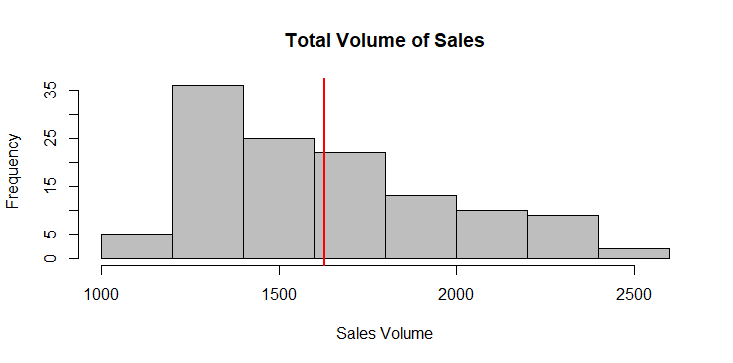
**Homework for a traineeship**

Attached you’ll find Boutique Shampoo Ltd’s data about their sales and investments in various marketing efforts / channels. The CEO of the company would like to better understand how their marketing efforts have contributed to sales in the past.

Your task is to help the CEO. To help you out with what types of questions the CEO is interested in, he has compiled a list of questions he’s hoping to get answers to:

**Part 1: Analysis**

1. What general findings can you draw from the data?



2.       How much do various marketing efforts / channels contribute to sales? I.e.

a.       based on the data, how much sales would they still get if they cut off all marketing for a while (baseline sales)?

If the distribution remains at 83.06001 units and the weighted average price at 2.824672

, sales volume could drop to as low as 955.4354 from 2015.786 units which was recorded on 2016-09-01

Units from

b.       What portion of sales can be attributed to TV campaigns, radio and other marketing activities? Please quantify the contribution by channel

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| --- | --- |
| Variables | Relative Importance |
| TV | 43.557502 |
| Weighted.Average.Price | 38.179875 |
| Distribution | 7.895615 |
| Online | 6.225719 |
| Press | 2.281521 |
| Rebrand | 1.859768 |
| Price.Promotion.1 | 0.000000 |
| Price.Promotion.2 | 0.000000 |
| On.pack.Promo.Offer | 0.000000 |
| Radio | 0.000000 |
| Outdoor | 0.000000 |

Considering marketing alone

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| --- | --- |
| **TV** | TV | 76.300785 |
| **Online** | Online | 16.652926 |
| **Rebrand** | Rebrand | 5.204686 |
| **Press** | Press | 1.841603 |
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| **On.pack.Promo.Offer** | On.pack.Promo.Offer | 0.000000 |
| **Radio** | Radio | 0.000000 |
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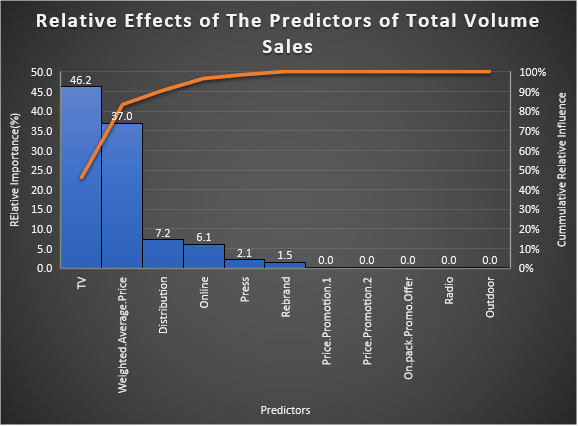
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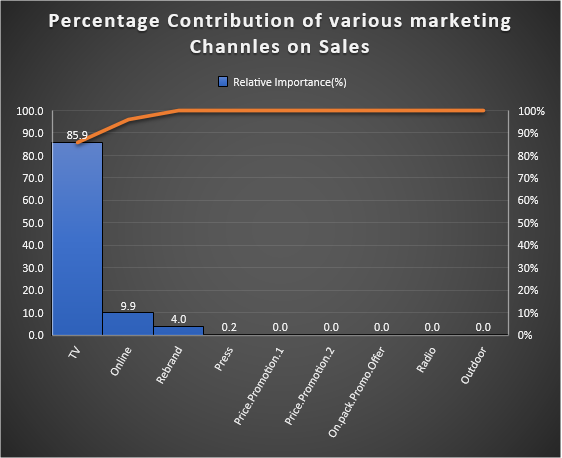
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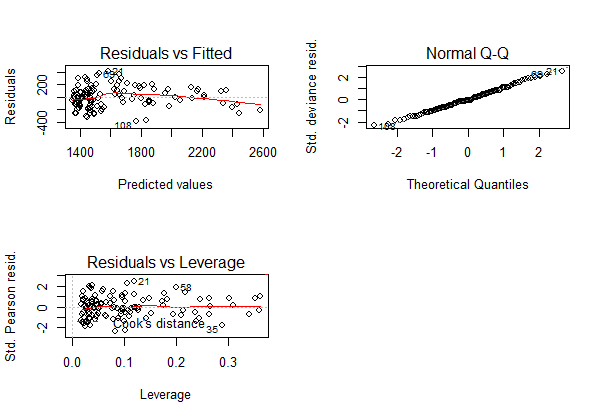
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3.       How certain are you about the results of your analysis?



Coefficient of determination is 75%

4.       What other data you might want to incorporate in your analysis if you were to do it again to better explain the composition of factors affecting their sales?

Please be prepared to explain the analysis methods you’ve used to come to the conclusions in person, however you don’t need to go into too much detail in the presentation. Remember that the CEO is not a math expert - he likes simple explanations and visual representations such as bar graphs that are easy to understand.

**Part 2: Conclusions, recommendations, additional findings**

5.       What conclusions would you draw from the data?

6.       What recommendations would you give to the CEO of Boutique Shampoo regarding their marketing efforts?

Your answer / presentation should be no longer than 10 slides. Please provide your answers in English and explain what you’ve done and why. Please avoid math jargon as much as possible since the CEO is not a math expert.

Please return your findings by 10 am on Tuesday Jan 30th to [arto.hasu@dentsuaegis.com](mailto:arto.hasu@dentsuaegis.com) .

Call:

glm(formula = Total.Volume.Sales ~ Weighted.Average.Price + Price.Promotion.1 +

Rebrand + TV + Outdoor, family = "gaussian", data = data)

Deviance Residuals:

Min 1Q Median 3Q Max

-389.45 -111.03 -19.63 115.04 412.66

Coefficients:

Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)

(Intercept) 4522.081 318.673 14.190 < 2e-16 \*\*\*

Weighted.Average.Price -1244.168 131.218 -9.482 3.89e-16 \*\*\*

Price.Promotion.1 228.802 79.184 2.889 0.004606 \*\*

Rebrand 420.719 66.257 6.350 4.35e-09 \*\*\*

TV 3.208 0.350 9.167 2.12e-15 \*\*\*

Outdoor 2.717 0.762 3.566 0.000527 \*\*\*

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(Dispersion parameter for gaussian family taken to be 29117.35)

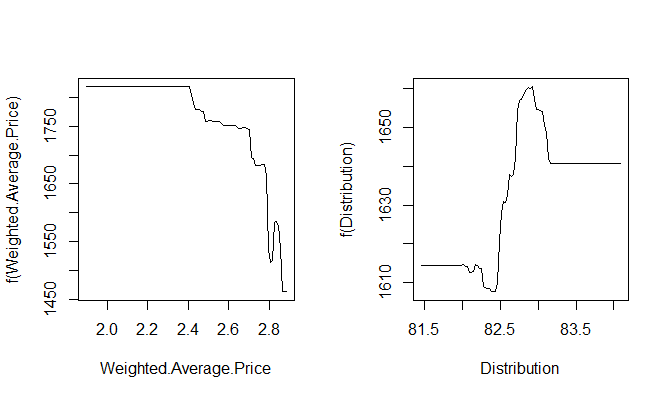
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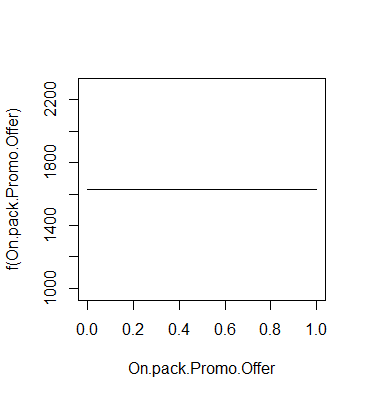
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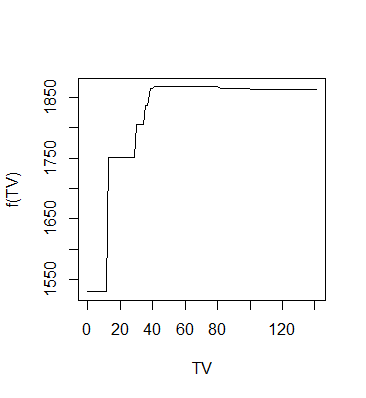
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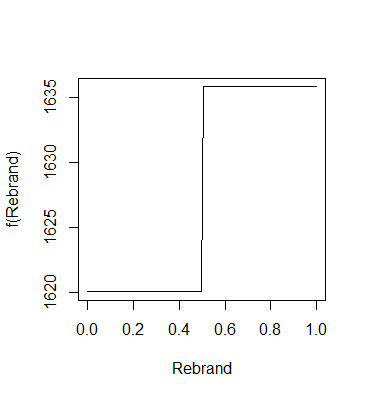
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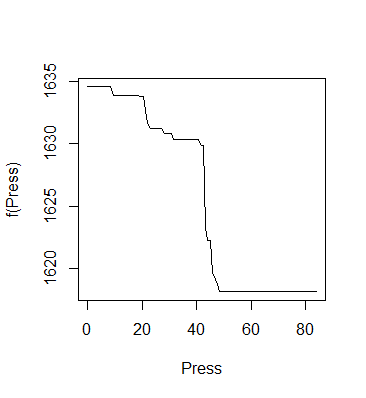
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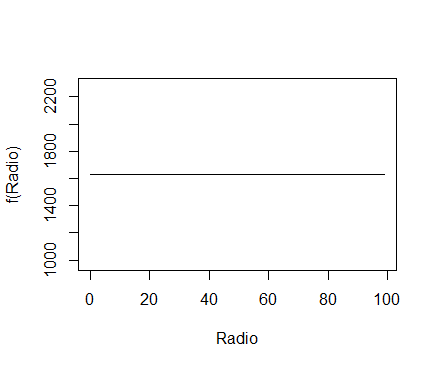


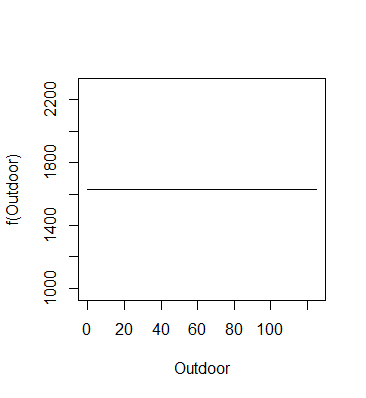


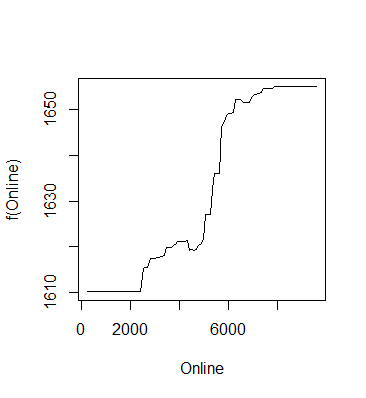


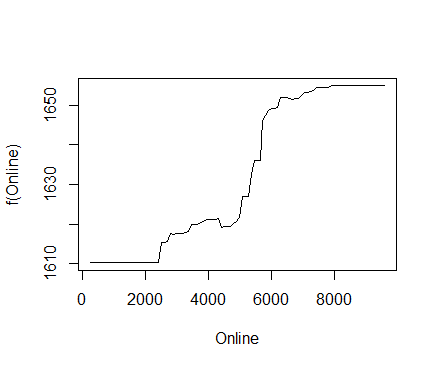


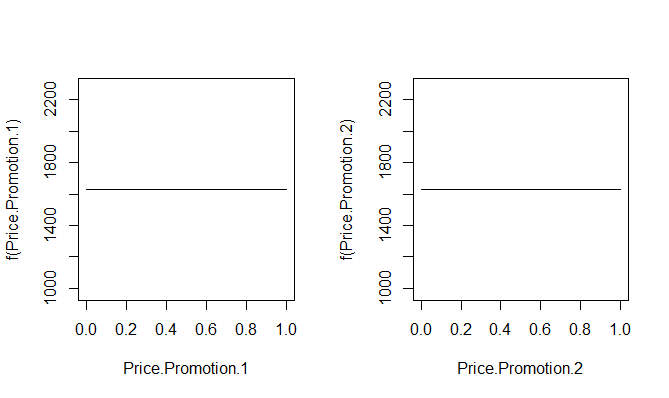












#other possible predictors:

* Competition:

1. Because it is elastic, it is important to consider the prices of alternative products(absolute).
2. Comparison of your profit margin against your competition’s profit margin(absolute value).
3. Percentage of Share of shelf.(e.g, 30%, 40%, 50% etc?)

Profitability of alternative products:

Dynamism involved in profit margin/profitability of alternative products:

Perception of alternative products,

Goodwill/popularity of alternative products.

Quality.

Advert.

* Brand ambassador of the brand: Nominal: either the person her/himself(personality).

Gender.

* Channel-strategy(i.e. Demography of Target consumers. e.g. purchasing power parity and location)

Radio has no effect:

Likely reason: It is a beauty product which is visual and radio is just audio without visuals.

And cannot adequately communicate effect.

On-pack promo offer:

Because, it is a beauty product, on-pack promo offer may not sufficiently incentivise consumers to experiment with it. Based on experience, beauty products are mainly purchased based on recommendation or persuasion. Persuasion can be done by canvassers, brand ambassador, acquaintances’ testimonies, visual advert(video or photograph e.g billboard, video ads).

Outdoor:

This might affect depending on the

1. location,
2. Time: work-hour period or off-time? Season? e.g summer holiday? Weekend? Winter?
3. Appropriateness of the outdoor event.
4. Audience(demography? Job?)

Any other rebranding activity should be put on hold, as it does not considerably impact the total sales volume.

Effort should be put into building present brand as it is.

Online activities should be maintained.

TV activities can be reduced to about 60 units as it does not have considerable positive effect from about 50 units. The excess from this should be reinvested into sustaining online activities or brand ambassador and price subsidy/reduction.

However, TV activities should still be retained.

Although, press activities effect is negative on the total sales volume, the degree of effect is not significant. Nevertheless, efforts should be put into maintaining positive press image and minimising negative reviews.

Products should be properly and effectively distributed. Efforts should be focused on more important outlets.