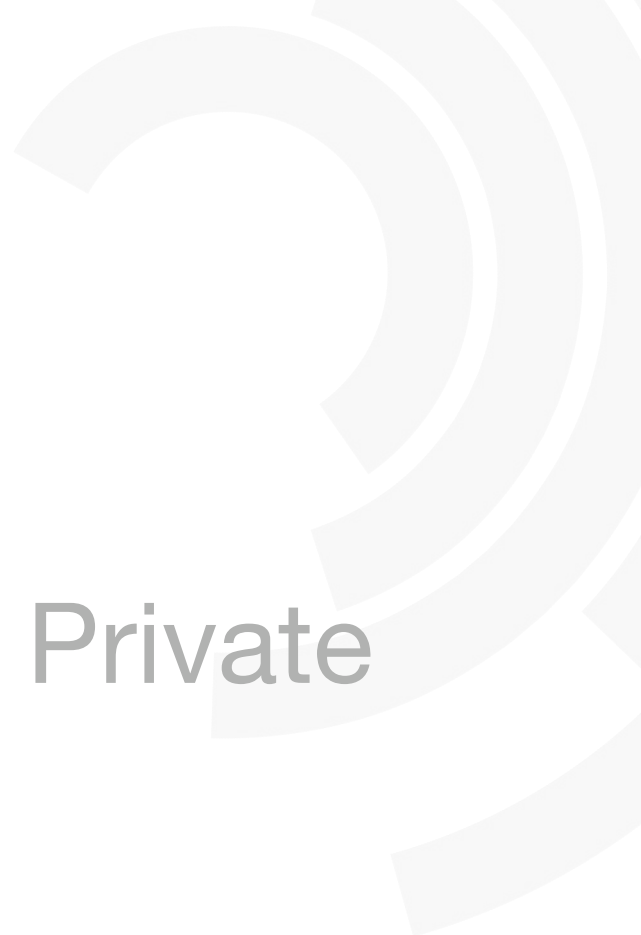
CHALLENGE STATEMENT

- 12,500 users register themselves and place their 1st order every month
- 70% don't place another order within 30 days
- How can we intelligently target them with better products to make them convert again?
- What is the next best action?
- Customer Lifecycle – The Early Stage





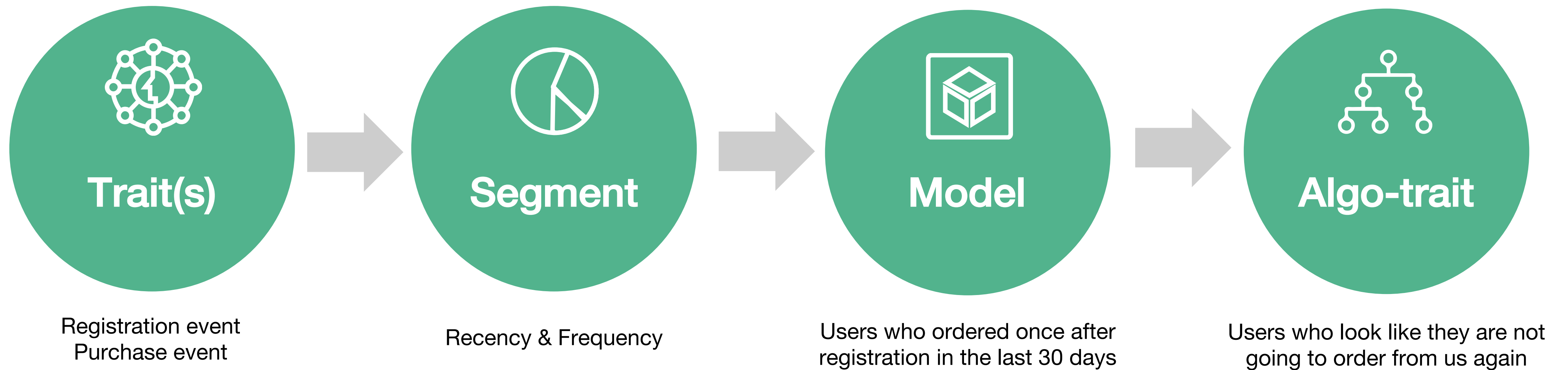
CUSTOMER WISH LIST



- Must be able to run the data from Adobe and Offline sources in the RS Virtual Private Cloud Data Environment
- Must be able to leverage open algorithmic approaches to build propensity scores across the known customer data set.
- Must be able to connect to the RS DMP to provide targeted lists to the RS Marketing Tech stack
- Must be measurable

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- Find the audience in Adobe Audience Manager



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Target audience



Consistent message
across channels and site

Track success



Reduce the proportion of
drop-offs after 1 order

Next stage of customer lifecycle



Next best action model



WHAT IS THE MESSAGE?

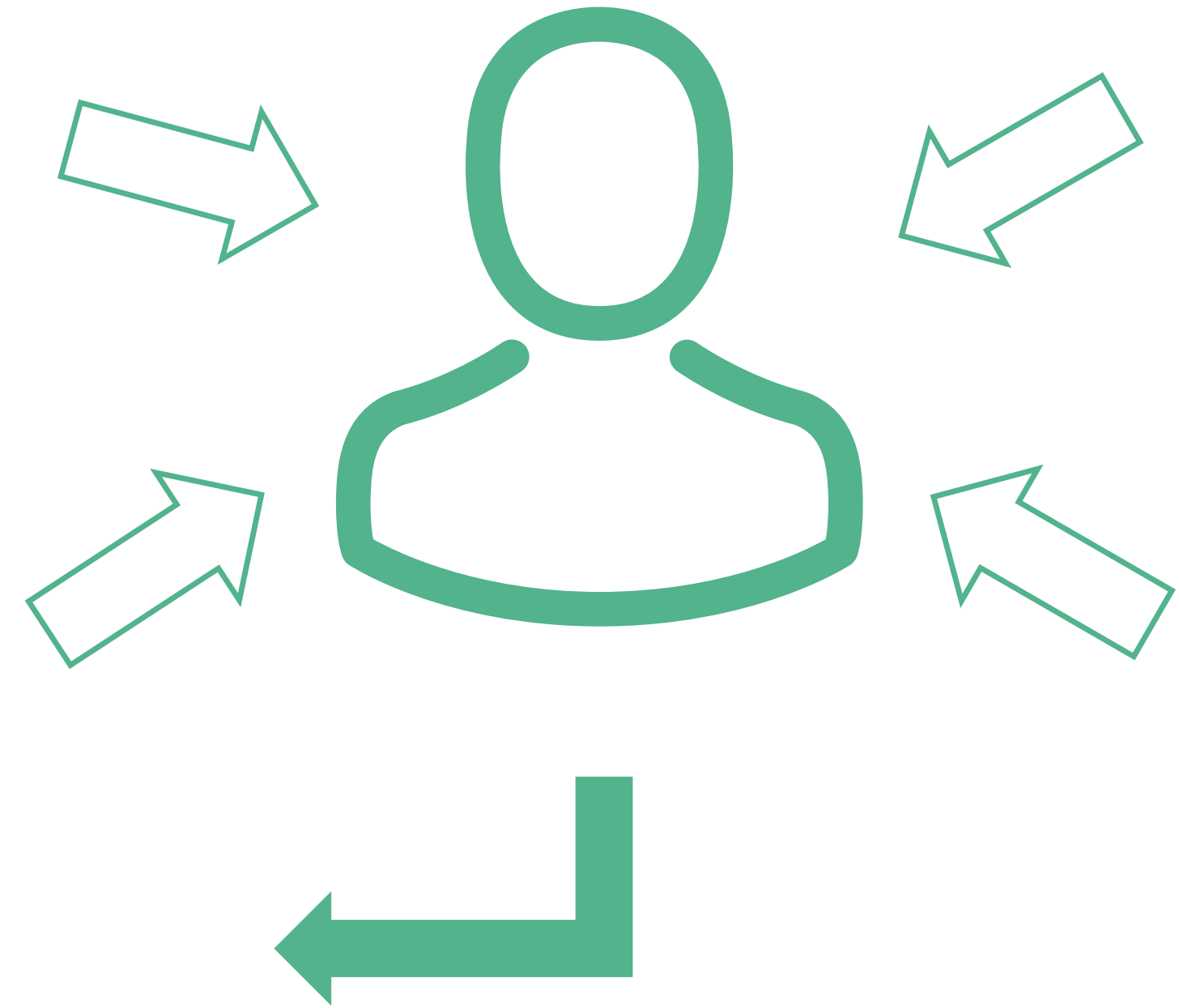
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- Content options for campaigning for second order

GENERAL
value proposition



PERSONALIZED
product recommendation



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“Utilise multiple data sources to truly understand RS customers and generate accurate product recommendations for our new customers”





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Multiple data sources

Adobe Analytics

Daily, automated upload

Adobe Campaign logs

Daily, automated upload

Offline transactional data

Weekly, automated upload

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Adobe Campaign

Adobe Target

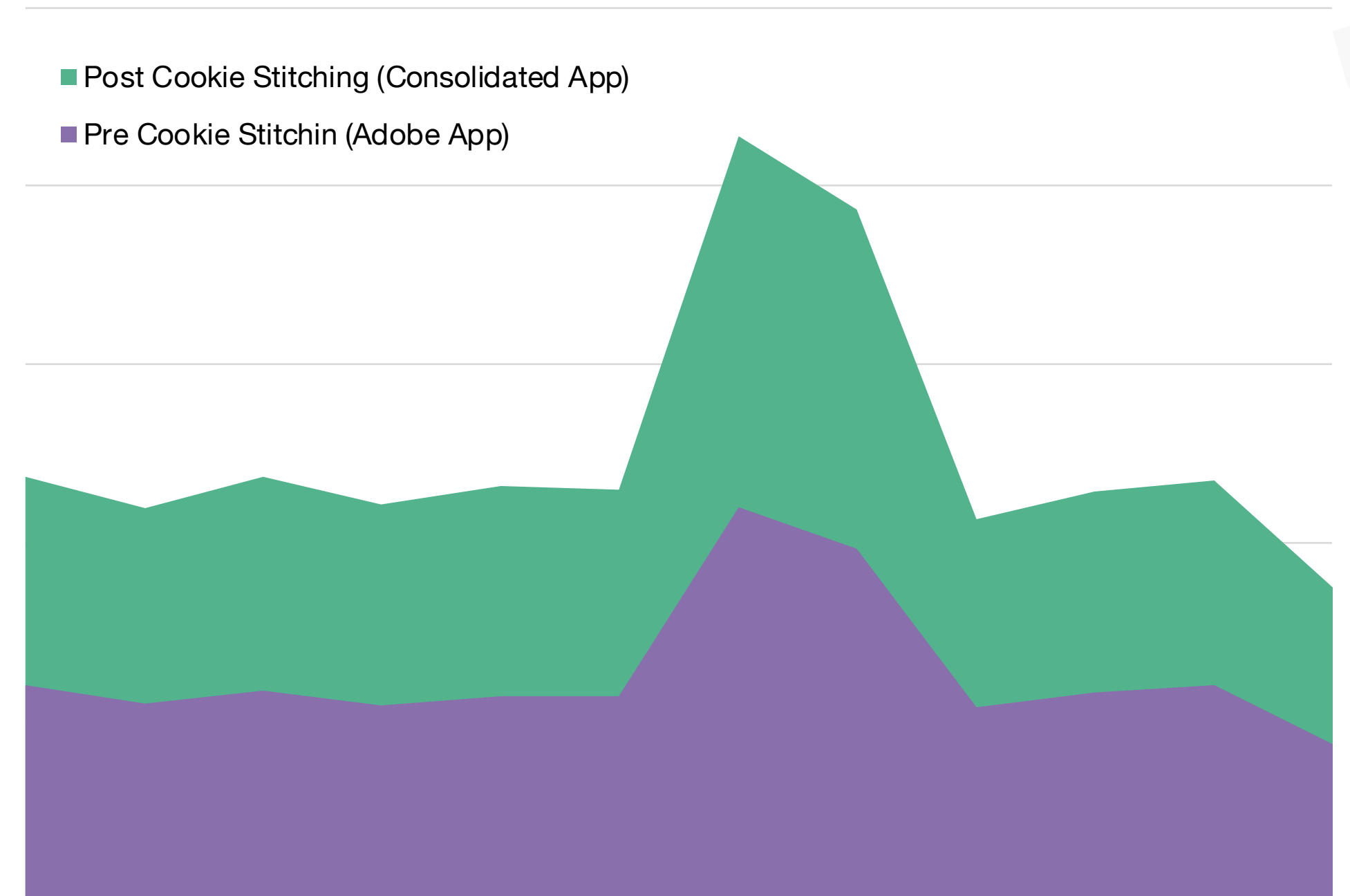
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Cookie stitching results

- Increased the amount of known customer data by **115%**
- Process uses cookie to customer ID matches **retrospectively & proactively**
- Optimises data for modelling, segmentation & analysis



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PLANNED WORK

All Products Recommendation Model

- Generating up to 50 Product Family Recommendations for each website visitor

RS Pro Recommendation Model

- A second model will work as per the above but be restricted to products in the RS Pro product range

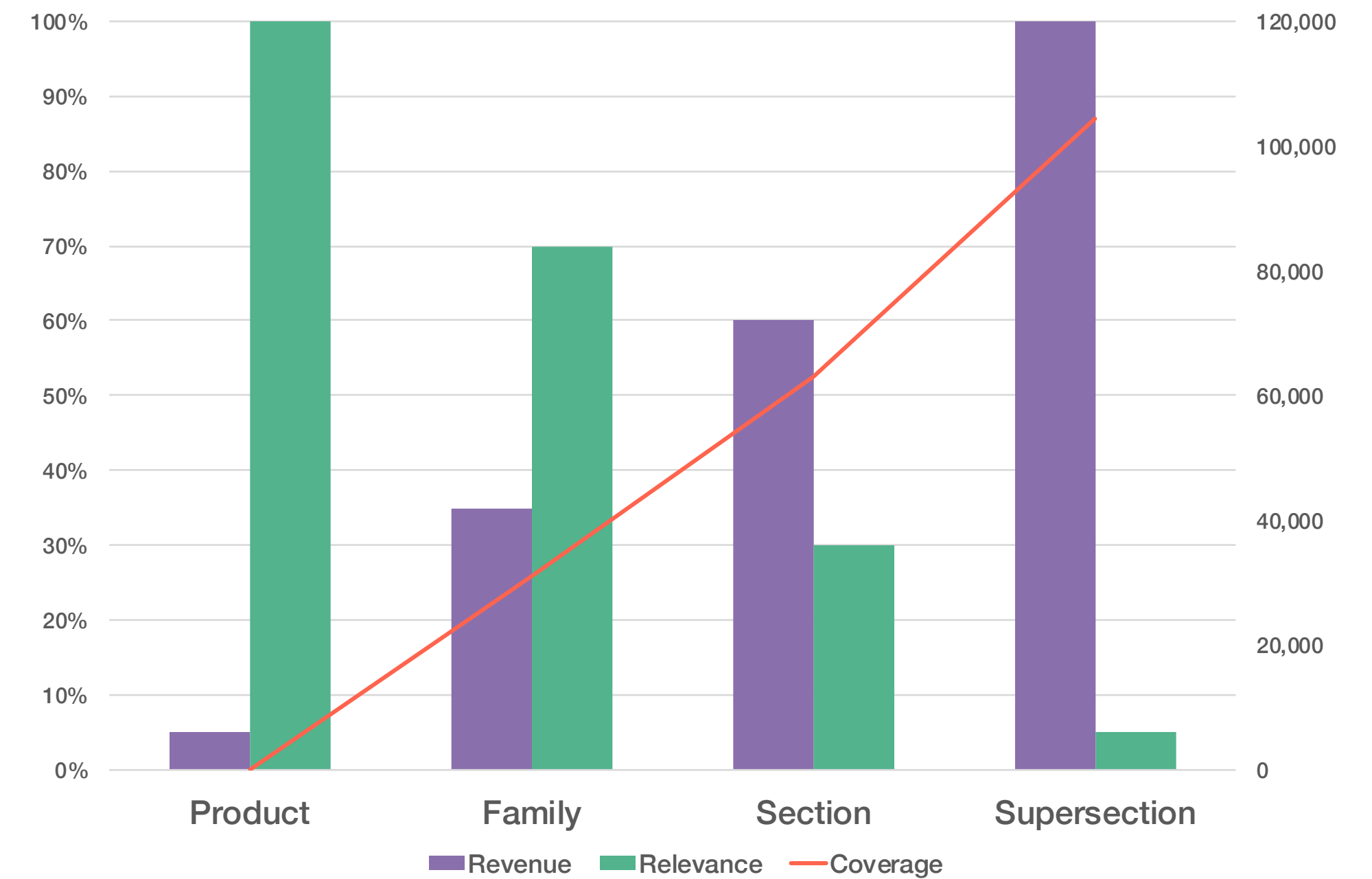


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Initial Data Analysis

- 5 Products out of 1 Product family vs. 5 Product families
- Generate recommendation at what level?



EXPERIMENTATION PLAN

- Recommend 5 *families* out of 50 families per customer
- Models based on Apr and May 2018 data
- Evaluation metric - precision@k (with k =5)
 - Recommend 5 families to a customer and if any of those 5 families were included in next 2 purchases, consider the recommendation to be correct
- Pick a baseline to compare effectiveness of model
- Baseline of recommending top 5 families to every customer
 - Precision of 0.13

MODEL 1 EXPERIMENTATION

FP GROWTH

- Algorithm to identify frequent item-sets
- Originally developed to do market basket analysis
- Useful for identifying patterns like
 - “Customers who bought Processor & Microcontroller Development Kits are likely to buy Plug In Power Supply”
 - “Customers who bought Ceramic Multilayer Capacitors are likely to buy Surface Mount Fixed Resistors”
- Generated a precision of 0.17 overall (1.3X lift)
 - This model generated 2 types of cases and above precision is by combining below cases
 - Customers for whom there was a recommendation (precision 0.4)
 - Customers for whom there was no recommendation (all considered as misclassified)

MODEL 2 EXPERIMENTATION

ENSEMBLE – FP GROWTH + REPURCHASE PROBABILITY

- RS's customers tend to repurchase same family with a high rate (16% of existing customers and 25% of new customers)
 - This is not a normal occurrence in 'recommendation problems'
 - A standard model will not be enough for our problem
- An ensemble model was generated based on
 - Repurchase probability based on families
 - FP-Growth
- Generated a precision of 0.42 overall (3X lift)
- Even after eliminating families that are not purchased often, this model recommends a total of 450 families out of roughly 3000 families
- Reducing this down to only 50 families will reduce the lift drastically

MODEL 3 EXPERIMENTATION

MULTI CLASS CLASSIFICATION MODEL

- Considering that we can only recommend a static set of 50 families and there is a high rate of repurchase, a classification model is a good fit
- A Multi-Class classification model was generated that
 - Predicts how likely a customer is to purchase any of the 50 product families
 - Identify top 5 products a customer is interested in
- This model generated a precision of 0.5 overall
- Considerations:
 - This model recommends 5 families for all customers (existing and new)
 - Model does not wait until customer makes very first purchase to recommend next product
 - About 10% of new customers explore products, register but do not purchase on that day and purchase products later
 - Having recommendations in place for those customers can be beneficial

FUTURE POSSIBILITIES

Good fit for full scale Amazon style recommendation

- Large (individual) Product space
- Stable customer base

Different purchasing patterns observed – in-depth analysis needed to confirm

- Loyal customers who repeatedly buy similar products regularly
- Not so regular customers
- Customers at risk
- Further benefits towards Personalization, Promotions (RS Pro brand products)

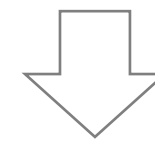
Customer acquisition Journey Analytics



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