

CPE 608: Applied Modeling and Optimization

Title: Price Optimization To Maximize Sales Profit

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▼ Importing Library

```
1 !pip install plotly chart-studio
2 import pandas as pd
3 import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
4 import seaborn as sns
5 import numpy as np
6 import statsmodels.api as sm
7 from numpy.linalg import norm
8 import time
9 from sympy import *
10 import sympy
11 from sklearn.metrics import mean_squared_error
12 from statsmodels.formula.api import ols
13 import scipy.optimize as optimize
14 import plotly
```

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```

▼ Dataset

Price optimization is using historical data to identify the most appropriate price of a product or a service that maximizes the company's profitability. There are numerous factors like demography, operating costs, survey data, etc that play a role in efficient pricing, it also depends on the nature of businesses and the product that is served. The business regularly adds/upgrades features to bring more value to the product and this obviously has a cost associated with it in terms of effort, time, and most importantly companies reputation.

As a result, it is important to understand the correct pricing, a little too high, you lose your customers and slight underpricing will result in loss of revenue. Price optimization helps businesses strike the right balance of efficient pricing, achieving profit objectives, and also serve their customers.

For the following project we are using retail sales dataset from <https://www.kaggle.com/datasets/suddharshan/retail-price-optimization>

```
1 df = pd.read_csv("data.csv" , encoding= 'unicode_escape')
2 df.head(10)
```

```
/usr/local/lib/python3.8/dist-packages/IPython/core/interactiveshell.py:3326: DtypeWarning: Columns (1)
exec(code_obj, self.user_global_ns, self.user_ns)
```

	OrderID	Product ID	Description	Quantity	Order Date	UnitPrice	CustomerID	Country
0	541518	10002	INFLATABLE POLITICAL GLOBE	12	1/19/2011 9:05	0.85	12451.0	Switzerland
1	541491	10002	INFLATABLE POLITICAL GLOBE	24	1/18/2011 14:04	0.85	12510.0	Spain
2	536370	10002	INFLATABLE POLITICAL GLOBE	48	12/1/2010 8:45	0.85	12583.0	France
3	541631	10002	INFLATABLE POLITICAL GLOBE	12	1/20/2011 10:48	0.85	12637.0	France
4	541277	10002	INFLATABLE POLITICAL GLOBE	1	1/17/2011 11:46	0.85	12673.0	Germany
5	542735	10002	INFLATABLE POLITICAL GLOBE	12	1/31/2011 15:36	0.85	12681.0	France
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```
1 df.info()
```

```
<class 'pandas.core.frame.DataFrame'>
RangeIndex: 541909 entries, 0 to 541908
Data columns (total 8 columns):
#   Column          Non-Null Count  Dtype
---  -
0   OrderID         541909 non-null object
1   Product ID     541909 non-null object
2   Description     540455 non-null object
3   Quantity       541909 non-null int64
4   Order Date     541909 non-null object
5   UnitPrice      541909 non-null float64
6   CustomerID     406829 non-null float64
7   Country        541909 non-null object
dtypes: float64(2), int64(1), object(5)
memory usage: 33.1+ MB
```

```
1 df.describe()
```

	Quantity	UnitPrice	CustomerID
count	541909.000000	541909.000000	406829.000000
mean	9.552250	4.611114	15287.690570
std	218.081158	96.759853	1713.600303
min	-80995.000000	-11062.060000	12346.000000
25%	1.000000	1.250000	13953.000000
50%	3.000000	2.080000	15152.000000
75%	10.000000	4.130000	16791.000000
max	80995.000000	38970.000000	18287.000000

```
1 df['Product ID'].unique()

array([10002, 10080, 10120, ..., 'PADS', 'POST', 'S'], dtype=object)
```

As we see there are many different products in the dataset. We will consider only one product for this project the same steps can be used for other products as well

```
1 data_10002 = df.loc[df['Product ID'] == 10002]
2 data_10002= data_10002[data_10002['UnitPrice'] != 0.0] #Remove Products with Zero UnitPrice
3 data_10002.head(10)
```

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Training the OLS model

Ordinary Least Squares regression (OLS) is a common technique for estimating coefficients of linear regression equations which describe the relationship between one or more independent quantitative variables and a dependent variable (simple or multiple linear regression). Least squares stand for the minimum squares error (SSE). Maximum likelihood and Generalized method of moments estimator are alternative approaches to OLS.

By training the ols model we try to find the relation between the UnitPrice and Quantity and make predictions for Quantity based on any given UnitPrice.

```
1 def create_model_and_find_elasticity(data):
2     p = data_10002[['UnitPrice']]
3     q = data_10002[['Quantity']]
4     model = ols("Quantity ~ UnitPrice", data).fit()
5     model_reverse = sm.OLS(q,p).fit()
6     price_elasticity = model.params[1]
7     print("Price elasticity of the product: " + str(price_elasticity))
8     print(model.summary())
9     fig = plt.figure(figsize=(12,8))
10    fig = sm.graphics.plot_partregress_grid(model, fig=fig)
11    return price_elasticity, model, model_reverse
```

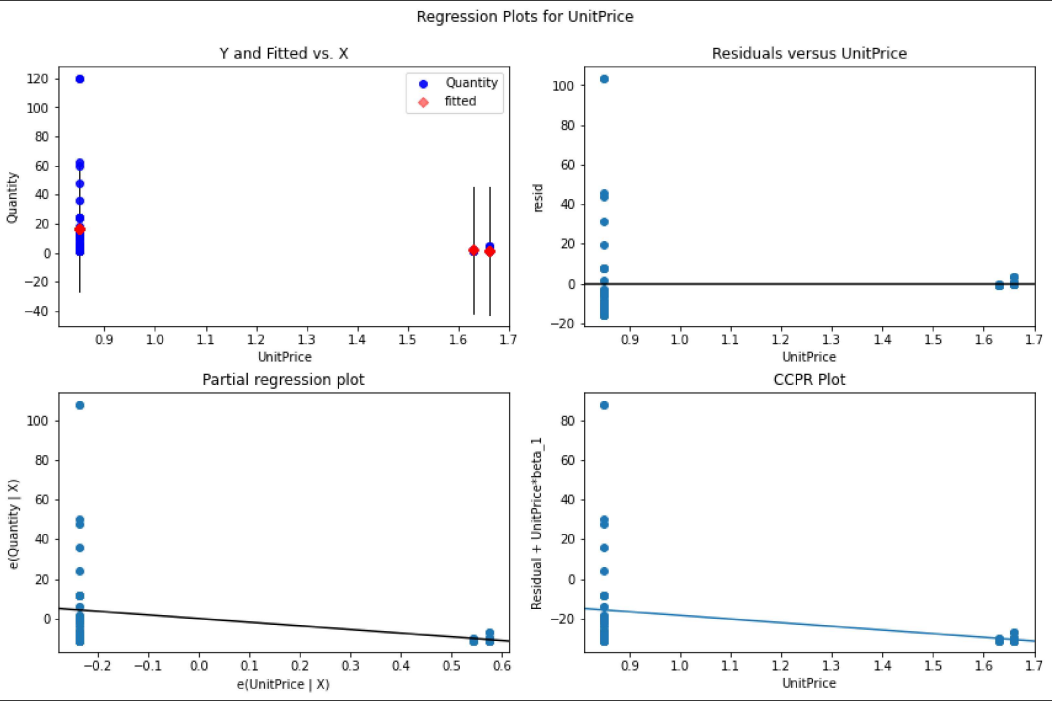
```
1 elasticities = {}
2 price_elasticity, ols_model_10002, ols_model_10002_reverse, = create_model_and_find_elasticity(data_10002)
3 elasticities['ols_model_10002'] = price_elasticity
4 print (price_elasticity)
```

Price elasticity of the product: -18.439451422002907

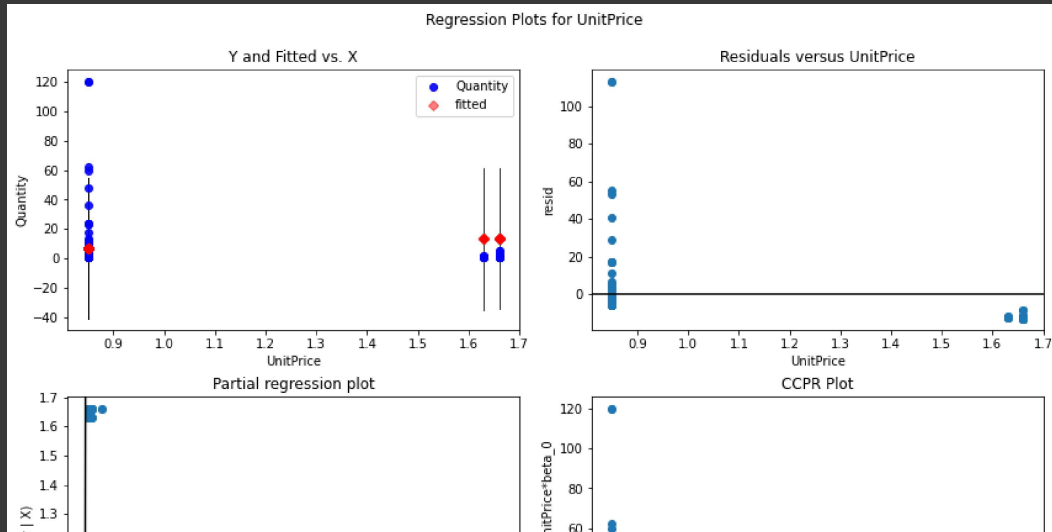
OLS Regression Results

Dep. Variable:	Quantity	R-squared:	0.093
Model:	OLS	Adj. R-squared:	0.079
Method:	Least Squares	F-statistic:	7.040
Date:	Thu, 15 Dec 2022	Prob (F-statistic):	0.00988
Time:	21:11:38	Log-Likelihood:	-317.18
No. Observations:	71	AIC:	638.4
Df Residuals:	69	BIC:	642.9
Df Model:	1		
Covariance Type:	nonrobust		
=====			
	coef	std err	t
			P> t
			[0.025
			0.975]
Intercept	32.1493	7.966	4.036
			0.000
			16.257
			48.042

```
1 fig = plt.figure(figsize=(12,8))
2 fig = sm.graphics.plot_regress_exog(ols_model_10002, "UnitPrice", fig=fig)
```



```
1 fig = plt.figure(figsize=(12,8))
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```



Now we try to find the range for our price so that we can find the optimal price to achieve maximum profit.

```
1 data_10002 = data_10002
2 min_10002 = data_10002.UnitPrice.min()
3 max_10002 = data_10002.UnitPrice.max()
4 print (min_10002)
5 print (max_10002)
```

```
0.85
1.66
```

▼ Here from the OLS model that we trained we generate a new dataset with UnitPrice and Quantity

```
1 buying_price_10002 = 0.7 # Assuming a base price to calculate profits
2 start_price = 0.70
3 end_price =1.80
4 test = pd.DataFrame(columns = ["UnitPrice", "Quantity"])
5 test['UnitPrice'] = np.arange(start_price, end_price,0.01)
6 test['Quantity'] = ols_model_10002.predict(test['UnitPrice'])
7 test
```

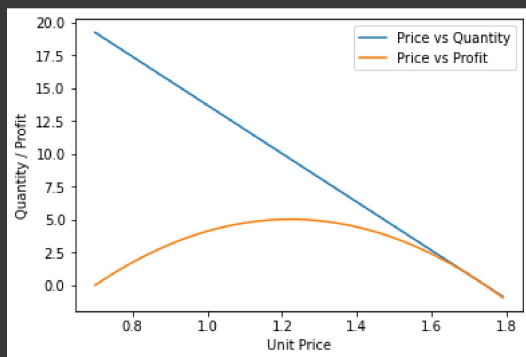
	UnitPrice	Quantity
0	0.70	19.241732
1	0.71	19.057337
2	0.72	18.872943

```
1 test['Profit'] = (test["UnitPrice"] - buying_price_10002) * test["Quantity"]
2 test
```

	UnitPrice	Quantity	Profit
0	0.70	19.241732	0.000000
1	0.71	19.057337	0.190573
2	0.72	18.872943	0.377459
3	0.73	18.688548	0.560656
4	0.74	18.504154	0.740166
...
105	1.75	-0.119692	-0.125677
106	1.76	-0.304087	-0.322332
107	1.77	-0.488481	-0.522675
108	1.78	-0.672876	-0.726706
109	1.79	-0.857270	-0.934425

110 rows × 3 columns

```
1 from scipy.ndimage import label
2 plt.plot(test['UnitPrice'],test['Quantity'] , label = 'Price vs Quantity')
3 plt.plot(test['UnitPrice'],test['Profit'], label = 'Price vs Profit')
4 plt.xlabel("Unit Price")
5 plt.ylabel("Quantity / Profit")
6 plt.legend()
7 plt.show()
```

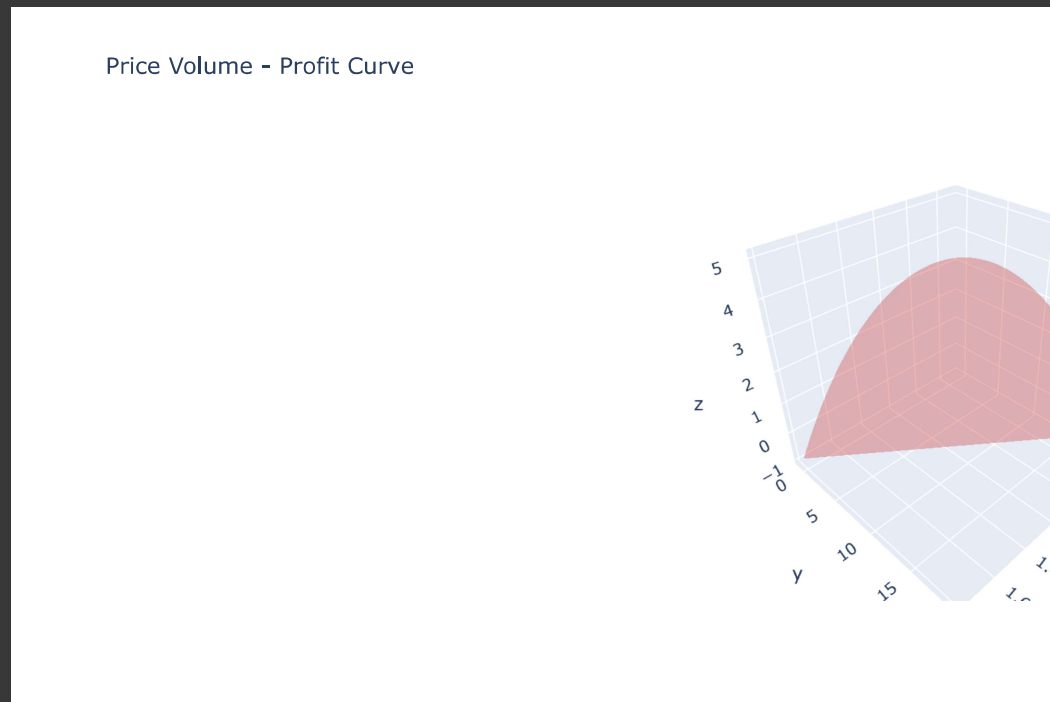


```
1 # Read data
2 import plotly.graph_objects as go
3 import numpy as np
4 import chart_studio.plotly as py
5 from plotly.offline import iplot
6
```

```

7 z_data = test[['UnitPrice','Quantity','Profit']]
8
9 fig = go.Figure(go.Mesh3d(x=(z_data['UnitPrice'].values),
10      y=(z_data['Quantity'].values),
11      z=(z_data['Profit'].values),
12      opacity=0.5,
13      color='rgba(244,30,20,0.6)'))
14
15 fig.update_layout(title='Price Volume - Profit Curve' , autosize=True)
16 iplot(fig)

```



From the figure above we can see that the Quantity and Price have a downward trend.

We can also see that there is only one maxima for the Price vs Profit curve which is our optimal solution.

▼ Optimal Solution:

Our goal is to maximize the profits earned based on which we have to select the best UnitPrice for the product. Looking at Price vs Profit curve above we can clearly see that there is only one maximum which is our optimal solution.

▼ As we can see that the Price vs Profit curve is a quadratic equation we try to find the coefficients using the polyfit function.

```

1 x = test['UnitPrice']
2 y = test['Profit']
3 m=[1,2]

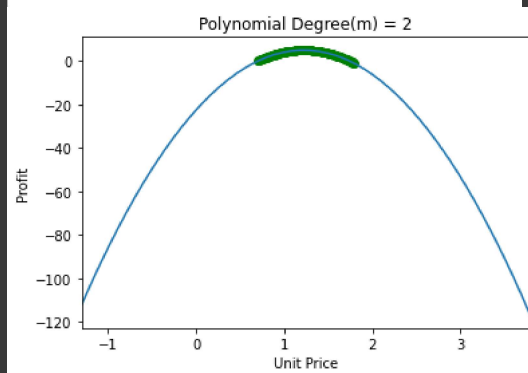
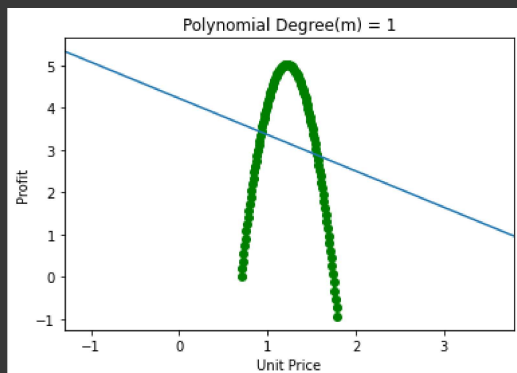
```



```

4 mse=[] # To save Mean Squared Errors for different order m
5
6 for i in m:
7     coefficients = np.polyfit(x, y, i)
8     coefficients # In form of ..... + Ax^2 + Bx + C
9     coefficients = coefficients.flatten() #Flatten 2D data to 1D
10    polynomial = np.poly1d(coefficients)
11
12    polynomial_x = np.linspace(np.min(x)-2, np.max(x)+2)
13    polynomial_y = polynomial(polynomial_x)
14    predicted_y = polynomial(x)
15    plt.xlim([np.min(x)-2, np.max(x)+2 ])
16    plt.plot(x, y, 'go--', polynomial_x,polynomial_y)
17    plt.xlabel("Unit Price")
18    plt.ylabel("Profit")
19    plt.title('Polynomial Degree(m) = '+str(i))
20    plt.show()
21
22    mse_value = mean_squared_error(predicted_y, y);
23    mse.append(mse_value)

```



```

1 print("The coefficient for our function are: ", 'A:', coefficients[0], 'B:', coefficients[1], 'C:', coefficients[2])
2 print('The function is: ', coefficients[0], "X^2 +", coefficients[1], "X",coefficients[2] )

```

The coefficient for our function are: A: -18.43945142200274 B: 45.056963561705274 C: -22.504543296412603
The function is: -18.43945142200274 X^2 + 45.056963561705274 X -22.504543296412603

▼ Steepest Descent Algorithm for Optimization.

- List item

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Steepest Descent Algorithm is used to minimize or maximize your function and find the optimal solution or saddle point for your function.

```
1 #Steepest Descent Algorithm
2 def steepestDescent(df, func, xk, threshold = 10 ** (-6)):
3
4     f_list = []
5     counter = 0
6
7     while (True):
8         #Hessian Matrix
9         hessian_x = hessian(f(x), [x]).subs([(x,xk[0][0])])
10
11        #Gradient
12        grad = Matrix([f(x)]).jacobian(Matrix([x])).subs([(x,xk[0][0])])
13
14        #Alpha Calculation
15        num = grad * grad.T;
16        den = (grad * hessian_x * grad.T);
17        num = np.asarray(num).flatten();
18        den = np.asarray(den).flatten();
19        num = num[0];
20        den = den[0];
21        alpha = float(num)/float(den);
22
23        #Second order Condition (d.T * H(x) * d >= 0)
24        second_order = ((-1 * grad) * hessian_x * (-1 * grad.T))[0]
25
26        #xk calculation
27        xk = xk - (alpha * grad)
28        xk = np.asarray(xk);
29        grad = np.asarray(grad);
30        grad = grad.astype(float)
31
32        #Threshold condition
33        check = norm(alpha * grad);
34        #Stopping Threshold condition
35        if(check <= threshold):
36            break;
37
38        #Objective Function at updated xk
39        fkVal = funcVal(xk);
40        f_list.append(fkVal)
41
42        #Increment Iteration counter
43        counter = counter + 1;
44
45        #Round Values
46        x1_round = round(xk[0][0],4)
47        fkVal_round = round(fkVal,4);
48        #second_order_round = round(second_order,3)
49
50        #Output Data
51        df = df.append({'Iteration': counter, 'alpha': alpha, 'Price': x1_round, 'Profit': fkVal_round, 'Second order': second_order}, ignore_index=True)
52
53    return f_list, df
```

```
1 x = sympy.symbols('x')
2 f = sympy.Function('f')
3 xk = np.array([[0]]); # Initial Value of vector x
```

```

4 t = time.process_time()
5 df = pd.DataFrame()
6
7 #Objective Function
8 def f(x):
9     return -18.43*(x**2) + 45.05*x - 22.50
10
11 #Function Value
12 def funcVal(xk):
13     return f(x).subs(x, xk[0][0]);
14
15 #Call Steepest Descent Algorithm
16 f_list, df = steepestDescent(df, f(x), xk);
17
18 #Total time to reach solution
19 total_time = time.process_time() - t

```

```

1 df.to_csv('Output - Steepest Descent Algorithm.csv', sep='\t')
2 df

```

	Iteration	alpha	Price	Profit	Second order
0	1.0	-0.02713	1.2222	5.0299	-74807.4621500000

Results:

After performing optimization algorithm on our dataset we can conclude that the **UnitPrice should be 1.222** in order to achieve **maximum profit**.

The same can be verified from the Price vs Profit graph where the maximum profit is achieved at Price 1.22.

Note: During the project we have considered only one product from the dataset and optimized the price for that specific product the same method can be followed to optimize for other products as well.