

# Almond Profit Model

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## Almond Profit Model - Informal Sensitivity Analysis

### EDS230 Assignment 4

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### Load Data and function

```
almonds <- read.table(here::here("assignment3", "clim.txt"),
                      header = TRUE)

source(here::here("assignment3", "R", "almond_yield_function.R"))

source(here::here("assignment3", "R", "almond_profit_function.R"))
```

### Prices

Create a list of almond prices over the years

From *United States Department of Agriculture National Agricultural Statistics Service: 2024 California Almond Objective Measurement Report*

```
p <- c(2.48, 2.08, 1.56, 1.41, 0.86, 0.97, 0.91, 1.11, 1.57, 2.21, 2.81, 2.06, 1.75, 1.45)
```

### Run function

```
almond_profit_function(almond_df = almonds, prices = p)
```

	year	avg_tmin_c	sum_precip	yield_anomaly	avg_price_ton	cost
1	1989	8.640417	2.798	-0.3552237	3987.586	186.4900
2	1990	8.681270	55.812	9.2906757	3987.586	203.2741
3	1991	10.391468	135.337	68.9130633	3987.586	221.5687
4	1992	11.908525	69.640	15.4280698	3987.586	241.5099
5	1993	10.939464	77.903	20.2083803	3987.586	263.2458
6	1994	9.623710	34.804	2.4820009	3987.586	286.9379
7	1995	12.586270	676.512	1919.9811511	3987.586	312.7623
8	1996	12.040460	40.252	3.5818399	3987.586	340.9109

9	1997	9.988571	285.296	329.6938750	3987.586	371.5929
10	1998	11.484643	89.762	27.8636956	3987.586	405.0363
11	1999	8.103690	0.000	-0.1436364	3987.586	441.4895
12	2000	11.614732	57.318	9.5999883	3987.586	481.2236
13	2001	8.822143	201.041	159.5119587	3987.586	524.5337
14	2002	7.719107	20.338	0.2450914	3987.586	571.7418
15	2003	9.312381	0.000	-0.2585997	3987.586	623.1985
16	2004	7.889272	14.478	-0.2367722	3987.586	679.2864
17	2005	10.423869	399.034	656.3724121	3987.586	740.4222
18	2006	9.374365	74.930	18.6324135	3987.586	807.0602
19	2007	10.046329	77.724	20.2007396	3987.586	879.6956
20	2008	9.239175	374.396	576.2821943	3987.586	958.8682
21	2009	8.556669	24.892	0.7367438	3987.586	1045.1663
22	2010	9.894963	197.612	153.7655092	3987.586	1139.2313

	yield	revenue	profit
1	0.5447763	2172.343	1985.853
2	10.1906757	40636.198	40432.924
3	69.8130633	278385.608	278164.040
4	16.3280698	65109.586	64868.076
5	21.1083803	84171.486	83908.240
6	3.3820009	13486.020	13199.082
7	1920.8811511	7659679.183	7659366.421
8	4.4818399	17871.723	17530.812
9	330.5938750	1318271.576	1317899.983
10	28.7636956	114697.716	114292.680
11	0.7563636	3016.065	2574.575
12	10.4999883	41869.608	41388.385
13	160.4119587	639656.514	639131.980
14	1.1450914	4566.151	3994.409
15	0.6414003	2557.639	1934.440
16	0.6632278	2644.678	1965.392
17	657.2724121	2620930.405	2620189.983
18	19.5324135	77887.183	77080.122
19	21.1007396	84141.018	83261.323
20	577.1821943	2301563.757	2300604.889
21	1.6367438	6526.657	5481.491
22	154.6655092	616742.051	615602.820

## Sensitivity Analysis

1. Varies the temperature and precipitation inputs + price + discount rate
2. Runs function for various simulations
3. Extracts mean profit

```
# Generate parameter samples: tmin, precip, discount rate, and price
nsamples <- 300 # number of samples
mean_tmin <- rnorm(mean = 12, sd = 2, n = nsamples)
mean_precip <- rnorm(mean = 1, sd = 0.5, n = nsamples)
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dis_rate <- rnorm(mean = 0.08, sd = 0.015, n = nsamples)

price_base <- 1.80
price_sd <- 0.80
p <- runif(max = price_base + price_sd * price_base,
           min = price_base - price_sd * price_base,
           n = nsamples)

# Put samples together
parms <- cbind.data.frame(mean_tmin, mean_precip, dis_rate, p)

# RUN THE SIMULATION OVER THE 300 SAMPLES
# Use pmap with wrapper (because the `almond_profit_function` needs a dataframe, not scalar)
# `results` is results of 300 different simulations
results <- parms %>%
  pmap(function(mean_tmin, mean_precip, dis_rate, p) {
    almond_df <- data.frame(
      tmin_c = rnorm(mean = mean_tmin, sd = 3, n = 40),
      precip = rnorm(mean = mean_precip, sd = 2, n = 40),
      month = c(rep(1, 20), rep(2, 20)),
      year = rep(1981:2000, times = 2)
    )
    almond_profit_function(almond_df, prices = p, discount_rate = dis_rate)
  })

# Extract mean profit column from each simulation result
mean_profit <- map_dbl(results, ~mean(.x$profit, na.rm = TRUE))
# mean_profit <- map_df(results, `[, c("mean")]`

# Add parameter values to the profit results
mean_profit <- cbind.data.frame(mean_profit, parms)

head(mean_profit)

```

	mean_profit	mean_tmin	mean_precip	dis_rate	p
1	-152.4104	13.37059	1.5575669	0.08074992	2.605456
2	1429.9731	9.24457	0.9680531	0.07686803	1.441741
3	-467.6304	14.20012	0.6684347	0.07756649	1.784267
4	2064.5519	10.87261	1.2553644	0.07961465	2.827675
6	308.9328	11.17399	1.0319823	0.10475015	0.803181

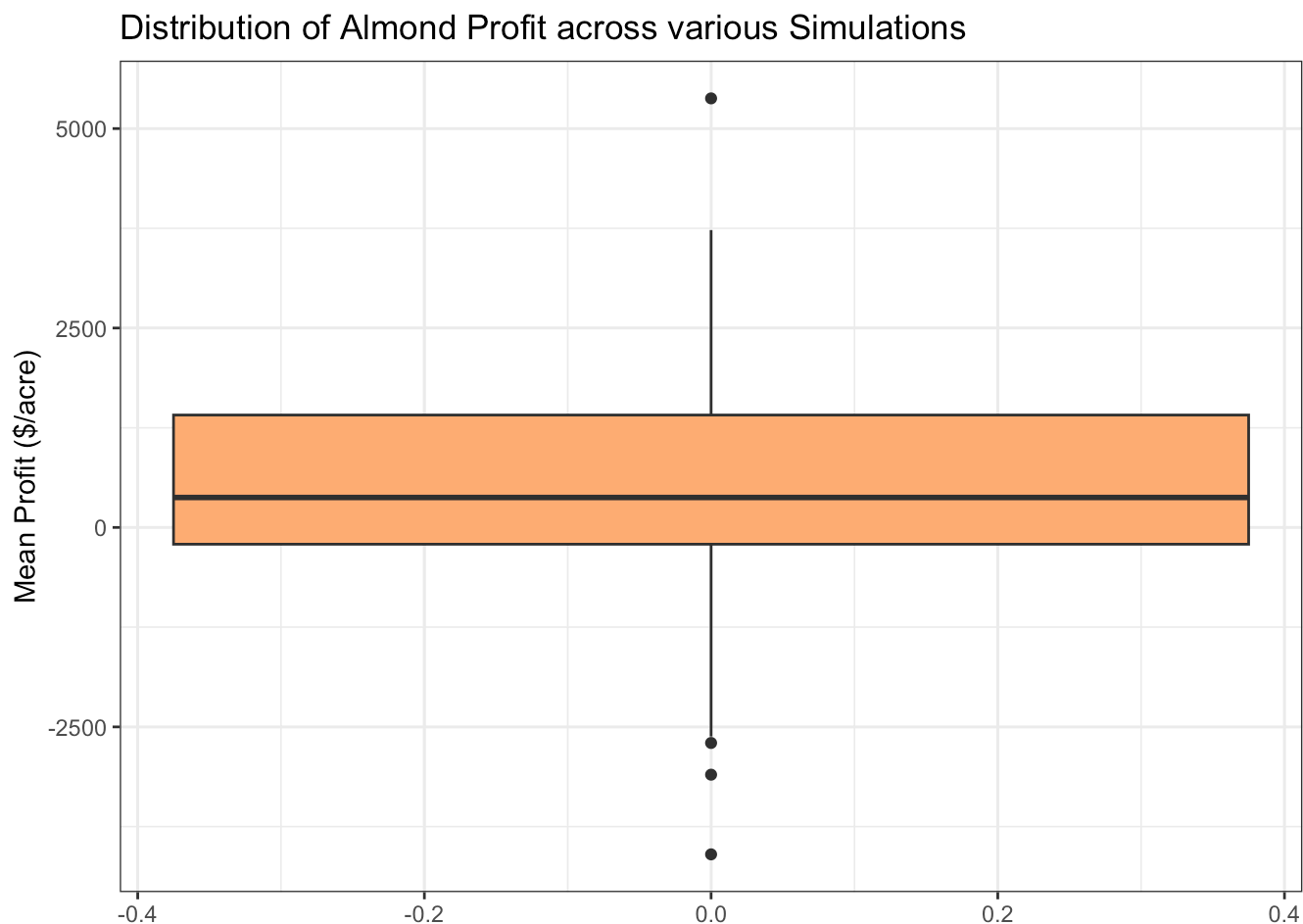
## Graphs

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# 1) box or violin of mean_profit
ggplot(mean_profit) +
  geom_boxplot(aes(y = mean_profit), fill = "#ffad76") +

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labs(y = "Mean Profit ($/acre)",
     title = "Distribution of Almond Profit across various Simulations") +
theme_bw()
```



```
# 2). Parameter SENSITIVITY – profit responds to each parameter
# Temperature sensitivity (and mean_profit)
plot_tmin <- ggplot(mean_profit, aes(x = mean_tmin, y = mean_profit)) +
  geom_point(col = "sandybrown",
            alpha = 0.8) +
  geom_smooth(col = "firebrick") +
  theme_minimal() +
  labs(x = "Mean Minimum Temperature (C)",
       y = "Mean Almond Profit ($/acre)",
       title = "Almond Profit in Reponse to Temperature Variation")

# Precipitation sensitivity (and mean_profit)
plot_precip <- ggplot(mean_profit, aes(x = mean_precip, y = mean_profit)) +
  geom_point(col = "skyblue2",
            alpha = 0.8) +
  geom_smooth(col = "firebrick") +
  theme_minimal() +
  labs(x = "Mean Minimum Precipitation",
       y = "Mean Almond Profit ($/acre)",
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    title = "Almond Profit in Reponse to Precipitation Variation")

# Price sensitivity (and mean_profit)
plot_price <- ggplot(mean_profit, aes(x = p, y = mean_profit)) +
  geom_point(col = "seagreen3",
            alpha = 0.8) +
  geom_smooth(col = "firebrick") +
  theme_minimal() +
  labs(x = "Almond Price ($/lb)",
       y = "Mean Almond Profit ($/acre)",
       title = "Almond Profit in Reponse to Price Variation")

# Discount Rate sensitivity (and mean_profit)
plot_discount <- ggplot(mean_profit, aes(x = dis_rate, y = mean_profit)) +
  geom_point(col = "plum",
            alpha = 0.8) +
  geom_smooth(col = "firebrick") +
  theme_minimal() +
  labs(x = "Discount Rate",
       y = "Mean Almond Profit ($/acre)",
       title = "Almond Profit in Reponse to Discount Rate Variation")

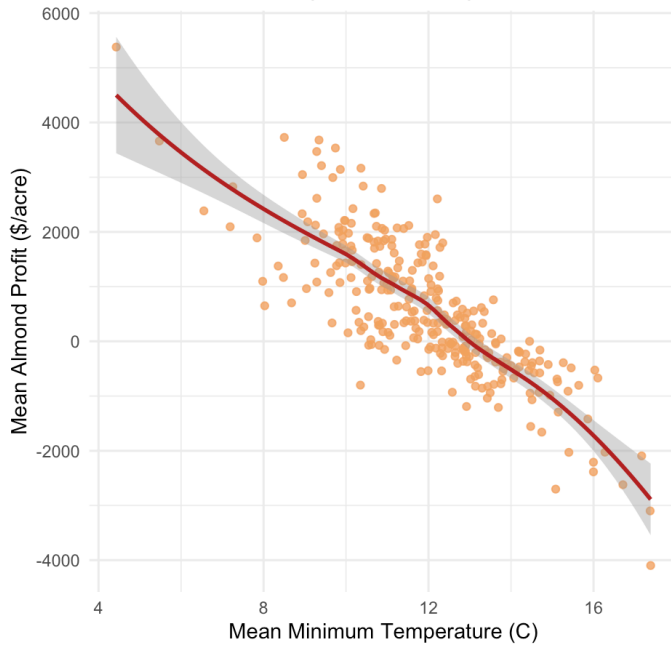
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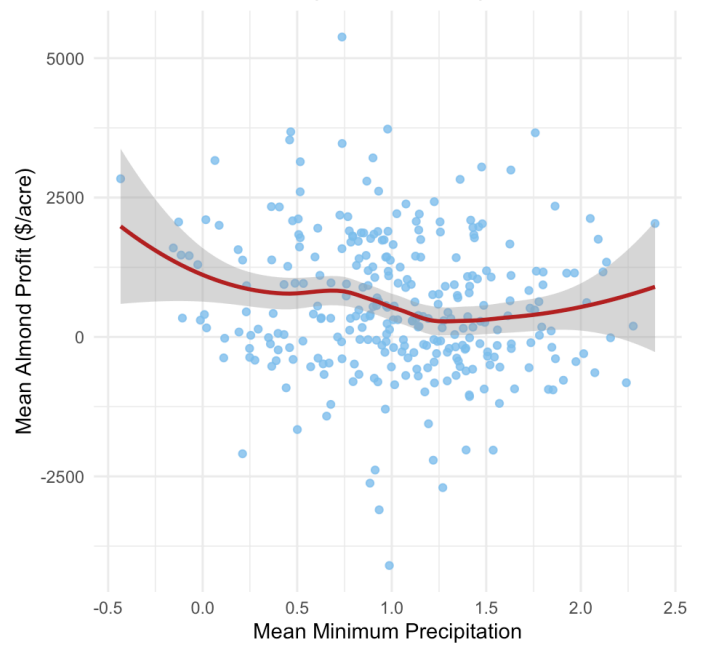
main_plot <- (plot_tmin + plot_precip) / (plot_price + plot_discount)
main_plot

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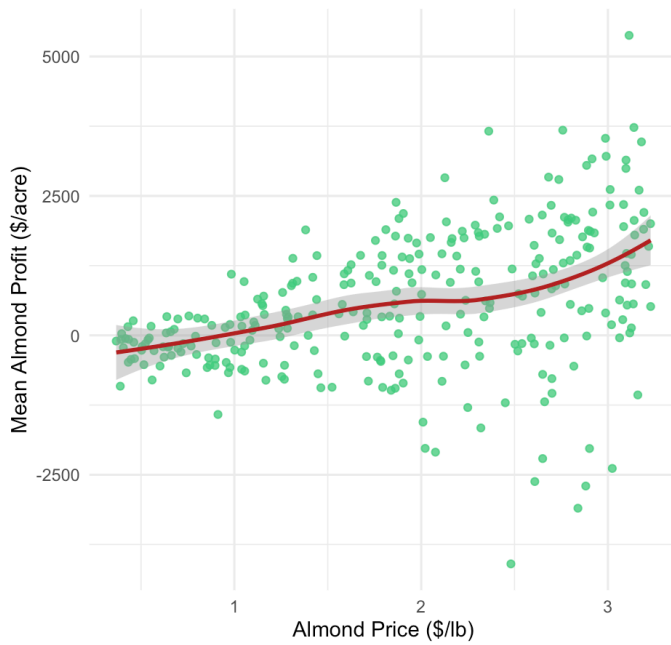
Almond Profit in Reponse to Temperature Variation



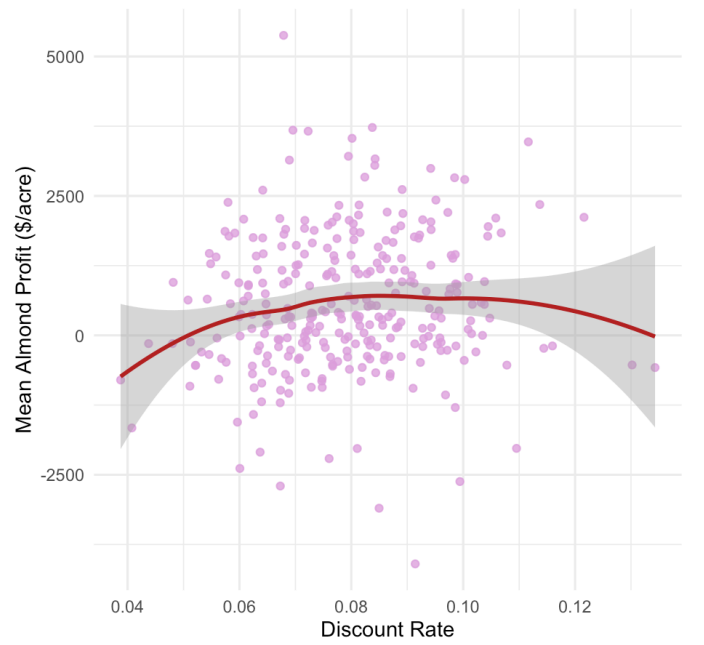
Almond Profit in Reponse to Precipitation Variation



Almond Profit in Reponse to Price Variation



Almond Profit in Reponse to Discount Rate Variation



```
ggsave(here::here("figs", "assignment4_sensitive_analysis.png"), height = 10, width = 10)
```