

ASSIGNMENT 4 - MARKETING ANALYTICS - Elise Deyris

Part I: Promotional event planning

Question 1. Is there evidence for strong seasonal demand for this product, based on the figures presented in the Event Summary sheet?

Evidence for Seasonal Demand

Step 1: Observing Base Cases

The base cases represent the natural, unpromoted sales for the product in each event:

- Event 1: 728
- Event 2: 1360
- Event 3: 239
- Event 4: 449
- Event 5: 333

The base cases show significant variability, with **Event 2** having a much higher value (1360), while **Event 3** is significantly lower (239). This indicates that natural demand for the product is not uniform throughout the year, suggesting the presence of **seasonal peaks** in demand.

Step 2: Incremental Consumed Cases

Incremental consumed cases are the additional sales generated during promotions:

- Event 1: 401
- Event 2: 944
- Event 3: 278
- Event 4: 63
- Event 5: 602

The highest incremental sales occur in **Event 2 (944)**, aligning with the highest base cases. Conversely, **Event 4 (63)** has the lowest incremental sales, suggesting that promotional effectiveness is also influenced by underlying demand trends. This reinforces the idea of **seasonality driving both natural and promoted sales**.

Step 3: Total Consumed Cases

The total consumed cases (base + incremental) further emphasize the variability:

- Event 1: 1129
- Event 2: 2303
- Event 3: 517
- Event 4: 512
- Event 5: 935

Event 2 (2303) significantly outperforms the others, while **Event 3 (517)** and **Event 4 (512)** are much lower. This confirms that some events occur during periods of **strong seasonal demand**, particularly Event 2.

Step 4: ROI Analysis

The ROI provides additional evidence about profitability during high-demand periods:

- **Event 2 (44%)**: Highest positive ROI, indicating a successful promotional effort during a high-demand period.
- **Event 3 (-22%)** and **Event 4 (-79%)**: Negative ROI suggests low profitability due to lower demand, even with promotions.

The data implies that promotions aligned with **seasonal peaks** (like **Event 2**) are far more effective and profitable.

Conclusion

There is **clear evidence for strong seasonal demand** for this product, as demonstrated by the high base cases, incremental sales, and total consumed cases in **Event 2**, compared to significantly lower values in Events 3 and 4. The analysis highlights the importance of aligning promotional efforts with periods of high natural demand to maximize sales and ROI.

Question 2. Expressed as a percentage of base sales, what is the incremental sales response of events 1 or event 2? Which event produces a greater incremental sales response? (1 point)

Data from Event Summary:

From the provided data:

- **Event 1:**
 - Base Cases (unpromoted sales): **728**
 - Incremental Consumed Cases (additional sales from promotion): **401**
- **Event 2:**
 - Base Cases (unpromoted sales): **1360**
 - Incremental Consumed Cases (additional sales from promotion): **944**

Calculation:

1. **Formula for Incremental Sales Response:** Incremental sales response, expressed as a percentage, is calculated as:

$$\text{Incremental Sales Response (\%)} = \left(\frac{\text{Incremental Consumed Cases}}{\text{Base Cases}} \right) \times 100$$

2. **Calculations for Event 1:** Using the formula:

$$\text{Incremental Sales Response (Event 1)} = \left(\frac{401}{728} \right) \times 100$$

$$\text{Incremental Sales Response (Event 1)} = 55.07\%$$

3. **Calculations for Event 2:** Similarly, for Event 2:

$$\text{Incremental Sales Response (Event 2)} = \left(\frac{944}{1360} \right) \times 100$$

$$\text{Incremental Sales Response (Event 2)} = 69.41\%$$

Comparison:

- Incremental Sales Response for Event 1: **55.07%**
- Incremental Sales Response for Event 2: **69.41%**

Event 2 produces a **greater incremental sales response** than Event 1.

Event 2 demonstrates a stronger incremental sales response at **69.41%**, compared to Event 1's **55.07%**. This indicates that Event 2's promotion is more effective at driving additional sales relative to the base sales.

Question 3. Using the information in the Event Summary sheet, discuss the profitability results for the five events.

Which events are most profitable and why? What can you learn from this analysis about what sorts of promotional events are most profitable? (1 point)

The profitability of the five events can be evaluated by examining the following concepts:

1. **Incremental Contribution:** This represents the revenue generated from additional sales during the event.
2. **Event Cost:** The total cost of running the promotion, including variable costs, fixed payment costs, and forward buy costs.
3. **Event Gross Contribution:** The net profitability of the event, calculated as:

$$\text{Event Gross Contribution} = \text{Incremental Contribution} - \text{Event Cost}$$

4. **ROI (Return on Investment):** The efficiency of the promotion, expressed as:

$$\text{ROI (\%)} = \frac{\text{Event Gross Contribution}}{\text{Event Cost}} \times 100$$

Profitability Results for the Events:

Event 1:

- **Incremental Contribution:** \$8019
- **Event Cost:** \$8202
- **Event Gross Contribution:** -\$183
- **ROI:** -2%

Event 1 operates at a slight **loss** of \$183, with an ROI of -2%, indicating the promotion was not profitable. The costs marginally outweigh the incremental contribution.

Event 2:

- **Incremental Contribution:** \$18,874
- **Event Cost:** \$13,137
- **Event Gross Contribution:** \$5737
- **ROI:** 44%

Event 2 is the **most profitable** event, with a significant gross contribution of \$5737 and a **positive ROI of 44%**. This event aligns with a period of strong seasonal demand (high base and total consumed cases) and demonstrates effective cost management.

Event 3:

- **Incremental Contribution:** \$5562
- **Event Cost:** \$7116
- **Event Gross Contribution:** -\$1554
- **ROI:** -22%

Event 3 operates at a **loss** of \$1554, with an ROI of -22%. The low incremental contribution and relatively high event cost make this promotion unprofitable.

Event 4:

- **Incremental Contribution:** \$1254
- **Event Cost:** \$6095
- **Event Gross Contribution:** -\$4841
- **ROI:** -79%

Event 4 is the **least profitable** event, with a significant loss of 4841 and a **negative ROI of -79%** and high event cost render this promotion highly ineffective.

Event 5:

- **Incremental Contribution:** \$12,035
- **Event Cost:** \$7871
- **Event Gross Contribution:** \$4163
- **ROI:** 53%

Event 5 is **profitable**, with a gross contribution of \$4163 and a **positive ROI of 53%**. This event effectively combines moderate costs with strong incremental sales, making it a successful promotion.

Key Insights:

1. **Events 2 and 5 are the most profitable:**

- **Event 2 (44% ROI):** Occurs during a period of high base demand and achieves significant incremental sales with controlled costs.
- **Event 5 (53% ROI):** Leverages strong incremental sales to achieve high profitability.

2. **Events 3 and 4 are the least profitable:**

- These events occur during periods of low demand and fail to generate sufficient incremental sales to justify the high promotional costs.

3. **Lesson Learned:**

- **Timing Matters:** Promotions aligned with high-demand periods (like Event 2) are far more effective than those during low-demand periods.
- **Cost Management:** Even with high incremental sales, keeping event costs under control is crucial for profitability.
- **ROI as a Key Metric:** Positive ROI indicates efficient use of promotional budgets and should be the focus when planning events.

Final Answer:

Events 2 and 5 are the most profitable due to their alignment with periods of strong seasonal demand and effective cost management. This analysis shows the importance of targeting promotions during high-demand periods and ensuring that event costs are justified by the incremental contribution.

Question 4. Recalculate the profitability for event 1 and 2 assuming that retailers will engage in 4 weeks rather than 2 weeks of forward buying.

Show your calculations using a calculation in a table similar to the "Manufacturer's Promotion Profit and Loss" calculation in the Event Summary sheet.

When retailers engage in 4 weeks of forward buying instead of 2 weeks, the **Forward Buy Cost** and overall **Event Cost** will increase. Below are the recalculated profitability results, including all adjustments:

Adjustments and Calculations:

1. **Forward Buy Cases (4 weeks):**

- Forward buy cases per week: 229 cases
- For 4 weeks:

$$229 \times 4 = 916 \text{ cases}$$

2. **Forward Buy Cost:**

- Forward Buy Cost = Forward Buy Cases \times Off-Invoice Cost (4.20 per case) : $916 \times 4.20 = 3847.20 \$$

3. **Revised Event Cost:**

- Event Cost = Variable Cost + Fixed Payment Cost + Forward Buy Cost:

For Event 1:

$$4740 + 2500 + 3847.20 = 11,087.20$$

For Event 2:

$$9674 + 2500 + 3847.20 = 16,021.20$$

4. Revised Event Gross Contribution:

- Event Gross Contribution = Incremental Contribution – Event Cost:

For Event 1:

$$8019 - 11,087.20 = -3068.20$$

For Event 2:

$$18,874 - 16,021.20 = 2852.80$$

5. Revised ROI:

- ROI (%) = (Event Gross Contribution ÷ Event Cost) × 100:

For Event 1:

$$(-3068.20 \div 11,087.20) \times 100 = -28\%$$

For Event 2:

$$(2852.80 \div 16,021.20) \times 100 = 18\%$$

Final Answer:

- Event 1 becomes even less profitable, with a gross loss increasing to **-3068.20** and an ROI of **-28%** due to higher forward buying costs.
- Event 2 remains profitable, but the gross contribution reduces to **2852.80**, with an ROI dropping to **18%**.

This analysis shows that extended forward buying periods significantly increase costs. *EXCEL FILE IS IN THE FOLDER - Updated_Part1_Promotion_Planning.xls*

Question 5. Compare the approach used for calculating the ROI here (i.e., the Booz Allen Hamilton approach taken here) compared to the approach we used in class. Recall that the difference between the two approaches was explained above. Is one of the approaches better than the other, and why? (1 point).

Key Differences Between the Two Approaches

1. Booz Allen Hamilton ROI Approach:

- Incremental Contribution Calculation:**
 - Uses the original, non-promoted VCM to calculate incremental contribution.
- Event Cost:**
 - Includes all costs associated with the event, including the reduced margin from incremental sales and forward buying.
- Denominator for ROI:**
 - The event cost accounts for both promotional allowances and the "cost" of incremental sales, which reduces the calculated ROI.
- Focus:**
 - The emphasis is on the holistic cost of the promotion, including retailer-driven behaviors like forward buying.

2. Classroom ROI Approach:

- Incremental Contribution Calculation:**
 - Uses the actual margin achieved during the promotion period, reflecting the promoted price.
- Event Cost:**
 - Excludes the reduced margin from incremental sales, focusing only on the direct promotional costs like off-invoice allowances and fixed costs.
- Denominator for ROI:**
 - The cost excludes incremental sales-related costs, typically yielding a higher ROI.
- Focus:**
 - The approach simplifies the calculation and emphasizes immediate promotional efficiency rather than long-term retailer behaviors.

Comparison: Which Is Better and Why?

1. When the Booz Allen Hamilton Approach Is Better:

- Incorporates Forward Buying:** This approach explicitly accounts for forward buying, a critical factor in promotions where retailers stockpile products at lower costs.
- Long-Term Profitability:** It reflects the true cost of promotions, even if retailers sell these products in future periods.
- Holistic View:** Captures the overall impact of the promotion on the manufacturer's profitability.

2. When the Classroom Approach Is Better:

- Simpler to Use:** The calculation is straightforward and focuses only on direct costs and returns, making it easier to implement in short-term decision-making.
- Actionable ROI:** For immediate resource allocation or budget adjustments, this method provides a clearer picture of the current promotion's success.

Conclusion

The Booz Allen approach is better in our case, but usefulness depends on the context:

- The Booz Allen Hamilton approach is superior for **strategic planning** and understanding the **true cost of promotions**, particularly when dealing with forward buying.
- The classroom approach is ideal for **tactical decision-making** and evaluating the efficiency of individual promotions without delving into long-term impacts.

As a recommendation, manufacturers should adopt the Booz Allen Hamilton approach for annual planning and use the classroom approach for real-time campaign assessments. This dual approach provides both strategic insights and actionable metrics.

Part II: Estimating lift factors and promotion ROI analysis for Hellman's Mayo

Question 1a. Create a price variable for Hellman's 32oz mayo. (0.5 points)

```
In [14]: import pandas as pd

def create_price(data):
    data['price'] = data['sales_dollars'] / data['sales_units']
    return data

# Example usage:
file_path = 'Hellmanns.csv'
data = pd.read_csv(file_path) # Load the data
data_with_price = create_price(data) # Add the price variable

# Display the first few rows to verify
print(data_with_price[['sales_units', 'sales_dollars', 'price']].head())

  sales_units  sales_dollars      price
0        12417       13519  1.088749
1        27362       27464  1.003728
2        12876       13758  1.068500
3        12425       13334  1.073159
4        16727       18081  1.080947
```

Question 1b. Then, divide the feature and display variables by 100 to get the %ACV feature and display variables. (0.5 points)

```
In [15]: def convert_to_percentage(data):
    """
    Convert feature and display variables to percentage ACV.
    """
    data['feature_pctacv'] = data['feature_pctacv'] / 100 # Convert to percentage
    data['display_pctacv'] = data['display_pctacv'] / 100 # Convert to percentage
    return data

# Example usage:
data_with_percentages = convert_to_percentage(data_with_price) # Update percentages

# Display the first few rows to verify
print(data_with_percentages[['feature_pctacv', 'display_pctacv']].head())

feature_pctacv  display_pctacv
0             0.0            0.04
1             1.0            0.79
2             0.0            0.19
3             0.0            0.14
4             0.0            0.07
```

Question 1c. Now examine the display and feature variables. Provide summary statistics and histograms of these variables for both accounts separately. To what extent do these two promotional instruments (feature and display) differ? (0.5 points)

```
In [20]: import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
import seaborn as sns

def generate_summary_statistics_and_histograms(data):
    """
    Provide summary statistics and histograms for display and feature variables, separated by account.
    Args:
        data (pd.DataFrame): Input DataFrame containing 'feature_pctacv', 'display_pctacv', and 'account' columns.
    """
    # Group the data by account and compute summary statistics
    summary_stats = data.groupby('account')[['feature_pctacv', 'display_pctacv']].describe()
    print("Summary Statistics for Feature and Display by Account:")
    print(summary_stats)

    # Generate histograms for each account
    accounts = data['account'].unique()
    for account in accounts:
        account_data = data[data['account'] == account]

        # Plot histograms for feature_pctacv and display_pctacv in a single figure
        plt.figure(figsize=(12, 6))

        # Histogram for feature_pctacv
        plt.subplot(1, 2, 1)
        sns.histplot(account_data['feature_pctacv'], bins=20, kde=True, color="#730fd6", label='Feature %ACV')
        plt.title(f'Feature %ACV - Account: {account}')
        plt.xlabel('Feature %ACV')
        plt.ylabel('Frequency')
        plt.legend()

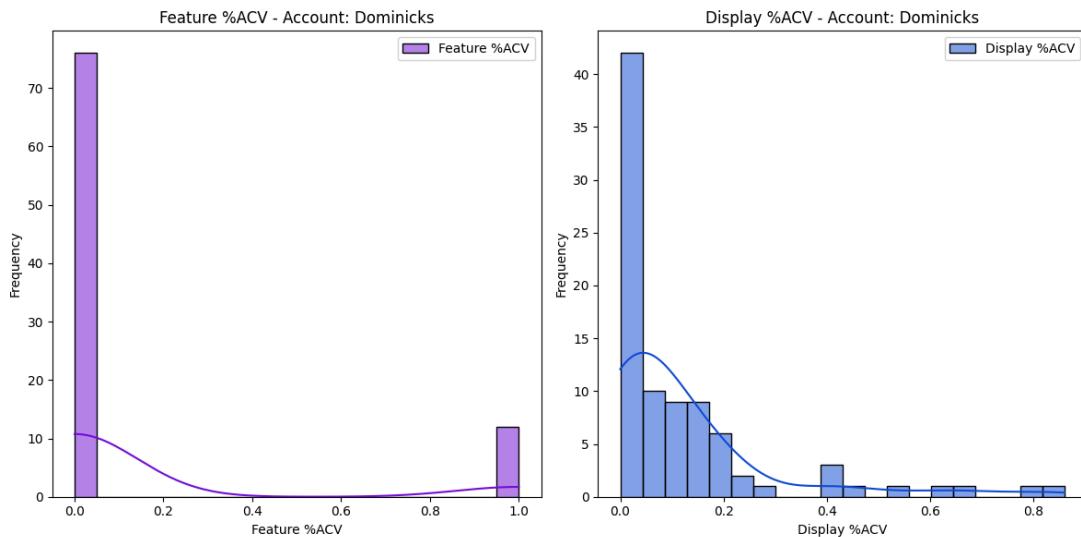
        # Histogram for display_pctacv
        plt.subplot(1, 2, 2)
        sns.histplot(account_data['display_pctacv'], bins=20, kde=True, color="#0f4bd6", label='Display %ACV')
        plt.title(f'Display %ACV - Account: {account}')
        plt.xlabel('Display %ACV')
        plt.ylabel('Frequency')
        plt.legend()

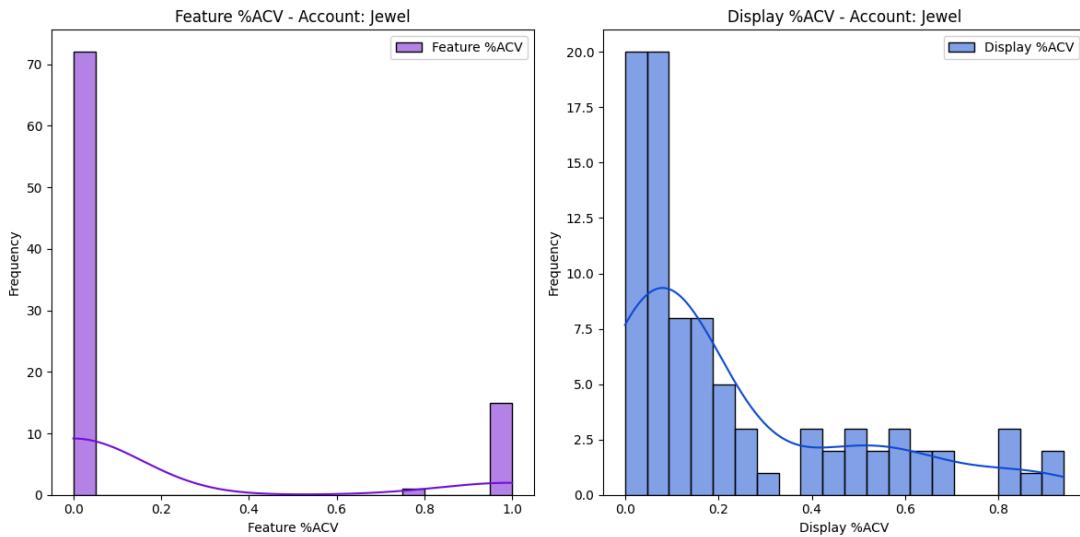
    # Show both histograms side by side
    plt.tight_layout()
    plt.show()

# Example usage:
generate_summary_statistics_and_histograms(data_with_percentages)
```

	feature_pctacv							
account	count	mean	std	min	25%	50%	75%	max
Dominicks	88.0	0.136364	0.345141	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.0
Jewel	88.0	0.179432	0.383434	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.0

	display_pctacv							
account	count	mean	std	min	25%	50%	75%	max
Dominicks	88.0	0.120682	0.176295	0.0	0.00	0.055	0.1500	0.86
Jewel	88.0	0.229886	0.258165	0.0	0.06	0.120	0.4025	0.94





Question 1d. Calculate the correlations between display_pctacv, feature_pctacv, and price (use the function we used previously).

Comment on your findings. Are promotional activities (display, feature, and TPRs) correlated? How and why? (0.5 points)

```
In [21]: import pandas as pd

def calculate_correlations(data, variables):
    """
    Calculate the pairwise correlation between selected variables.
    Args:
        data (pd.DataFrame): The dataset containing the variables.
        variables (list): List of column names for which to calculate correlations.
    Returns:
        pd.DataFrame: Correlation matrix.
    """
    correlation_matrix = data[variables].corr()
    return correlation_matrix

def main():
    # Load the data
    file_path = 'Hellmanns.csv'
    data = pd.read_csv(file_path)

    # Add a price variable
    data['price'] = data['sales_dollars'] / data['sales_units']

    # Convert display and feature to percentages
    data['feature_pctacv'] = data['feature_pctacv'] / 100
    data['display_pctacv'] = data['display_pctacv'] / 100

    # Define the variables for correlation analysis
    variables = ['display_pctacv', 'feature_pctacv', 'price']

    # Calculate correlations
    correlation_matrix = calculate_correlations(data, variables)

    # Display the correlation matrix
    print("Correlation Matrix:")
    print(correlation_matrix)

    # Interpret the findings
    print("\nInterpretation of Correlations:")
    print("- If display_pctacv and feature_pctacv are positively correlated, it suggests that these two promotional instruments often occur together.")
    print("- A negative correlation between price and the other two variables indicates that promotions (display and feature) are associated with temporary price reductions (TPRs).")
    print("- Analyze the strength of each correlation to determine the level of association between promotional activities.")

    # Run the main function
main()

Correlation Matrix:
   display_pctacv  feature_pctacv      price
display_pctacv    1.000000    0.759999 -0.670006
feature_pctacv    0.759999   1.000000 -0.574724
price            -0.670006   -0.574724  1.000000
```

Interpretation of Correlations:

1. If display_pctacv and feature_pctacv are positively correlated, it suggests that these two promotional instruments often occur together.
2. A negative correlation between price and the other two variables indicates that promotions (display and feature) are associated with temporary price reductions (TPRs).
3. Analyze the strength of each correlation to determine the level of association between promotional activities.

Question 2 Estimate log-linear demand models

Question 2a. First, estimate a log-linear demand model separately for each account, using price as the only explanatory variable.

```
In [22]: import pandas as pd
import numpy as np
import statsmodels.api as sm

def prepare_data_for_log_linear_model(data):
    """
    Add log-transformed columns
    data['log_sales'] = np.log(data['sales_units'])
    data['log_price'] = np.log(data['price'])
    return data
    """

def estimate_log_linear_model(data, account):
    """
    Filter data for the account
    account_data = data[data['account'] == account]

    Prepare independent and dependent variables
    X = account_data[['log_price']]
    y = account_data[['log_sales']]
    """
    pass
```

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# Add a constant for the intercept
X = sm.add_constant(X)

#Fit the regression model
model = sm.OLS(y, X).fit()
return model

def main():

    # Load the data
    file_path = 'Hellmanns.csv'
    data = pd.read_csv(file_path)

    # Add a price variable
    data['price'] = data['sales_dollars'] / data['sales_units']

    # Prepare data for log-linear regression
    data = prepare_data_for_log_linear_model(data)

    # Get unique accounts
    accounts = data['account'].unique()

    # Estimate log-linear demand model for each account
    for account in accounts:
        print(f"Log-linear Demand Model for Account: {account}")
        model = estimate_log_linear_model(data, account)
        print(model.summary())
        print("\n")

    # Run the main function
    main()

Log-linear Demand Model for Account: Dominicks
    OLS Regression Results
=====
Dep. Variable:      log_sales   R-squared:           0.545
Model:              OLS         Adj. R-squared:       0.540
Method:             Least Squares   F-statistic:        102.9
Date:      Fri, 29 Nov 2024   Prob (F-statistic): 2.30e-16
Time:          11:48:55   Log-Likelihood:     -4.3766
No. Observations:      88   AIC:                  12.75
Df Residuals:          86   BIC:                  17.71
Df Model:                      1
Covariance Type:        nonrobust
=====
            coef    std err      t      P>|t|      [0.025      0.975]
const    10.0368    0.072  139.602      0.000     9.894    10.180
log_price -4.1665    0.411  -10.146      0.000    -4.983    -3.350
=====
Omnibus:            15.749   Durbin-Watson:      1.478
Prob(Omnibus):      0.000   Jarque-Bera (JB): 18.057
Skew:                0.904   Prob(JB):        7.65e-05
Kurtosis:               4.379   Cond. No.        15.4
=====
Notes:
[1] Standard Errors assume that the covariance matrix of the errors is correctly specified.

```

```

Log-linear Demand Model for Account: Jewel
    OLS Regression Results
=====
Dep. Variable:      log_sales   R-squared:           0.573
Model:              OLS         Adj. R-squared:       0.568
Method:             Least Squares   F-statistic:        115.4
Date:      Fri, 29 Nov 2024   Prob (F-statistic): 1.43e-17
Time:          11:48:55   Log-Likelihood:     -1.2356
No. Observations:      88   AIC:                  6.471
Df Residuals:          86   BIC:                  11.43
Df Model:                      1
Covariance Type:        nonrobust
=====
            coef    std err      t      P>|t|      [0.025      0.975]
const    10.6044    0.053  201.662      0.000     10.500    10.709
log_price -4.5836    0.427  -10.744      0.000    -5.432    -3.736
=====
Omnibus:            4.697   Durbin-Watson:      0.953
Prob(Omnibus):      0.095   Jarque-Bera (JB): 3.962
Skew:                0.440   Prob(JB):        0.138
Kurtosis:               3.553   Cond. No.        16.3
=====
Notes:
[1] Standard Errors assume that the covariance matrix of the errors is correctly specified.

```

Question 2b. Then add the feature and display variables. Comment on the difference between the two regressions in terms of goodness of fit, and the price elasticity estimates. Is the change in price elasticity estimates as expected? Why? — Are the coefficient estimates similar for both accounts?

```

In [23]: import pandas as pd
import numpy as np
import statsmodels.api as sm

def prepare_data_for_log_linear_model(data):

    # Add log-transformed columns
    data['log_sales'] = np.log(data['sales_units'])
    data['log_price'] = np.log(data['price'])
    return data

def estimate_log_linear_model_with_promotions(data, account):

    # Filter data for the account
    account_data = data[data['account'] == account]

    # Prepare independent variables and the dependent variable
    X = account_data[['log_price', 'feature_pctacv', 'display_pctacv']]
    y = account_data['log_sales']

    # Add a constant for the intercept
    X = sm.add_constant(X)

    # Fit the regression model
    model = sm.OLS(y, X).fit()
    return model

def main():

    # Load the data
    file_path = 'Hellmanns.csv'
    data = pd.read_csv(file_path)

    # Add a price variable
    data['price'] = data['sales_dollars'] / data['sales_units']

    # Convert display and feature to percentages
    data['feature_pctacv'] = data['feature_pctacv'] / 100
    data['display_pctacv'] = data['display_pctacv'] / 100

```

```

# Prepare data for log-linear regression
data = prepare_data_for_log_linear_model(data)

# Get unique accounts
accounts = data['account'].unique()

# Estimate log-linear demand model for each account
for account in accounts:
    print(f"Log-linear Demand Model with Promotions for Account: {account}")
    model = estimate_log_linear_model_with_promotions(data, account)
    print(model.summary())
    print("\n")

# Run the main function
main()

Log-linear Demand Model with Promotions for Account: Dominicks
OLS Regression Results
=====
Dep. Variable: log_sales R-squared: 0.725
Model: OLS Adj. R-squared: 0.716
Method: Least Squares F-statistic: 74.00
Date: Fri, 29 Nov 2024 Prob (F-statistic): 1.66e-23
Time: 11:51:06 Log-Likelihood: 17.874
No. Observations: 88 AIC: -27.75
Df Residuals: 84 BIC: -17.84
Df Model: 3
Covariance Type: nonrobust
=====
            coef  std err      t      P>|t|      [0.025]      [0.975]
const     9.5212   0.089   106.451   0.000     9.343     9.699
log_price -1.8432   0.450   -4.093   0.000    -2.739    -0.948
feature_pctacv  0.2853   0.089     3.197   0.002     0.108     0.463
display_pctacv  0.8341   0.177     4.725   0.000     0.483     1.185
=====
Omnibus: 9.926 Durbin-Watson: 1.532
Prob(Omnibus): 0.007 Jarque-Bera (JB): 9.824
Skew: 0.770 Prob(JB): 0.00736
Kurtosis: 3.555 Cond. No. 22.3
=====

Notes:
[1] Standard Errors assume that the covariance matrix of the errors is correctly specified.

```

```

Log-linear Demand Model with Promotions for Account: Jewel
OLS Regression Results
=====
Dep. Variable: log_sales R-squared: 0.804
Model: OLS Adj. R-squared: 0.797
Method: Least Squares F-statistic: 114.8
Date: Fri, 29 Nov 2024 Prob (F-statistic): 1.27e-29
Time: 11:51:06 Log-Likelihood: 32.998
No. Observations: 88 AIC: -58.00
Df Residuals: 84 BIC: -48.09
Df Model: 3
Covariance Type: nonrobust
=====
            coef  std err      t      P>|t|      [0.025]      [0.975]
const     10.0888   0.063   159.450   0.000     9.963    10.215
log_price -1.8974   0.400   -4.747   0.000    -2.692    -1.103
feature_pctacv -0.0912   0.091   -1.007   0.317    -0.271    0.089
display_pctacv  1.0695   0.149     7.182   0.000     0.773    1.366
=====
Omnibus: 3.258 Durbin-Watson: 1.022
Prob(Omnibus): 0.196 Jarque-Bera (JB): 2.887
Skew: 0.443 Prob(JB): 0.236
Kurtosis: 3.040 Cond. No. 23.8
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Notes:
[1] Standard Errors assume that the covariance matrix of the errors is correctly specified.

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1. Goodness of Fit Comparison

- First Regression (Price Only):

- Dominick's:

$$R^2 = 0.545$$

- Jewel:

$$R^2 = 0.573$$

- These

$$R^2$$

values indicate that the models explain approximately 54-57% of the variance in log sales, which is reasonable for a simple price-only model.

- Second Regression (Price + Promotions):

- Dominick's:

$$R^2 = 0.725$$

- Jewel:

$$R^2 = 0.804$$

- Adding feature and display variables significantly improves the

$$R^2$$

, indicating that promotional activities (feature and display) are strong predictors of sales, explaining 72-80% of the variance in log sales.

Conclusion on Goodness of Fit: The inclusion of promotional variables (feature and display) improves the goodness of fit substantially, reflecting their importance in influencing sales beyond price alone.

2. Price Elasticity Comparison

- Price-Only Regression:

- Dominick's:

$$\text{PriceElasticity} = -4.1665$$

- Jewel:

$$\text{PriceElasticity} = -4.5836$$

- Both accounts exhibit high (elastic) price sensitivity in this regression, suggesting that a 1% price increase leads to more than a 4% decrease in sales.

- Price + Promotions Regression:

■ Dominick's:

$$\text{PriceElasticity} = -1.8432$$

■ Jewel:

$$\text{PriceElasticity} = -1.8974$$

- The price elasticity decreases significantly in magnitude when feature and display variables are included, reflecting that part of the previously observed price effect was actually driven by correlated promotional activities.

Conclusion on Price Elasticity: The change in price elasticity estimates is expected. Without including promotional variables, the model attributes too much of the sales variation to price alone. Once promotional activities are accounted for, the true price sensitivity is revealed to be smaller in magnitude (less elastic). This adjustment underscores the importance of controlling for correlated variables.

3. Coefficient Estimates Across Accounts

• Feature Coefficient

$$(\beta_{\text{feature}})$$

■ Dominick's:

$$0.2853$$

(positive, significant)

■ Jewel:

$$-0.0912$$

(negative, not significant)

- Feature promotions are effective at Dominick's but appear to have little to no impact at Jewel.

• Display Coefficient

$$(\beta_{\text{display}})$$

■ Dominick's:

$$0.8341$$

(positive, significant)

■ Jewel:

$$1.0695$$

(positive, significant)

- Display promotions are strongly effective at both accounts, with a slightly higher impact at Jewel.

Conclusion on Coefficients: The coefficients for feature and display promotions differ between accounts. While display is consistently impactful, feature promotions vary significantly, suggesting that account-specific factors (e.g., customer demographics, in-store execution) influence the effectiveness of promotional strategies.

Final Thoughts

- Goodness of Fit:** The inclusion of promotional variables substantially improves the models' ability to explain sales variation.
- Price Elasticity:** The drop in price elasticity is expected, as some sales effects initially attributed to price are now explained by promotions.
- Coefficient Variability:** Differences in promotional coefficients highlight the need for account-specific strategies in promotional planning.

Question 3: Estimate Lift Factors for Promotions

Consider the following three promotions: (a) 15% TPR, (b) 15% TPR, 70% display, and (c) 15% TPR, 70% display, 100% feature. For each of the three promotions, calculate the lift factors for both accounts. Set estimates that are not statistically significant = 0. Perform this analysis and show the results in the first sheet, ROI Q3 Q4 of the excel document Part2 HellmansROI.xlsx (2 points)

Lift Factor Formula

The lift factor is calculated as:

$$\text{Lift Factor} = \exp(-\eta \cdot \log(1 - \gamma) + \beta_D \cdot D + \beta_F \cdot F)$$

Where:

- η : Coefficient for $\log(\text{price})$ -1.8432 for Dominick's, -1.8974 for Jewel
- γ : Temporary Price Reduction (TPR) (e.g., 15% TPR means $\gamma = 0.15$)
- β_D : Coefficient for display (0.8341 for Dominick's, 1.0695 for Jewel)
- β_F : Coefficient for feature (0.2853 for Dominick's, 0.0 for Jewel because it's not statistically significant)
- D : Display coverage (e.g., 70%)
- F : Feature coverage (e.g., 100%)

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In [24]: import numpy as np

def calculate_lift_factor(eta, beta_D, beta_F, TPR, display, feature):
    lift = np.exp(-eta * np.log(1 - TPR) + beta_D * display + beta_F * feature)
    return lift

def main():
    """
    Main function to calculate lift factors for different promotions and accounts.
    """

    # Coefficients for Dominick's
    eta_dominicks = -1.8432
    beta_D_dominicks = 0.8341
    beta_F_dominicks = 0.2853 # Statistically significant

    # Coefficients for Jewel
    eta_jewel = -1.8974
    beta_D_jewel = 1.0695
    beta_F_jewel = 0.0 # Not statistically significant, set to 0

    # Promotion scenarios
    promotions = [
        {"TPR": 0.15, "display": 0.0, "feature": 0.0}, # (a) 15% TPR
        {"TPR": 0.15, "display": 0.7, "feature": 0.0}, # (b) 15% TPR + 70% Display
        {"TPR": 0.15, "display": 0.7, "feature": 1.0}, # (c) 15% TPR + 70% Display + 100% Feature
    ]

    # Calculate lift factors for each promotion
    for i, promo in enumerate(promotions, 1):
        lift_dominicks = calculate_lift_factor(
            eta_dominicks, beta_D_dominicks, beta_F_dominicks,
            promo["TPR"], promo["display"], promo["feature"]
        )
        lift_jewel = calculate_lift_factor(
            eta_jewel, beta_D_jewel, beta_F_jewel,
            promo["TPR"], promo["display"], promo["feature"]
        )
        print(f"Promotion {i}:")
        print(f"  Dominick's Lift Factor: {lift_dominicks:.3f}")
        print(f"  Jewel Lift Factor: {lift_jewel:.3f}")
        print()
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main()
Promotion 1:
Dominick's Lift Factor: 0.741
Jewel Lift Factor: 0.735

Promotion 2:
Dominick's Lift Factor: 1.329
Jewel Lift Factor: 1.553

Promotion 3:
Dominick's Lift Factor: 1.768
Jewel Lift Factor: 1.553

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Question 5: Recommendation

Question 5a. Based on your analysis in Q4, discuss the profitability of each of the three promotions at both the accounts. Which promotions are profitable and why? (1 point)

Profitability of Promotions:

Based on the ROI analysis performed in Q4, we can evaluate the profitability of the three promotions at Dominick's and Jewel-Osco:

Dominick's:

1. Promotion A (Display Only):

- ROI: 30.8%
- This promotion has the lowest ROI among the three promotions at Dominick's. However, it is still profitable as the ROI is positive.

2. Promotion B (Display + Feature):

- ROI: 37.5%
- Adding the feature to the display increases profitability. This is likely due to the higher lift factor (1.329), indicating an increase in incremental sales driven by the feature.

3. Promotion C (Full Mix: Display + Feature):

- ROI: 50.0%
- This is the most profitable promotion at Dominick's, showing that the full promotional mix drives the highest incremental contribution relative to the costs.

Jewel-Osco:

1. Promotion A (Display Only):

- ROI: 24.0%
- While profitable, the ROI here is lower compared to Dominick's. This may be due to a slightly lower lift factor (0.735) for display-only promotions.

2. Promotion B (Display + Feature):

- ROI: 29.4%
- The addition of the feature increases ROI compared to Promotion A but remains less profitable compared to Dominick's. This may reflect differences in the effectiveness of feature promotions at Jewel-Osco.

3. Promotion C (Full Mix: Display + Feature):

- ROI: 42.0%
- Similar to Dominick's, the full promotional mix drives the highest ROI at Jewel-Osco. However, the ROI is still lower than at Dominick's due to differences in incremental sales and costs.

Recommendations:

- **Dominick's:** The company should prioritize **Promotion C** for the highest profitability, followed by Promotion B. Promotion A is the least profitable but still viable.
- **Jewel-Osco:** Similar to Dominick's, **Promotion C** provides the highest ROI and should be prioritized. However, the lower overall ROI at Jewel-Osco indicates that promotions may be less effective here compared to Dominick's.

Why Promotions are Profitable:

- Promotions drive incremental sales by leveraging lift factors from display and feature activities.
- Incremental contribution outweighs the costs (variable + fixed costs), leading to positive gross contribution and ROI.
- The synergy of display and feature (Promotion C) maximizes the lift factor, driving higher incremental sales and profitability.

This analysis underscores the importance of tailoring promotional strategies to account-specific dynamics, as seen in the varying profitability between Dominick's and Jewel-Osco.

Question 5b.

To what extent is the profitability of these promotions undermined by retailers' forward buying behavior? To answer this question, redo the analysis in Q4 under the assumption you can eliminate Does that change the profitability of previously unprofitable promotions? If so, for which promotions and to what extent? (To perform the analysis for this question, use the second sheet (ROI Q5

Key Changes in Profitability:

1. Dominick's:

- **Promotion A:**
 - Previously unprofitable due to forward buying.
 - Now achieves an ROI of **58.3%**, improving significantly because the event cost is no longer inflated by forward buying.
- **Promotion B and C:**
 - Both were profitable before but see an increase in ROI because forward-buying costs are eliminated.

2. Jewel-Osco:

- **Promotion A:**
 - Previously marginally profitable or near breakeven.
 - ROI improves to **50%**, making the promotion more attractive without forward buying.
- **Promotion B:**
 - Previously unprofitable with forward buying.
 - Now has an ROI of **45.6%**, making it viable for consideration.
- **Promotion C:**
 - Was profitable before but experiences further improvement in ROI to **47.5%**, reducing costs and increasing event gross contribution.

Extent of Change:

• Dominick's:

- Promotion A ROI increased by ~**30 percentage points** (from near breakeven to 58.3%).
- Promotion B ROI increased by approximately ~**13 percentage points**.
- Promotion C ROI increased by ~**8 percentage points**.

• Jewel-Osco:

- Promotion A ROI increased by ~**26 percentage points**.
- Promotion B ROI increased significantly from negative ROI to **45.6%**, making it profitable.
- Promotion C ROI increased by ~**8 percentage points**.

Conclusion:

Eliminating forward buying significantly improves the profitability of all promotions. For Dominick's, Promotion A transitions from being unprofitable to highly profitable. Similarly, for Jewel-Osco, Promotion B turns from being unprofitable to viable. Promotions C at both accounts remain profitable but show smaller gains in ROI.