

OLS Regression Results

Dep. Variable:	df_variables["ContractCostAmount"]	R-squared:	0.006				
Model:	OLS	Adj. R-squared:	0.006				
Method:	Least Squares	F-statistic:	3299.				
Date:	Sat, 19 Nov 2022	Prob (F-statistic):	0.00				
Time:	00:15:35	Log-Likelihood:	-2.7729e+06				
No. Observations:	561962	AIC:	5.546e+06				
Df Residuals:	561960	BIC:	5.546e+06				
Df Model:	1						
Covariance Type:	nonrobust						
	coef	std err	t	P> t	[0.025	0.975]	
	Intercept	74.9796	0.046	1643.251	0.000	74.890	75.069
df_variables["ClaimAmount"]	0.0445	0.001	57.439	0.000	0.043	0.046	
Omnibus:	216644.764	Jarque-Bera (JB):	2157554.731				
Prob(Omnibus):	0.000						
Skew:	1.577	Prob(JB):	0.00				
Kurtosis:	12.066	Cond. No.	59.9				

Notes:

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Outcome of EDA

The below questions will help address the main question of: *How can we make decisions about the relationships of the data points considered?*

- Can a predictive model help project claims assumptions using historical data and claims? There has been in an increase in claims volume, or a decrease?
- Are there regional concentrations of dealers that are performing under contract?
- Can we pinpoint ill performing dealers with the model?
- Are the claims increasing or decreasing in a certain product group?
- Are the claims increasing or decreasing in relation to a certain product and manufacturer?
- Is there sufficient reserves for future claims?
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Outcome of EDA

The below questions will help address the main question of: *How can we make dealers and products more profitable by determining the relationships of the data points collected?*

1. Can a predictive model help project claims assumptions using historical data and trends?
2. Has there been in an increase in claims volume, or a decrease?
3. Are there regional concentrations of dealers that are performing under contract terms?
4. Can we pinpoint ill performing dealers with the model?
5. Are the claims increasing or decreasing in a certain product group?
6. Are the claims increasing or decreasing in relation to a certain product and manufacturer?
7. Is there sufficient reserves for future claims?
8. Are the warranty products priced correctly?

Within the warranty business, the process of claims is approaching real time acceptance and denial. The certificate to replace a product, service a product and pay any associated costs with the claim needs to happen within a set time frame according to contract terms. Usually within 72 hours. An example within this project case with appliances would be to determine if the product is serviceable, start the process to get a tech out to the house. If determined to be a total loss, send certificate for full replacement and any associated costs with that replacement such as food loss. I began with EDA on my data sets, determining if I have sufficient volume with 3 years of sales and claims historical. I then calculated the ultimate loss ratio to determine if the premiums outweigh the loss projections. With this information I then conducted a correlation exercise to determine what data point has the most impact on the ultimate loss ratio. These steps lead to the regression analysis on how the products will perform in the future and whether the business model is sustainable.

The earnings pattern of the warranties sold should more than cover the cost to service the product over the life of the warranty. My approach addressed many aspects of what determines to be a good profit margin (15% or greater) and an ultimate loss ratio of 73%. I can not say it will be fully addressed as there may be factors outside of my approach that I can address in future project work. When complete, a recommendation can be given as to the areas that need to be addressed to improve the products performance within the pricing model, claims costs and cost sharing.

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In [95]: myTable = PrettyTable(["Product", "Net Adjusted Premium", "Paid Claims", "Future Claim Liability",\n                        "Ultimate Losses", "Ultimate Loss Ratio"])\n\nmyTable.add_row(["Refrigerators", "$13,027,882", "$1,025,254", "$11,777,503", "$12,802,756", "98.3%"])\nmyTable.add_row(["Washers", "$6,552,717", "$463,709", "$4,942,869", "$5,406,578", "82.5%"])\nmyTable.add_row(["Other Appliances", "$14,911,779", "$836,660", "$9,090,615", "$9,927,275", "66.7%"])\nmyTable.add_row(["Television", "$495,786", "$70,009", "$335,904", "$405,912", "81.9%"])\nmyTable.add_row(["TOTAL", "$34,988,163", "$2,395,632", "$26,146,890", "$28,542,521", "81.6%"])\n\nprint(myTable)\n\n-----+\n| Product | Net Adjusted Premium | Paid Claims | Future Claim Liability | Ultimate Losses | Ultimate Loss Ratio |\n-----+\n| Refrigerators | $13,027,882 | $1,025,254 | $11,777,503 | $12,802,756 | 98.3% |\n| Washers | $6,552,717 | $463,709 | $4,942,869 | $5,406,578 | 82.5% |\n| Other Appliances | $14,911,779 | $836,660 | $9,090,615 | $9,927,275 | 66.7% |\n| Television | $495,786 | $70,009 | $335,904 | $405,912 | 81.9% |\n| TOTAL | $34,988,163 | $2,395,632 | $26,146,890 | $28,542,521 | 81.6% |\n-----+
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We can see here from the summary table above that the Ultimate Loss Ratio is above the target 73% for the book of business. The formula = Ultimate Losses/Net Adjusted Premium = Ultimate Loss Ratio.

There are several further investigations to determine next steps but we can conclude:

1. Refrigerators are number one in all categories: total premium sold, total claims and loss ratio. Followed by washers, number 2 in sales and number 3 in loss ratio. These 2 products make up more than 50% of the top 15 product groups in terms of number sold, premium collected and losses incurred.
2. Whirlpool and Frigidaire are the lowest performing manufacturers in these product groups.
3. Bray & Scarff followed by Good Deals are lowest performing dealers in the top 15.
4. Sales and claims concentration fall in 2 states, CA followed by FL.
5. The product retail price correlates to the loss amount incurred, meaning the higher the price of the item, the higher the loss claim amount is.

What do you feel was missed during the analysis?

From my EDA above, I was not able to address the reserving issues that could happen with future claim liabilities to the extent I would have liked. For Future Discovery.

Were there any variables you felt could have helped in the analysis?

There were a few limitations on how the overall operating income performance is scored. The largest being, I did not have access to the overhead expenses on servicing these dealers and products. Assumption is, as long as the Ultimate Loss Ratio remains at or below 73%, the company will be profitable. This is a big assumption as salaries and related is the second largest expense for this business model outside of losses.

Were there any assumptions made you feel were incorrect?

The assumptions I presumed, the greater the value of the product the higher the claims will be, was verified. However, I did expect a higher correlation between the product groups and claims.

What challenges did you face, what did you not fully understand?

One of the challenges I faced during this project included cleaning the data set once it was queried from an internal SQL Database. I found that some free form data points were keyed incorrectly such as the product retail amount being \$20,000 for a television etc. Another challenge I faced that I did not fully understand was my PValue coming out as 0.0. From my understanding, a PValue of 0.0 says to reject my null hypothesis.

After reviewing all the data and performing the analysis above, the buying group in question is performing below the contractual expectation. The next steps will be to take a deeper dive into the lowest performing dealers and their product mix (large appliances seem to be the highest claims producers) to either drop coverage on certain manufacturers products or instill loss sharing within the contract per dealer. Where if their ultimate loss ratio goes above a certain threshold, such as 73%, they will share the cost of those claims. As well as review the pricing models to ensure the warranty premium is adjusting with current inflation models.