
§1. Import and Explore Data

■ 1.1 Import Data

Import data from the disk files and set up vectors of independent and dependent variables, variable names, etc.

```
In[4]:= obs = Transpose[Import["observations.csv"]];  
spend = Import["spend_values.csv"];
```

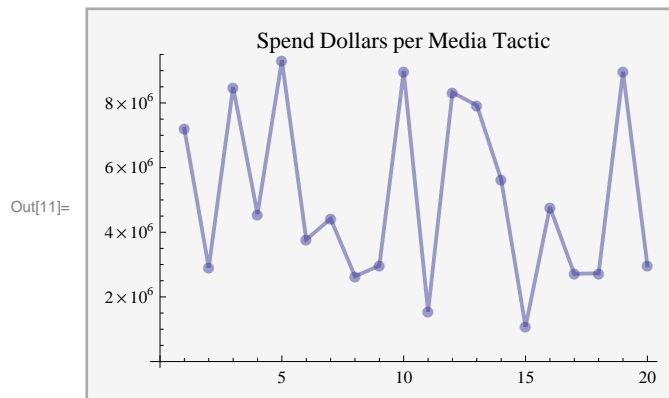
```
In[6]:= spendDollars = spend[[2]];  
obsNames = First /@ obs;  
obsData = Rest /@ obs;  
dependentVars = obsData[[1]];  
independentVars = obsData[[2 ;; -1]];
```

■ 1.2 Explore Data

■ Time Series Plots of Spend, Sales and Impressions

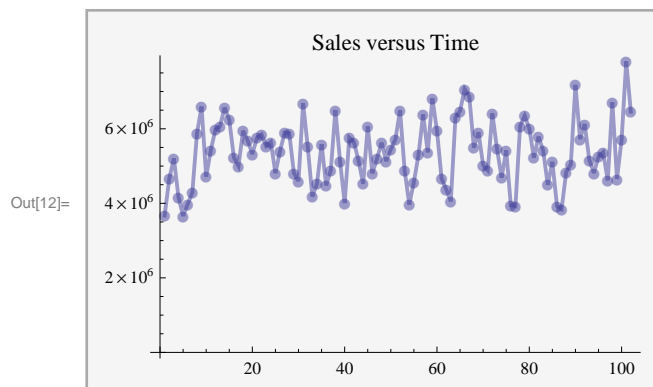
Spend dollars vary almost 10-fold across tactics.

```
In[11]:= ListPlot[spendDollars, Joined → True,  
  AxesOrigin → {0, 0}, PlotLabel → "Spend Dollars per Media Tactic",  
  PlotStyle → {{Opacity[0.5], Thick}}, PlotMarkers → Automatic] // Panel
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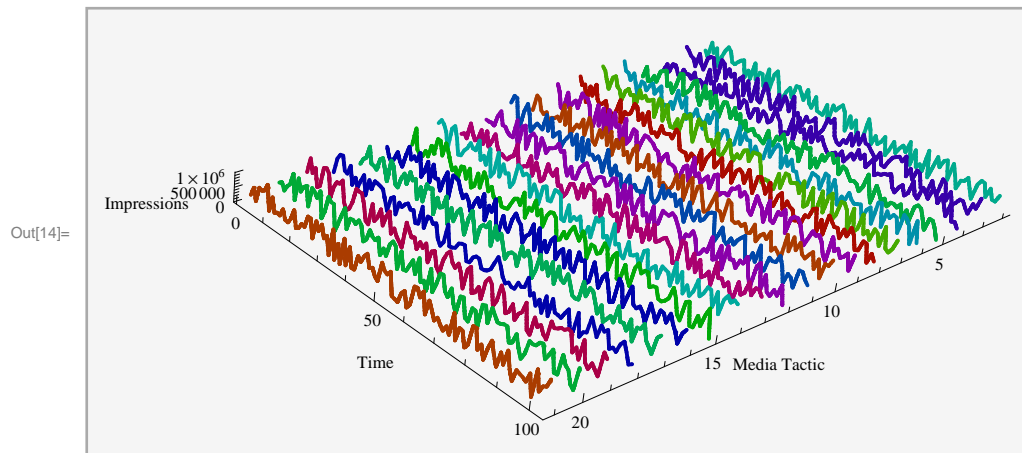
There is no visually obvious seasonality pattern. See checks for yearly seasonality below.

```
In[12]:= ListPlot[obsData[[1]], Joined → True, PlotStyle → {{Opacity[0.5], Thick}},  
  PlotMarkers → Automatic, PlotLabel → "Sales versus Time"] // Panel
```



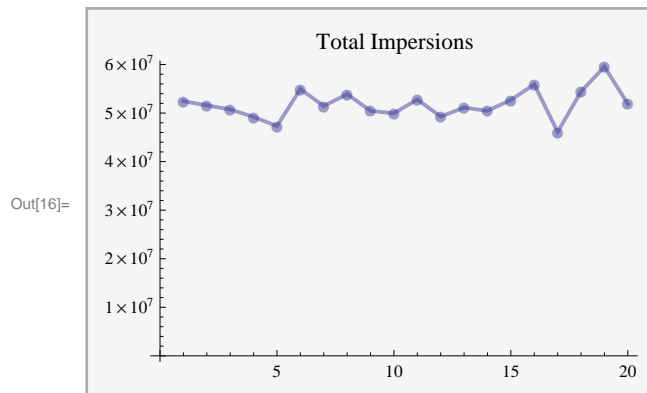
There are no obvious relationships or features seen in the media impressions per tactic.

```
In[13]:= lines1 = {Thick, Hue[Random[]] // Darker, Line[#]} & /@
  Table[{i, j, obsData[[i, j]]}, {i, 2, 21}, {j, 1, 102}];
In[14]:= Graphics3D[lines1, Axes → True, BoxRatios → {3, 2, 0.15}, Boxed → False,
  AxesLabel → {"Media Tactic", "Time", "Impressions"}, ImageSize → 550] // Panel
```



Total impressions per media tactic are about the same across tactics.

```
In[15]:= impressionTotals = Total /@ obsData[[2 ;; 21]];
In[16]:= ListPlot[impressionTotals, Joined → True, PlotStyle → {{Opacity[0.5], Thick}},
  PlotMarkers → Automatic, PlotLabel → "Total Impersions", AxesOrigin → {0, 0}] // Panel
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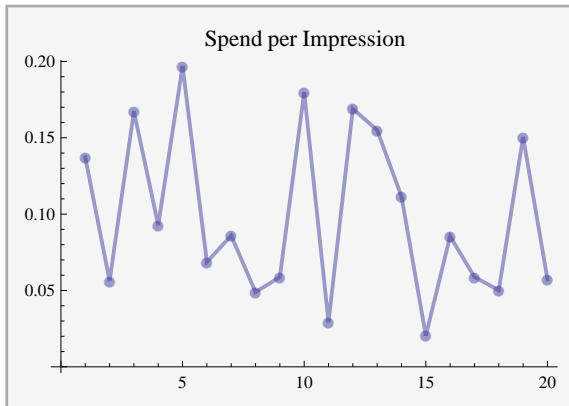


The cost per impression does vary widely (about 10-fold) across tactics.

```
In[17]:= costPerImpression = spendDollars / impressionTotals;
```

```
In[18]:= ListPlot[costPerImpression, Joined → True, PlotStyle → {{Opacity[0.5], Thick}},
  PlotMarkers → Automatic, PlotLabel → "Spend per Impression"] // Panel
```

Out[18]=

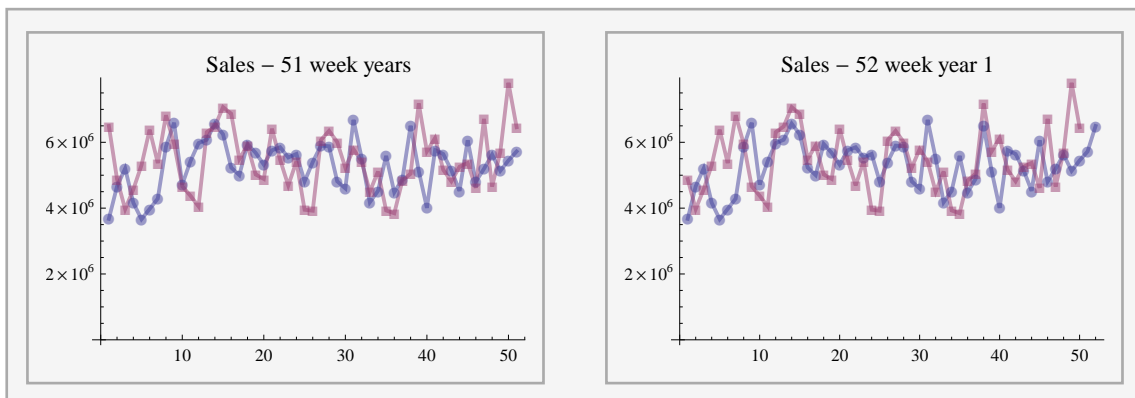


■ Check for Seasonality

Checking correlations for both Correlating weeks [1-51] with [52-102] :

```
In[19]:= Row[{ListPlot[{obsData[[1, 1 ;; 51]], obsData[[1, 52 ;; 102]]},
  Joined → True, PlotStyle → {{Opacity[0.5], Thick}}, PlotMarkers → Automatic,
  PlotLabel → "Sales - 51 week years", ImageSize → 250] // Panel, Spacer[30],
  ListPlot[{obsData[[1, 1 ;; 52]], obsData[[1, 53 ;; 102]]}, Joined → True,
  PlotStyle → {{Opacity[0.5], Thick}}, PlotMarkers → Automatic,
  PlotLabel → "Sales - 52 week year 1", ImageSize → 250] // Panel}] // Panel
```

Out[19]=



Under either definition of the “year” (51 week or 52 week) the measured correlations fail to achieve significance

```
In[20]:= Correlation[obsData[[1, 1 ;; 51]], obsData[[1, 52 ;; 102]] // N
```

Out[20]= 0.213774

... corresponding to a $p=0.0661$

```
In[21]:= Correlation[obsData[[1, 1 ;; 50]], obsData[[1, 53 ;; 102]] // N
```

Out[21]= 0.135294

... corresponding to a $p = 0.172$

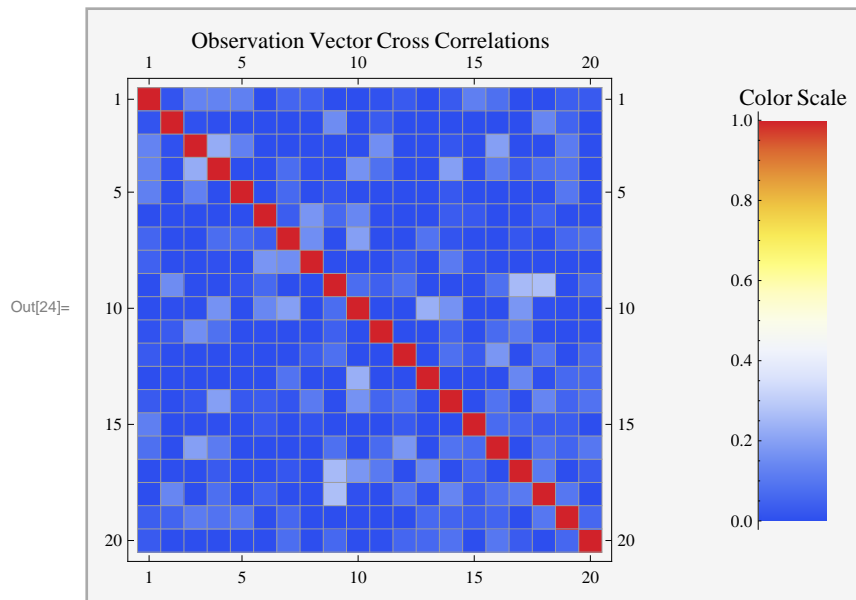
■ Check that the media tactic vectors are independent

If the media tactic vectors are linearly dependent, then the accuracy of distinguishing between their effects will be compromised. Looking their pairwise correlations, this should not be an issue here.

```

In[22]:= corrArray =
  ArrayPlot[Table[Correlation[obsData[[i]], obsData[[j]] // N, {i, 2, 21}, {j, 2, 21}],
    ColorFunction -> ColorData["TemperatureMap"], ColorFunctionScaling -> False,
    Mesh -> True, Frame -> True, FrameTicks -> All, ImageSize -> 400,
    PlotLabel -> "Observation Vector Cross Correlations"];
colorScale = DensityPlot[y, {x, 0, 0.167}, {y, 0, 1},
  ColorFunction -> ColorData["TemperatureMap"], AspectRatio -> Automatic,
  Frame -> {False, True, False, False}, ImageSize -> 70, PlotLabel -> "Color Scale"];
Row[{corrArray, Spacer[50], colorScale}] // Panel

```



■ Are any tactics or structural features highly correlated with Sales *a priori*?

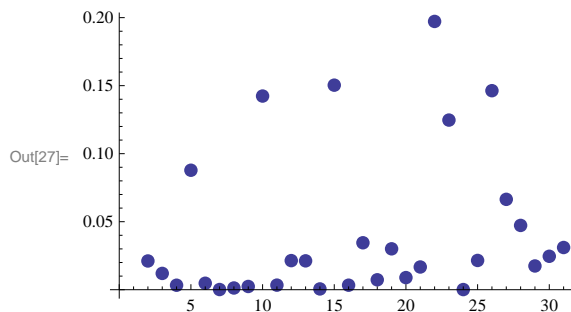
A few tactics and structural occurrences stand out a priori as possibly significant drivers.

```
In[25]:= corrCheck = Table[
  {i, obsNames[[i]], Correlation[obsData[[i]], obsData[[1]] // N}, {i, 2, Length[obsNames]}}];
SortBy[corrCheck, Last] // Reverse // TableForm
```

Out[26]//TableForm=

22	Structural 1 Occurrence	0.444081
15	Media 14 Impressions	0.387762
26	Structural 5 Occurrence	0.382494
10	Media 9 Impressions	0.377302
23	Structural 2 Occurrence	0.353122
5	Media 4 Impressions	0.296345
28	Structural 7 Occurrence	0.217397
17	Media 16 Impressions	0.185759
31	Structural 10 Occurrence	0.176143
19	Media 18 Impressions	0.173371
30	Structural 9 Occurrence	0.156756
12	Media 11 Impressions	0.146257
13	Media 12 Impressions	0.145653
2	Media 1 Impressions	0.14536
21	Media 20 Impressions	0.129229
3	Media 2 Impressions	0.109462
20	Media 19 Impressions	0.0943759
18	Media 17 Impressions	0.0853806
6	Media 5 Impressions	0.0689264
11	Media 10 Impressions	0.0580072
4	Media 3 Impressions	0.0574114
9	Media 8 Impressions	0.0487966
8	Media 7 Impressions	0.035643
7	Media 6 Impressions	0.0116358
24	Structural 3 Occurrence	-0.0102375
14	Media 13 Impressions	-0.0239564
16	Media 15 Impressions	-0.0575986
29	Structural 8 Occurrence	-0.132101
25	Structural 4 Occurrence	-0.146671
27	Structural 6 Occurrence	-0.25774

```
In[27]:= ListPlot[{#[[1]], #[[3]]^2} & /@ corrCheck,
  PlotStyle -> PointSize[Large], PlotRange -> All, AxesOrigin -> {0, 0}]
```



§2. Modeling Strategy

The goal is to find a model which facilitates optimization of the marketing budget. To reduce the complexity of optimization, the final model should only contain those factors discovered to have been significant, i.e. the effective media tactics. Moreover, while modelling the return on investment for a media tactic as linear can give some insight

on improving the budget, a more meaningful model must also capture the diminishing returns on each effective media tactic's spend. Without a concept of diminishing returns, the optimal solution would be to spend the entire budget on the most effective tactic (in the absence of other constraints being applied).

The modeling approach followed these steps:

1. used a linear regression (lm1) to determine the relative impact and significance of media tactics and structural occurrences
2. given the high significance of some structural factors, controlled for their impact by creating a synthetic dataset with the influence of structural factors removed;
3. fitted a second linear model (lm2) with media tactics only (no structural occurrences) to the synthetic dataset to ensure that the same factors found to be significant in part 2;
4. sought a model which would facilitate optimization of the budget by capturing diminishing returns - so far this remains an incomplete challenge.

■ 2.1. Model 1 (lm1) - Media Tactics and Structural Occurrences

■ Fit Model

Fit a linear model with a constant term.

A vectors of 1's is added to the independent variables matrix, to represent the constant term.

```
In[28]:= independentVars2 = Prepend[independentVars, Table[1, {i, 1, Length[independentVars[[1]]}]];
lm1 = LinearModelFit[{independentVars2^T, dependentVars}];
```

```
In[30]:= Panel[lm1ParamTab = lm1["ParameterTable"], "Parameter Information for Model lm1"]
```

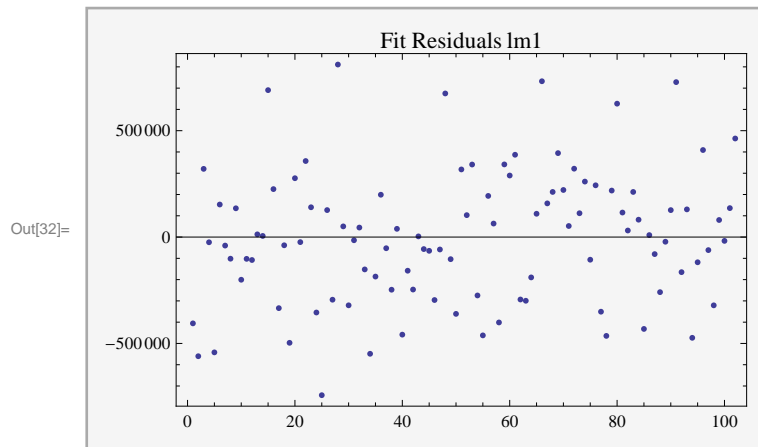
Parameter Information for Model lm1

Out[30]=

	Estimate	Standard Error	t-Statistic	P-Value
#1	2.3704×10^6	354 397.	6.68853	4.35189×10^{-9}
#2	0.296073	0.149662	1.97828	0.0517783
#3	0.1364	0.159314	0.856167	0.394786
#4	0.205933	0.170872	1.20519	0.232131
#5	0.636391	0.159979	3.97798	0.0001655
#6	-0.0306667	0.154136	-0.198959	0.842863
#7	-0.184728	0.147986	-1.24828	0.216029
#8	-0.220501	0.160316	-1.37541	0.173329
#9	0.382436	0.1479	2.58578	0.0117686
#10	0.663702	0.152312	4.35753	0.0000435266
#11	-0.0646519	0.165147	-0.391482	0.696614
#12	0.471298	0.145034	3.24958	0.00176776
#13	0.285881	0.156126	1.83108	0.0712838
#14	0.199029	0.150349	1.32378	0.189824
#15	0.534845	0.147414	3.62818	0.000534183
#16	0.361451	0.145528	2.48372	0.0153639
#17	0.246715	0.153192	1.6105	0.111727
#18	0.141117	0.175906	0.802232	0.425096
#19	0.244333	0.143284	1.70524	0.0925216
#20	0.323353	0.144419	2.239	0.028291
#21	0.25253	0.149923	1.68439	0.0964972
#22	1.12752×10^6	126 518.	8.91195	3.41443×10^{-13}
#23	507 246.	104 406.	4.85841	6.83465×10^{-6}
#24	228 916.	114 658.	1.99652	0.0497128
#25	11 461.6	147 806.	0.0775447	0.938408
#26	814 693.	114 134.	7.13806	6.55129×10^{-10}
#27	-387 759.	123 626.	-3.13656	0.00248785
#28	723 990.	127 538.	5.67667	2.7905×10^{-7}
#29	-33 411.9	106 865.	-0.312654	0.75546
#30	-48 071.9	141 154.	-0.340564	0.734438
#31	365 966.	133 478.	2.74176	0.00772725

```
In[31]:= lm1Results = lm1["ParameterTableEntries"];
```

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In[32]:= ListPlot[lm1["FitResiduals"], Frame → True,
  PlotRange → All, PlotLabel → "Fit Residuals lm1"] // Panel
```



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In[33]:= lm1["RSquared"]
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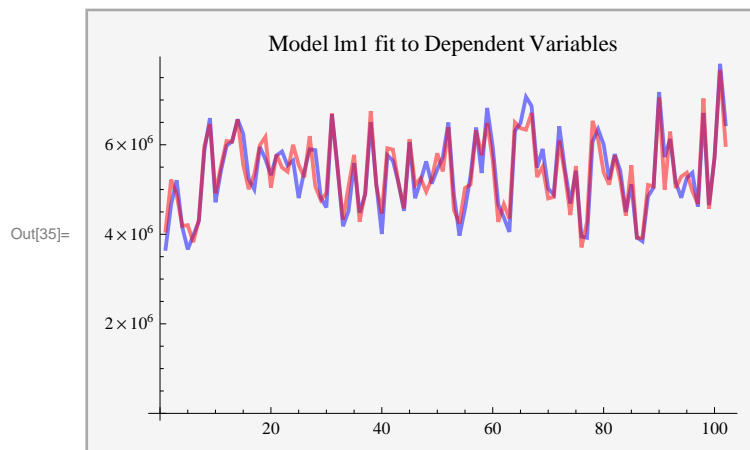
Out[33]= 0.869017

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In[34]:= lm1["AdjustedRSquared"]
```

Out[34]= 0.813672

Visual check of model fit to dependent variables:

```
In[35]:= ListPlot[{obsData[[1]], lm1 @@@ (independentVars2^T)},
  Joined → True, PlotStyle → {{Blue, Opacity[0.5], Thick},
  {Red, Opacity[0.5], Thick}, {Green, Opacity[0.5], Thick}},
  PlotLabel → "Model lm1 fit to Dependent Variables"] // Panel
```



■ Visualize results

Save the p-values and coefficients of the effects.

```
In[36]:= mediaResultsLm1 = lm1Results[[2 ;; 21]];
structuralResultsLm1 = lm1Results[[22 ;; 31]];
```

Transform p-values for plotting.

```
In[38]:= mediaResultsLm1Plot = {#[[1]], -Log[10, #[[4]]]} & /@ mediaResultsLm1;
structuralResultsLm1Plot = {#[[1]], -Log[10, #[[4]]]} & /@ structuralResultsLm1;
```

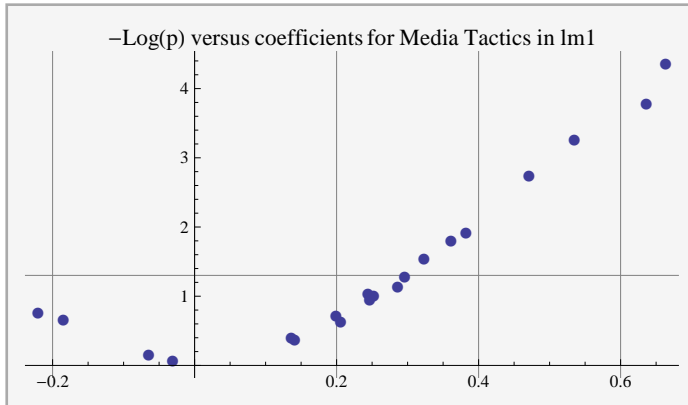


```

In[40]:= ListPlot[mediaResultsLm1Plot,
  Joined → False, PlotLabel → "-Log(p) versus coefficients for Media Tactics in lm1",
  PlotRange → All, AspectRatio → 0.5, PlotMarkers → Automatic,
  GridLines → {Automatic, {-Log[10, 0.05], 5, 10, 15}}] // Panel

```

Out[40]=



Visualize along with spend dollars for the tactic:

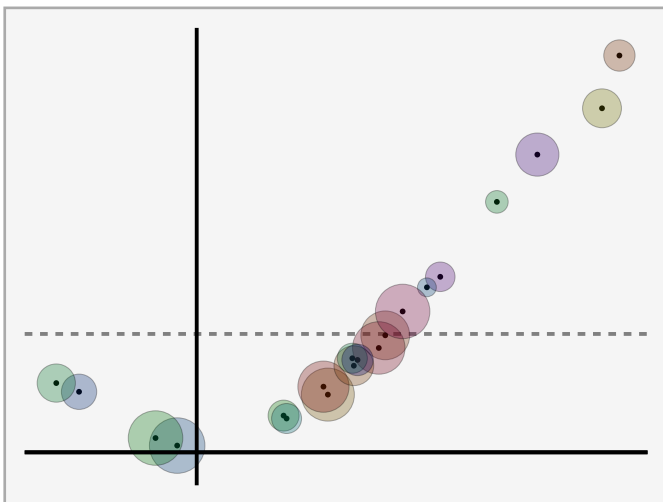
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In[41]:= gScale = 7; sScale = 0.7 * 10^5;
gPts = Graphics[Point[{#[[1]], #[[2]] / gScale}] & /@ mediaResultsLm1Plot, Axes → True];
gCircs =
  Graphics[{EdgeForm[Directive[Thin, Opacity[0.3]]], Hue[Random[]] // Darker // Darker,
    Opacity[0.3], Disk[{#[[1]], #[[2]] / gScale}, #[[3]]] & /@
    Transpose[Append[mediaResultsLm1Plot, Sqrt[spendDollars] / (sScale)]]];
Panel[Show[gPts, gCircs, GridLines → {None, {{0, {Black, Thick}}},
  {-Log[10, 0.05] / gScale, {Thick, Dashed}}}], AxesStyle → Thick, Ticks → {None, None}],
  "-Log(p) versus coefficients for Media Tactics in lm1"]

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-Log(p) versus coefficients for Media Tactics in lm1

Out[44]=

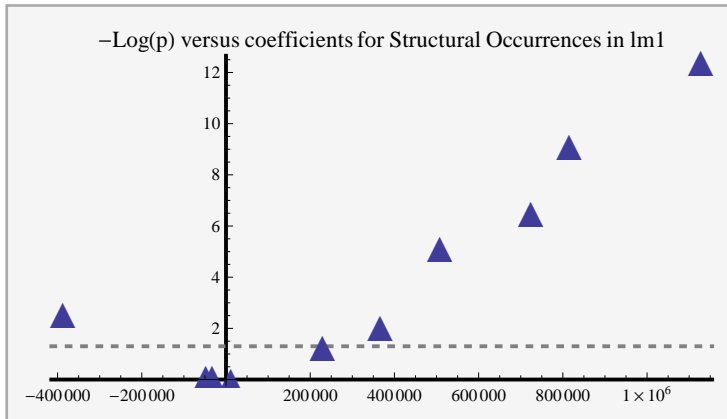


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In[208]:= gStructPts = ListPlot[{#[[1]], #[[2]]} & /@ structuralResultsLm1Plot,
    Axes → True, AspectRatio → 0.5, PlotMarkers → {▲, Large},
    PlotLabel → "-Log(p) versus coefficients for Structural Occurrences in lm1",
    Show[gStructPts, GridLines → {{{0, {Black, Thick}}},
    {{0, {Black, Thick}}, {-Log[10, 0.05], {Thick, Dashed}}}}] // Panel

```

Out[209]=



■ Select significant factors 1

```

In[47]:= mediaResultsLm1Labeled = Transpose[Prepend[mediaResultsLm1T, Table[i, {i, 1, 20}]]];

```

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In[48]:= structuralResultsLm1Labeled =
    Transpose[Prepend[structuralResultsLm1T, Table[i, {i, 21, 30}]]];

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In[49]:= significantMediaLm1 = Select[mediaResultsLm1Labeled, (#[[1]] < 0.05) &];

```

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In[50]:= significantStructuralLm1 = Select[structuralResultsLm1Labeled, (#[[1]] < 0.05) &];

```

■ Quantify sales contribution from tactics

```

In[164]:= significantMediaCoeffsLm1 = #[[2]] & /@ significantMediaLm1

```

Out[164]= {0.636391, 0.382436, 0.663702, 0.471298, 0.534845, 0.361451, 0.323353}

```

In[165]:= significantMediaSignalsLm1 = significantMediaCoeffsLm1 *
    Table[independentVars[[k]], {k, First /@ significantMediaLm1}];

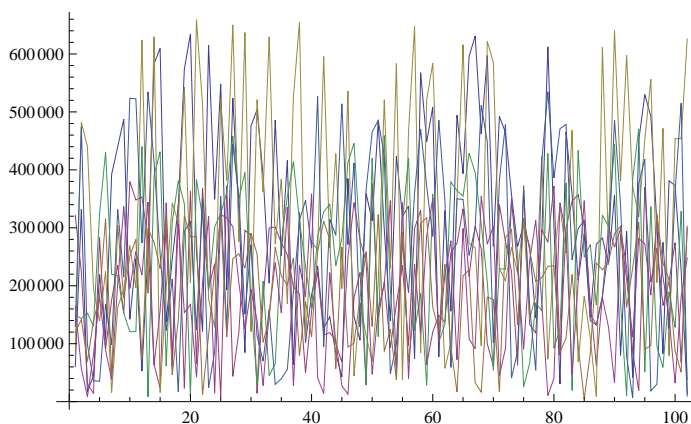
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In[168]:= ListPlot[significantMediaSignalsLm1, Joined → True]

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Out[168]=

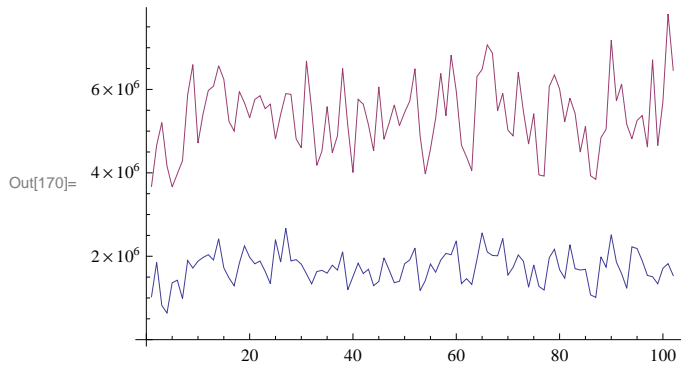


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In[169]:= totalStructalMediaSignalsLm1 = Total[significantMediaSignalsLm1];

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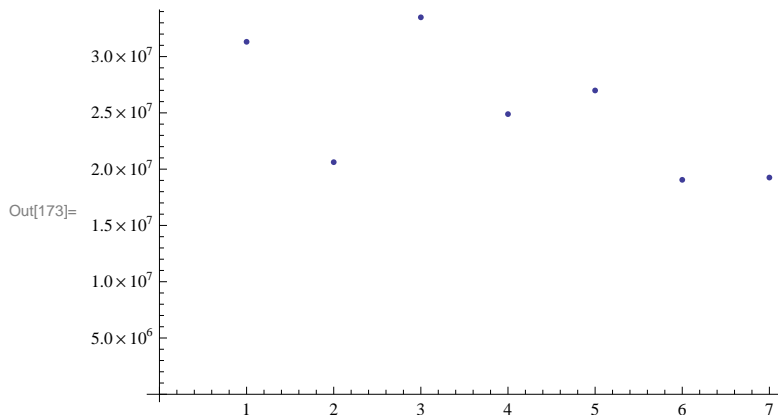
```
In[170]:= ListPlot[{totalStructalMediaSignalsLm1, dependentVars}, Joined -> True]
```



```
In[189]:= mediaTacticTotals = Total /@ significantMediaSignalsLm1
```

```
Out[189]= {3.13136 × 107, 2.06201 × 107, 3.34884 × 107,  
2.489 × 107, 2.69903 × 107, 1.90518 × 107, 1.92542 × 107}
```

```
In[173]:= ListPlot[mediaTacticTotals, AxesOrigin -> {0, 0}]
```



```
In[174]:= significantMediaLm1
```

```
Out[174]= {{4, 0.636391, 0.159979, 3.97798, 0.0001655},  
{8, 0.382436, 0.1479, 2.58578, 0.0117686}, {9, 0.663702, 0.152312, 4.35753, 0.0000435266},  
{11, 0.471298, 0.145034, 3.24958, 0.00176776},  
{14, 0.534845, 0.147414, 3.62818, 0.000534183},  
{15, 0.361451, 0.145528, 2.48372, 0.0153639}, {19, 0.323353, 0.144419, 2.239, 0.028291}}
```

```
In[177]:= Transpose[{First /@ significantMediaLm1, mediaTacticTotals / Total[dependentVars]}]
```

```
In[179]:= {{4, 0.05718743867815046`}, {8, 0.037658139954699216`},  
{9, 0.06115919113354672`}, {11, 0.045456035437957405`}, {14, 0.04929188737292361`},  
{15, 0.03479391859096084`}, {19, 0.03516357155459409`}} // TableForm
```

```
Out[179]/TableForm=
```

4	0.0571874
8	0.0376581
9	0.0611592
11	0.045456
14	0.0492919
15	0.0347939
19	0.0351636

```
In[178]:= Total[mediaTacticTotals / Total[dependentVars]]
```

```
Out[178]= 0.32071
```

```
In[249]:= mediaTacticCosts = spendDollars[[First /@ significantMediaLm1]];
```

```
In[186]:= mediaTacticEfficiency = mediaTacticTotals / mediaTacticCosts;
```

```
In[254]:= Panel[Transpose[{First /@ significantMediaLm1, mediaTacticEfficiency}] // TableForm,
  "Sales contribution of Media Tactics"]
```

Sales contribution of Media Tactics

```
Out[254]=
```

4	6.85752
8	7.81717
9	11.2865
11	16.0782
14	4.79219
15	17.7198
19	2.14787

```
In[250]:= costofEffectiveTactics = Total[mediaTacticCosts]
```

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Out[250]= 2.73909 × 107
```

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In[252]:= percentEffectiveSpend = costofEffectiveTactics / Total[spendDollars]
```

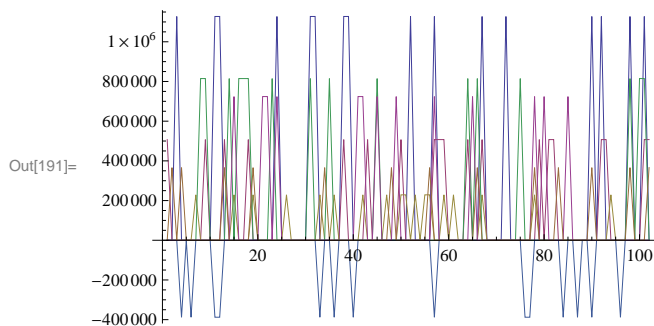
```
Out[252]= 0.26873
```

■ 2.2. Remove the Effect of Structural Occurrences from the Dependent Variables (Sales)

```
In[51]:= significantStructuralCoeffsLm1 = #[[2]] & /@ significantStructuralLm1;
```

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In[52]:= significantStructuralSignalsLm1 = significantStructuralCoeffsLm1 *
  Table[independentVars[[k]], {k, First /@ significantStructuralLm1}];
```

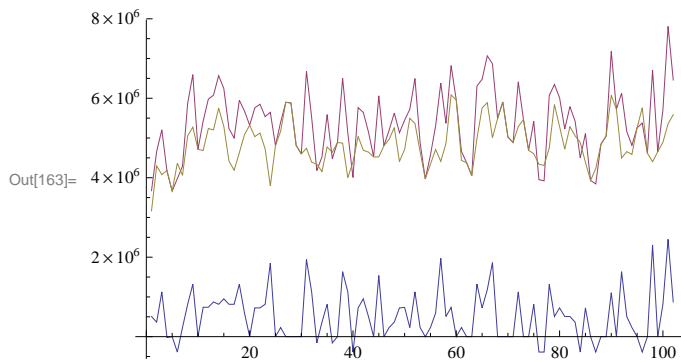
```
In[191]:= ListPlot[significantStructuralSignalsLm1, Joined -> True]
```



```
In[54]:= totalStructalSignalLm1 = Total[significantStructuralSignalsLm1];
```

```
In[55]:= salesLessStructLm1 = dependentVars - totalStructalSignalLm1;
```

```
In[163]:= ListPlot[{totalStructalSignalLm1, dependentVars, salesLessStructLm1}, Joined -> True]
```



```
In[193]:= structuralTotals = Total /@ significantStructuralSignalsLm1
```

```
Out[193]= {1.80403 × 107, 9.63767 × 106, 4.12048 × 106,  
1.30351 × 107, -5.42862 × 106, 9.41187 × 106, 4.75756 × 106}
```

```
In[194]:= Total[totalStructalSignalLm1] / Total[dependentVars]
```

```
Out[194]= 0.0978418
```

```
In[195]:= Total[structuralTotals] / Total[dependentVars]
```

```
Out[195]= 0.0978418
```

```
In[253]:= Panel[  
  Transpose[{First /@ significantStructuralLm1, structuralTotals / Total[dependentVars]}] //  
  TableForm, "Sales Impact of Structural Occurrences"]
```

Sales Impact of Structural Occurrences

```
Out[253]=
```

21	0.0329467
22	0.0176011
23	0.00752516
25	0.0238057
26	-0.00991418
27	0.0171887
30	0.00868864

■ 2.3. Model 2 (lm2) - Modelling Media Tactics with Structural Occurrences Removed

Refit a linear model to establish that the selection and coefficients of significant effects are robust to the removal of the structural effects. We find the results are indeed robust, with good agreement between the significance results and the coefficients across both models.

```
In[57]:= independentVarsMedia = independentVars[[1 ;; 20]];
```

```
In[58]:= independentVarslm2 =  
  Prepend[independentVarsMedia, Table[1, {i, 1, Length[independentVars[[1]]}]]];
```

```
In[59]:= lm2 = LinearModelFit[{independentVarslm2T, salesLessStructLm1}];
```

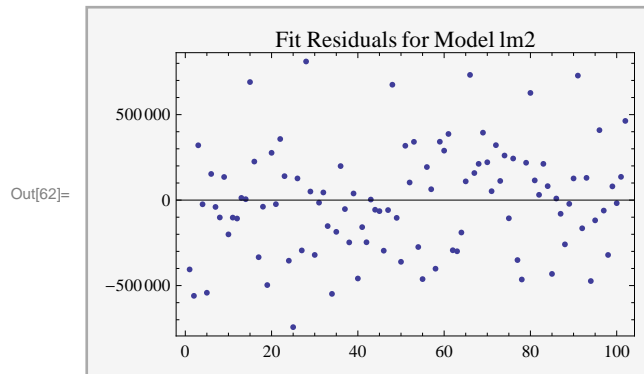
```
In[60]:= lm2ParamTab = lm2["ParameterTable"] // Panel
```

Out[60]=

	Estimate	Standard Error	t-Statistic	P-Value
#1	2.34448×10^6	311 214.	7.53334	6.19475×10^{-11}
#2	0.298245	0.13564	2.1988	0.0307443
#3	0.143169	0.142194	1.00686	0.317002
#4	0.202951	0.157068	1.29213	0.199988
#5	0.629968	0.141802	4.44258	0.0000278957
#6	-0.0300375	0.137398	-0.218617	0.827498
#7	-0.175016	0.127892	-1.36847	0.174949
#8	-0.21139	0.139378	-1.51666	0.133245
#9	0.379385	0.132022	2.87365	0.00517994
#10	0.658406	0.134255	4.90416	4.75688×10^{-6}
#11	-0.0692611	0.145884	-0.474767	0.636231
#12	0.487212	0.128501	3.79149	0.00028709
#13	0.286012	0.13703	2.08721	0.0400127
#14	0.196892	0.13166	1.49546	0.138681
#15	0.53593	0.127639	4.19881	0.0000684032
#16	0.359922	0.124805	2.88386	0.00503028
#17	0.236051	0.134676	1.75273	0.0834325
#18	0.142425	0.15581	0.914099	0.363378
#19	0.248597	0.125982	1.97328	0.0518739
#20	0.329414	0.128324	2.56705	0.0120966
#21	0.25831	0.128597	2.00867	0.0479041

```
In[61]:= lm2Results = lm2["ParameterTableEntries"];
```

```
In[62]:= ListPlot[lm1["FitResiduals"], Frame → True,
  PlotRange → All, PlotLabel → "Fit Residuals for Model lm2"] // Panel
```



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In[63]:= lm2["RSquared"]
```

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Out[63]= 0.699337
```

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In[64]:= lm2["AdjustedRSquared"]
```

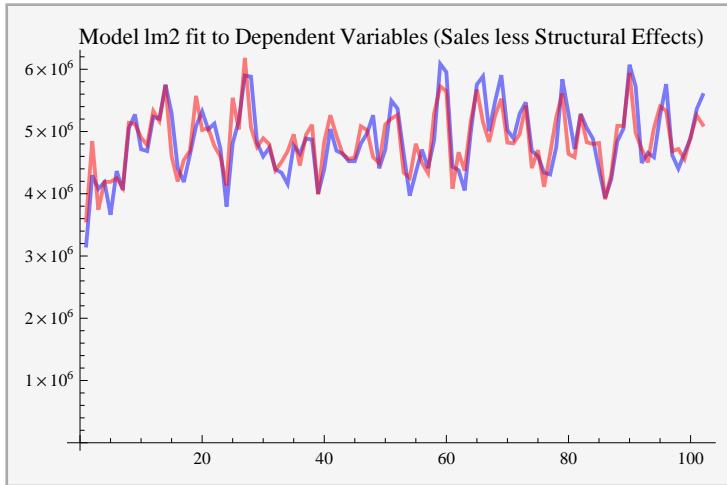
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Out[64]= 0.625099
```

Visual check of model fit to dependent variables:

```

In[65]:= ListPlot[{salesLessStructLm1, lm2 @@@ (independentVarslm2T)},
  Joined → True, PlotStyle → {{Blue, Opacity[0.5], Thick},
    {Red, Opacity[0.5], Thick}, {Green, Opacity[0.5], Thick}}, PlotLabel →
    "Model lm2 fit to Dependent Variables (Sales less Structural Effects)" ] // Panel

```



■ Compare results from lm1 and lm2

Scatter plots compare how well significance and coefficients match across models lm1 and lm2.

```

In[66]:= lm1Results // Length

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Out[66]= 31

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In[67]:= lm2Results // Length

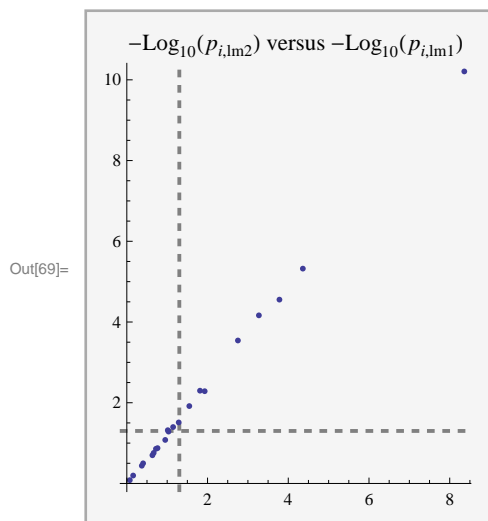
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Out[67]= 21

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In[68]:= compareLm1Lm2PValues =
  Transpose[{-Log[10, #[-1]] & /@ lm1Results[[1 ;; 21]], -Log[10, #[-1]] & /@ lm2Results}];
ListPlot[compareLm1Lm2PValues, GridLines →
  {{{-Log[10, 0.05], {Thick, Dashed}}}, {{-Log[10, 0.05], {Thick, Dashed}}}},
  AspectRatio → Automatic, PlotLabel → "-Log10(pi,lm2) versus -Log10(pi,lm1)" ] // Panel

```

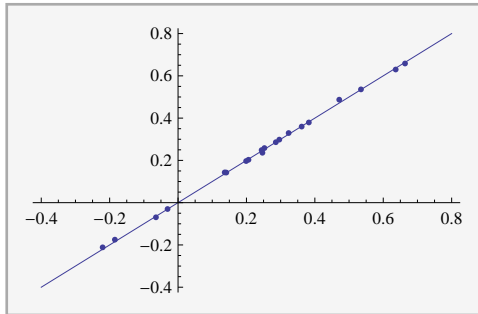


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In[70]:= compareLm1Lm2Coeffs =
  Transpose[{#[[1]] & /@ lm1Results[[2 ;; 21]], #[[1]] & /@ lm2Results[[2 ;; -1]]}];
lnPlot1 = Plot[x, {x, -0.4, 0.8}];
lpPlot1 = ListPlot[compareLm1Lm2Coeffs, AspectRatio → Automatic,
  PlotRange → All, PlotLabel → "Coefficients for lm2 versus for lm1"];
Show[lnPlot1, lpPlot1] // Panel

```

Out[73]=



■ 2.4. Incomplete - Model 3 (lm3) - Modelling Media Tactics with Structural Occurrences Removed, Quadratic Terms Included

As noted in the strategy above, numerical optimization of the budget would be more meaningful if we can model the extent to which the benefits realized from a media tactic (in terms of increased sales) exhibit diminishing returns with increased investment in that tactic. To that end, quadratic or other nonlinear terms must be introduced so as to ascertain information about the rate of change of effectiveness - roughly speaking, how the coefficients discovered above change as spending on the tactic varies.

We select the observation vectors associated with the 7 media tactics found to be effective:

```

In[131]:= sigMediaIndependentVars = independentVarsMedia[[#[[1]] & /@ significantMediaLm1]];
In[133]:= dataLm3 = (Append[sigMediaIndependentVars, salesLessStructLm1])^T;

```

Define a model with a constant term, and both linear and quadratic terms in seven variables

```

modelLm3 = c0 + a1 x1 + b1 x1^2 + a2 x2 + b2 x2^2 + a3 x3 +
  b3 x3^2 + a4 x4 + b4 x4^2 + a5 x5 + b5 x5^2 + a6 x6 + b6 x6^2 + a7 x7 + b7 x7^2;
paramsLm3 = {c0, a1, a2, a3, a4, a5, a6, a7, b1, b2, b3, b4, b5, b6, b7};
varsLm3 = {x1, x2, x3, x4, x5, x6, x7};

```

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In[155]:= scaleFactor = 1 000 000;
lm3 = NonlinearModelFit[dataLm3 / scaleFactor, modelLm3, paramsLm3, varsLm3];

```

Note that very few of the parameters here have high significance and the poor t-statistics are also low: there is no reason to believe that this is a good model for the data


```
In[157]:= lm3ParamTab = lm3["ParameterTable"] // Panel
```

Out[157]=

	Estimate	Standard Error	t-Statistic	P-Value
c0	3.13878	0.35947	8.73169	1.59114×10^{-13}
a1	-0.388901	0.57763	-0.67327	0.50256
a2	0.920866	0.598205	1.53938	0.12734
a3	1.31995	0.607013	2.1745	0.0323816
a4	-0.0248982	0.622284	-0.040011	0.968176
a5	0.158383	0.552293	0.286773	0.774968
a6	0.0165584	0.580098	0.0285441	0.977294
a7	0.647819	0.64594	1.00291	0.318686
b1	1.10258	0.560289	1.96787	0.0522681
b2	-0.671907	0.576389	-1.16572	0.246914
b3	-0.532171	0.566213	-0.939878	0.349883
b4	0.534588	0.604775	0.883945	0.379162
b5	0.451717	0.533213	0.847161	0.39923
b6	0.396585	0.55132	0.719337	0.473861
b7	-0.223722	0.573905	-0.389824	0.697619

The fitting may be numerically unstable, the data may not support the hypothesis of diminishing retrains or the quadratic form may not be a good description of the dependent variable's behavior.