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US Import Value Examination During Trump's First Term

China

Vietnam

Canada

Mexico

Ireland

Germany

January 2017 - December 2020



Dataset

Source: U.S. International Trade Commission (USITC)

Time period: January 2017 - December 2020

Independent variables:

- 1) Quantity (in millions)
- 2) (Effective) Tariff Rate (%)
- 3) Country

Dependent variable: Customs Value (millions in USD)

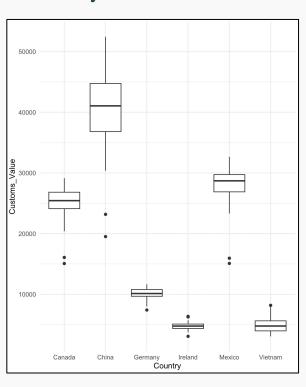
Train data: 2017-2019

Test data: 2020

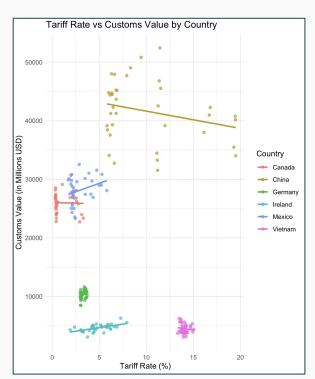


Data Analysis

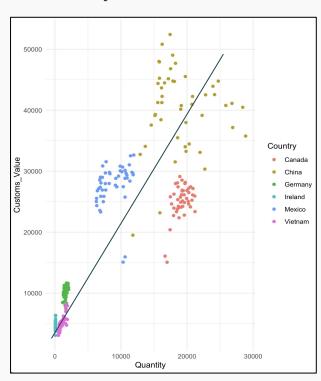
Country vs. Customs Value



Tariff Rate vs. Customs Value



Quantity vs. Customs Value



Model Trials

With All Interaction Terms

```
> model3 <- lm(Customs_Value ~ Country + Tariff_Rate + Quantity +
                Country * Tariff Rate + Country * Ougntity + Tariff Rate * Ougntity, data = my data)
> summary(model3)
Call:
lm(formula = Customs_Value ~ Country + Tariff_Rate + Quantity +
   Country * Tariff_Rate + Country * Quantity + Tariff_Rate *
   Quantity, data = my_data)
Residuals:
    Min
              10
                   Median
                                30
                                        Max
          -528.4
-12564.4
                     82.9
                             821.5 13078.7
Coefficients:
                            Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)
(Intercept)
                          -4.228e+02 7.709e+03 -0.055 0.956306
CountryChina
                           3.762e+04 1.118e+04 3.363 0.000882 ***
CountryGermany
                          1.161e+04 9.120e+03 1.273 0.204225
CountryIreland
                           1.844e+03 8.508e+03
                                                 0.217 0.828601
CountryMexico
                           1.982e+04 8.087e+03
                                                 2.451 0.014883 *
CountryVietnam
                          1.331e+03 1.431e+04
                                                 0.093 0.925939
Tariff Rate
                           5.215e+02 8.084e+02
                                                 0.645 0.519386
Ouantity
                          1.303e+00 3.970e-01 3.283 0.001163 **
CountryChina:Tariff_Rate -1.373e+03 4.685e+02 -2.932 0.003663 **
CountryGermany:Tariff_Rate -2.067e+03 1.915e+03 -1.079 0.281546
CountryIreland:Tariff_Rate -4.992e+02 8.331e+02 -0.599 0.549502
CountryMexico:Tariff_Rate 6.333e+02 7.215e+02 0.878 0.380900
CountryVietnam: Tariff_Rate -4.216e+02 1.107e+03 -0.381 0.703603
                          -6.314e-01 6.322e-01 -0.999 0.318805
CountryChina:Quantity
CountryGermany:Ouantity
                          1.320e+00 2.310e+00 0.572 0.568075
CountryIreland:Quantity
                          4.001e+01 5.408e+01
                                                 0.740 0.460042
CountryMexico:Quantity
                          -7.124e-01 4.595e-01 -1.550 0.122204
CountryVietnam:Ouantity
                         1.347e+00 1.606e+00 0.839 0.402419
Tariff_Rate:Quantity
                          1.014e-03 3.499e-02 0.029 0.976897
Signif. codes: 0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
Residual standard error: 2874 on 269 degrees of freedom
Multiple R-squared: 0.9582, Adjusted R-squared: 0.9554
F-statistic: 342.7 on 18 and 269 DF. p-value: < 2.2e-16
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AIC Backward Elimination

```
> step(model3)
Start: AIC=4605.36
Customs_Value ~ Country + Tariff_Rate + Ouantity + Country *
   Tariff Rate + Country * Quantity + Tariff Rate * Quantity
                       Df Sum of Sa
                                           RSS AIC
                        5 44244543 2266655675 4601.0
Country: Quantity
- Tariff Rate: Ouantity 1
                               6942 2222418073 4603.4
                                    2222411132 4605.4

    Country:Tariff_Rate 5 213110986 2435522118 4621.7

Step: AIC=4601.04
Customs_Value ~ Country + Tariff_Rate + Quantity + Country: Tariff_Rate +
   Tariff_Rate:Ouantity
                       Df Sum of Sa

    Tariff_Rate:Quantity 1 1304186 2267959861 4599.2

                                    2266655675 4601.0

    Country:Tariff_Rate 5 264186303 2530841978 4622.8

Step: AIC=4599.21
Customs_Value ~ Country + Tariff_Rate + Quantity + Country:Tariff_Rate
                      Df Sum of Sq
                                          RSS AIC
                                   2267959861 4599.2
<none>

    Country:Tariff_Rate 5 402320485 2670280346 4636.2

- Ouantity
                      1 376759997 2644719859 4641.5
Call:
lm(formula = Customs_Value ~ Country + Tariff_Rate + Quantity +
   Country: Tariff_Rate, data = my_data)
Coefficients:
               (Intercept)
                                          CountryChina
                                                                    CountryGermany
                10742.7082
                                            25668.8811
                                                                           587.0693
            CountryIreland
                                         CountryMexico
                                                                    CountryVietnam
                -6739.8723
                                             7308.3520
                                                                          2946.1912
               Tariff_Rate
                                                          CountryChina: Tariff_Rate
                                              Ouantity
                  444.3798
                                                0.7265
                                                                         -1298.2128
CountryGermany:Tariff_Rate CountryIreland:Tariff_Rate
                                                         CountryMexico:Tariff_Rate
                -1148.6198
                                             -324.5947
                                                                           771.1606
CountryVietnam: Tariff_Rate
                -1134.7080
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Final Model

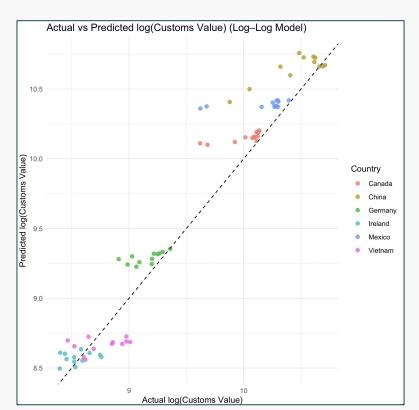
R Summary Output of the Model

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E(\ln(y)) = 5.672 + 0.618x_1 + 0.214x_2 + 0.695x_3 + 0.487x_4 - 0.398x_5 + 0.043x_6 + 0.456x_7 - 0.006x_8
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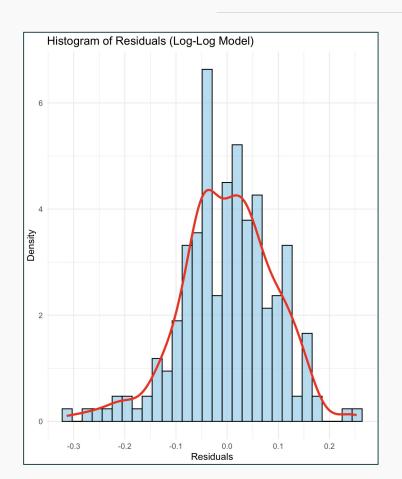
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model_loglog <- lm(</pre>
   log(Customs_Value) ~ Country + Tariff_Rate + log_Quantity +
Tariff_Rate:log_Quantity,
   data = train data scaled
> summary(model_loglog)
Call:
lm(formula = log(Customs_Value) ~ Country + Tariff_Rate + log_Quantity +
   Tariff_Rate:log_Quantity, data = train_data_scaled)
Residuals:
     Min
                      Median
                                             Max
-0.313689 -0.050568 0.005083 0.058507 0.253109
Coefficients:
                         Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)
(Intercept)
                         5.672391
                                    0.386089 14.692 < 2e-16 ***
CountryChina
                         0.617740
                                    0.037411 16.512 < 2e-16 ***
CountryGermany
                         0.214347
                                    0.099975
                                             2.144 0.03320 *
CountryIreland
                         0.695025
                                    0.209153
                                             3.323 0.00105 **
CountryMexico
                                    0.041459 11.754 < 2e-16 ***
                         0.487312
CountryVietnam
                         -0.398480
                                    0.137644 -2.895 0.00420 **
Tariff_Rate
                         0.042968
                                    0.018296
                                              2.349 0.01979 *
log_Quantity
                         0.456291
                                    0.039195 11.642 < 2e-16 ***
Tariff_Rate:log_Quantity -0.005581
                                    0.001925 -2.899 0.00415 **
Signif. codes: 0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
Residual standard error: 0.0925 on 207 degrees of freedom
Multiple R-squared: 0.9897, Adjusted R-squared: 0.9893
F-statistic: 2487 on 8 and 207 DF, p-value: < 2.2e-16
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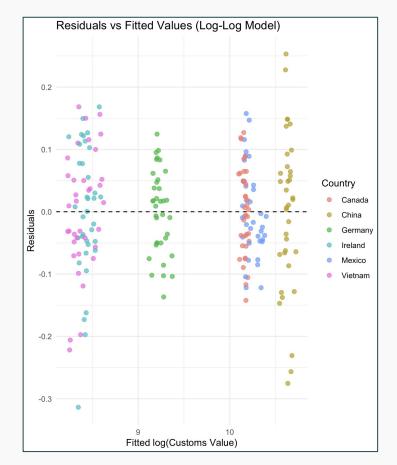
Results/Predictions on Test Set

Test RMSE: 0.2188 Test R²: 0.916

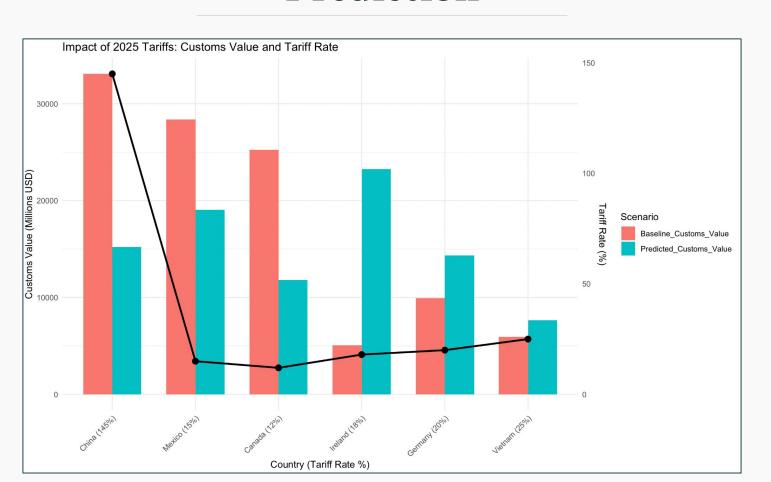


Residual Plots





Prediction



Thank You for Listening

