Assignment 4

Marketing Research

General Note for the following tasks

Please do the following tasks and copy the solutions into a word file, which you then please convert into a PDF and upload to Learn@WU. Don't forget to copy the R codes into your solution. You have to be prepared to present your assignment solutions in the next session. In case you are selected to present a subtask of this assignment, please be prepared to answer questions regarding the theoretical concepts underlying the specific task, e.g., "How do you calculate the degrees of freedom of the test-statistic? How is the test-statistic distributed?"

Please first follow the below instructions:

- Use the file "kurs3_data_0319.csv" from the last assignment (Note: You can find an explanation of the variables in the document "readme_variables.txt").
- Set the Working Directory in R to the folder, in which you saved "kurs3_data_csv_0319.csv".
- Read in the data file.

Task 1 Correlation (Chapter 6.1; 2 Points)

- Produce a scatterplot:
 - Number of ads (number_ads) on the horizontal and number of impressions (impressions) on the vertical axis.
 - impressions on the horizontal and number of clicks (clicks) on the vertical axis.

Comment on the correlation of the variables regarding the scatter plots. Which correlation coefficient do you suspect to be larger?

- Calculate the covariance and the correlation coefficient of the variables below:
 - number_ads and impressions
 - impressions and clicks

Comment on the correlation of the variables regarding the covariance and correlation coefficient (e.g., strength of the association, direction of the association).

Hint: Have a look at Chapter 6.1.1. The scatterplot (Figure 6.4) was created with the following code:

Task 2: Simple Linear Regression (Chapter 6.2.1; 4 Points)

You are dubious about the relationship of the given variables in Task 1, so you decide to make a deeper investigation:

- Run regression analysis to make sure the effect of
 - Number of ads on number of impressions, i.e. impressions~number_ads (regression 1)
 - Number of impressions on number of clicks, i.e. clicks~impressions (regression 2)

- Interpret your results (e.g., number of ads has a positive (or negative) effect on number of impressions by x much; see 6.2.1.1 Estimating the coefficients).
- Prediction (6.2.1.4 Using the model):
 - How many impressions would a website owner sell on average if she published 5 ad slots on her website?
 - How many clicks would a website owner generate on average if she sold 1M impressions on her website?

Task 3: Multiple linear regression (Chapter 6.2.2; 4 Points)

You further want to investigate the effect of both number of ads and number of impressions on number of clicks.

- Run the appropriate regression.
- Compare the obtained results with above regression 2 results and comment on whether the model fit has improved.
- Interpret the effect of number of impressions on number of clicks.
- How many impressions would a website owner sell on average if she published 5 ad slots and sold 1M impressions on her website?