



A/B Testing and Regression Analysis of Marketing Campaign Performance

This project evaluates the effectiveness of two digital marketing channels, Facebook Ads and Google AdWords, using statistical experimentation and regression modeling. The objective is to determine whether observed performance differences are statistically significant, identify key drivers of conversions, and provide data-backed recommendations for marketing spend optimization.



Business Problem & Goal

The Challenge

Marketing teams often split budget across multiple ad platforms without clear evidence of which channel truly performs better. This approach creates inefficiency and leaves money on the table.

Traditional decision-making relies on intuition or surface-level metrics, but without rigorous testing, teams can't distinguish genuine performance differences from random variation.

Key Questions

- Are performance differences between channels real or random?
- Which platform drives higher conversions and efficiency?
- How strong is the impact after controlling for other factors?

The goal: Replace intuition with statistically valid decision-making that directly impacts ROI.

Dataset & Metrics



Time Period

365 days of daily marketing performance data providing comprehensive year-long insights



Two Channels

Facebook Ads and Google AdWords campaigns tracked independently



Six Core Metrics

Ad views, clicks, conversions, CTR, conversion rate, and cost per click

This dataset structure provides the foundation for both A/B testing and regression analysis. Each daily observation captures complete performance across all metrics, enabling rigorous statistical comparison and modeling. The comprehensive nature of the data allows us to control for confounding variables and isolate true channel effects.



Exploratory Data Analysis



Data Quality Validation

Before conducting formal statistical tests, exploratory data analysis confirmed the integrity and reliability of our dataset.

- Complete Records

No missing or anomalous daily records across the entire 365-day period

- Consistent Patterns

Facebook consistently showed higher conversion counts day over day

- Performance Gap

Facebook exhibited higher conversion rates across most days, suggesting systematic differences

These early patterns suggested a potential performance gap that warranted formal statistical testing to confirm significance.

Descriptive Statistics: Initial Signal

Average daily performance over 365 days revealed clear patterns in both conversion volume and efficiency. While descriptive statistics provide an initial signal, they don't confirm whether differences are statistically meaningful.

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Facebook Conversions

Average conversions per day

27.2%

Facebook Conv. Rate

Average conversion efficiency

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AdWords Conversions

Average conversions per day

10.2%

AdWords Conv. Rate

Average conversion efficiency

📌 **Key Observation:** Facebook outperformed AdWords in both volume and efficiency, but statistical testing was required to confirm whether these differences were significant or could have occurred by chance.

A/B Testing Methodology & Results

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Test Design

Group A: Facebook Ads | Group B: Google AdWords

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Hypothesis Framework

Null: No difference exists | Alternative: Significant difference exists

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Statistical Analysis

Applied formal testing framework to conversion performance data

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Significance Testing

Calculated probability that observed differences occurred by chance

Results: Null Hypothesis Rejected

Facebook Ads showed significantly higher conversions and conversion rates. The probability that this difference occurred by chance was extremely low, confirming a statistically significant performance difference between channels.



Why Regression Analysis Was Used

Beyond A/B Testing

A/B testing confirms *that* a difference exists between channels, providing a critical first validation. However, it doesn't reveal the complete picture of what drives performance.



Isolate Channel Impact

Separate the effect of marketing channel from other variables



Quantify Effect Size

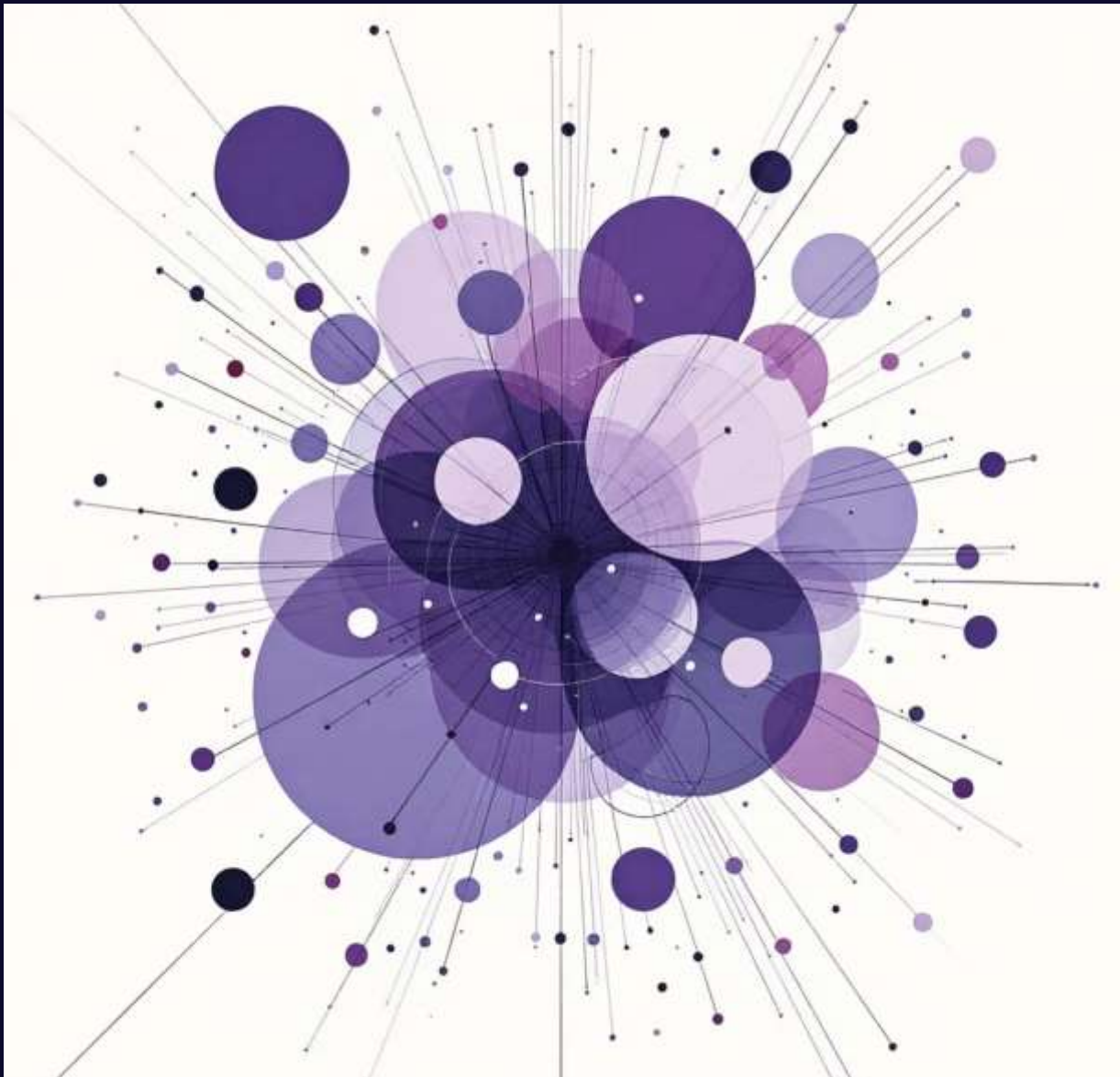
Measure precisely how much the channel choice matters



Control for Variables

Understand roles of clicks, views, conversion rate, and cost

Regression analysis provides the depth needed to make sophisticated budget allocation decisions with confidence.



Regression Results & Interpretation

Regression modeling revealed the nuanced relationships between marketing inputs and conversion outcomes, providing actionable insights beyond simple channel comparison.

Channel Effect

Marketing channel choice is a strong predictor of conversions. Facebook Ads have a positive and statistically significant coefficient, confirming superiority even after controlling for other factors.

Click Performance

Clicks demonstrate a strong positive relationship with conversions across both channels, validating the importance of traffic volume.

Conversion Rate Impact

Higher conversion rates strongly increase total conversions, highlighting the value of landing page optimization and audience targeting.

Cost Dynamics

Cost per click shows diminishing returns beyond a certain point, suggesting optimal bid strategies exist for each channel.

📌 The regression results reinforce the A/B test findings with model-based evidence, providing confidence in our recommendations.



Business Insights & Recommendations

What The Data Shows



Channel Efficiency

Facebook Ads convert traffic more efficiently than Google AdWords across all key metrics



Meaningful Gap

The performance difference is both statistically significant and practically meaningful for business outcomes



Strategic Clarity

Budget allocation should favor Facebook Ads to maximize ROI and conversion volume

Recommended Actions



Increase Facebook Spend

Reallocate budget toward the higher-performing channel to capture efficiency gains



Optimize AdWords

Redesign Google AdWords campaigns focusing on targeting, creative, and landing pages



Institutionalize Testing

Implement ongoing A/B testing as standard practice for continuous optimization

Conclusion & Skills Demonstrated

This project demonstrates how structured experimentation and statistical modeling drive better marketing decisions. By combining A/B testing with regression analysis, we transformed raw performance data into actionable strategy.

Key Takeaways

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Validated Performance

A/B testing confirmed real differences between channels
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Quantified Impact


Regression analysis measured effect size and key drivers
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Strategic Direction


Results directly inform ROI-focused budget allocation


Skills Demonstrated

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Experimental Design
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Hypothesis Testing
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Regression Analysis
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Business Translation
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Analytical Storytelling