

# 1 Executive Summary

In this notebook, I am going to show why we should use relative weight analysis instead of running a linear regression analysis in some business settings. Also I will discuss the importance of considering the tradeoff between best business outcome and the best machine learning outcome.

**Business Problem:** We are asked to advise the product design team on the best features of a candy. This recommendation should results in designing a good-selling candy as well.

I am going to use Relative Weight Analysis (both manually and through "relativeImp" Python Package) and drive some implications.

## 2 Introduction

As we know, in a linear regression, importance of features of a product is abstracted from the identified coefficients, using the P-value of each feature to define whether we can take that as reliable or not. However, if predictors are linearly dependent or highly correlated, the OLS becomes unstable. Therefore, we need a tool to tell us how much each feature contributes to criterion variance ( $R^2$ ).

**Relative Weight Analysis** relies on the decomposition of  $R^2$  to assign importance to each predictor. RWA solves this problem by creating predictors that are orthogonal to one another and regressing on these without the effects of multicollinearity. They are then transformed back to the metric of the original predictors.

In its raw form, Relative Weight Analysis returns raw importance scores whose sum equals to the overall  $R^2$  of a model; it's normalized form allows us to say "Feature X accounts for Z% of variance in target variable Y."

## 3 Importing the Libraries

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In [199]: 1 import pandas as pd
          2 import numpy as np
          3 from ipywidgets import interact, interactive, fixed, interact_manual
          4 import ipywidgets as widgets
```

## 4 Reading the Data

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In [200]: 1 df=pd.read_csv('Downloads/candy-data_csv.csv')
          2 df
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Out[200]:

	competitorname	chocolate	fruity	caramel	peanutyalmondy	nougat	crispedricewafer	hard	bar	pluribus	sugarplum
0	100 grand	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	0
1	3 musketeers	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0
2	one dime	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
3	one quarter	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
4	air heads	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
80	twizzlers	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
81	warheads	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
82	welchs fruit snacks	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
83	wethers original caramel	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
84	whoppers	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1

85 rows × 13 columns

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In [201]: 1 feature_list= df.columns[1:].to_list()
          2 feature_list
```

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Out[201]: ['chocolate',
           'fruity',
           'caramel',
           'peanutyalmondy',
           'nougat',
           'crispedricewafer',
           'hard',
           'bar',
           'pluribus',
           'sugarpercent',
           'pricepercent',
           'winpercent']
```

```
In [202]: 1 result_df= pd.DataFrame(columns=["Driver", "Normalized_RW(Sugarpercent)",
          2 "Normalized_RW(Pricepercent)",
          3 "Normalized_RW(Winpercent)"])
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In [203]: 1 result_df.Driver= feature_list[0:-3]
```

## 5 Relative Weight Analysis

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In [204]: 1 diag[diag_idx] = w_corr_Xs
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In [205]: 1 # For each criterion
          2 for i in range(3):
          3
          4     # Get a correlation between all of the dependent and independent variables.
          5     corr_matrix = df[feature_list].apply(pd.to_numeric, errors = 'coerce').corr()
          6     corr_Xs = corr_matrix.iloc[0:-3, 0:-3].copy()
          7     corr_Xy = corr_matrix.iloc[0:-3, 9 + i].copy()
          8
          9     # To get around the issue of multi-collinearity
         10     # Create orthogonal predictors using eigenvectors and eigenvalues on the correlation ma
         11     # v_corr_Xs = eigenvector matrix
         12     w_corr_Xs, v_corr_Xs = np.linalg.eig(corr_Xs)
         13
         14     # create a diagonal matrix of eigenvalues
         15     diag_idx = np.diag_indices(len(corr_Xs))
         16
         17     # Number of features=9
         18     diag = np.zeros((9, 9), float)
         19     diag[diag_idx] = w_corr_Xs
         20
         21     # make the square root of eigenvalues in the diagonal matrix
         22     delta = np.sqrt(diag)
         23
         24     #Multiply the eigenvector matrix and its transposition
         25     coef_xz = v_corr_Xs @ delta @ v_corr_Xs.transpose()
         26
         27     #To get the partial effect of each independent variable, we apply matrix multiplication
         28     # to the inverse and correlation matrices
         29     coef_yz = np.linalg.inv(coef_xz) @ corr_Xy
         30
         31     #the sum of the squares of coef_yz above is the total sum of the R2!
         32     r2 = sum(np.square(coef_yz))
         33
         34     # We calculate the relative weight as the multiplication of the matrix in Step 2 and st
         35     raw_relative_weights = np.square(coef_xz) @ np.square(coef_yz)
         36
         37     # The normalized version is then the percentage of r2 that these account for.
         38     normalized_relative_weights = (raw_relative_weights/r2)*100
         39
         40     # Adding the result to the dataframe
         41     result_df.iloc[:,i + 1 ]=normalized_relative_weights.tolist()
```

## 6 Linking the Results with a Widget

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In [206]: 1 def f(Criterion):
          2     return (result_df.sort_values(by=Criterion, ascending=True))
```

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In [207]: 1 interact(f, Criterion=['Normalized_RW(Sugarpercent)', 'Normalized_RW(Pricepercent)', 'Normali
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Criterion

	Driver	Normalized_RW(Sugarpercent)	Normalized_RW(Pricepercent)	Normalized_RW(Winpercent)
4	nougat	7.416660	3.032290	2.071375
2	caramel	36.358567	6.044282	2.582745
8	pluribus	13.367345	3.659472	2.645129
6	hard	14.294456	4.024305	7.363685
1	fruity	4.222516	11.473136	8.198689
7	bar	6.362093	29.225846	8.436575
5	crispedricewafer	3.201877	10.230328	9.611686
3	peanutyalmondy	6.911266	11.123301	17.207186
0	chocolate	7.865219	21.187039	41.882931

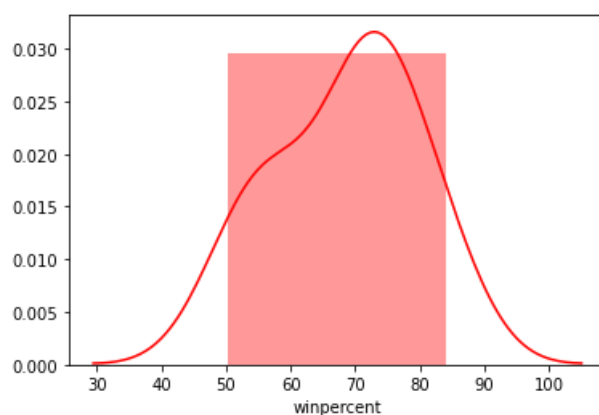
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Out[207]: <function __main__.f(Criterion)>
```

## 7 Conclusion

Looking at the results, one can easily see that "chocolate" and "peanutyalmondy" flavors wins if we only consider the "Winpercent". This is actually what customer wants but is it the most profitable option for the business? If we change the criterion to "Pricepercent", we can see that the position of "nougat" in the ranking is the lowest.

```
In [208]: 1 # most wanted features
          2 import seaborn as sns
          3 sns.distplot( df.loc[((df['peanutyalmondy'] == 1) & (df['chocolate'] == 1))]['winpercent'],
          4             color="red", label="With_Nuts")
```

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Out[208]: <matplotlib.axes._subplots.AxesSubplot at 0x1c9fc4a0d88>
```

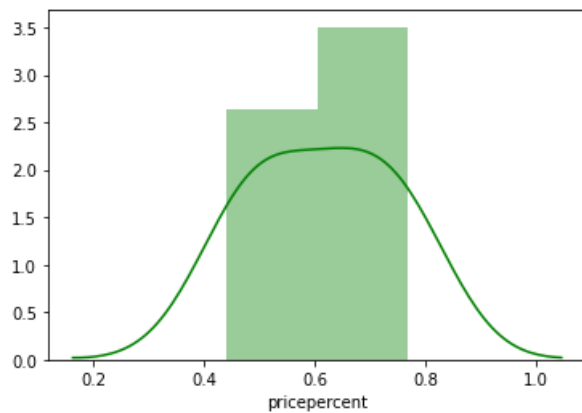


```
In [209]: 1 # We have 12 of such configurations in our inventory
          2 df.loc[((df['peanutyalmondy'] == 1) & (df['chocolate'] == 1))].count().unique()
```

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Out[209]: array([12], dtype=int64)
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In [210]: 1 # Leads to the Lowest price during the production Line
2 sns.distplot( df.loc[((df['nougat'] == 1) )]['pricepercent'],
3               color="green", label="Low_Price")
```

Out[210]: <matplotlib.axes.\_subplots.AxesSubplot at 0x1c9fd77cb88>

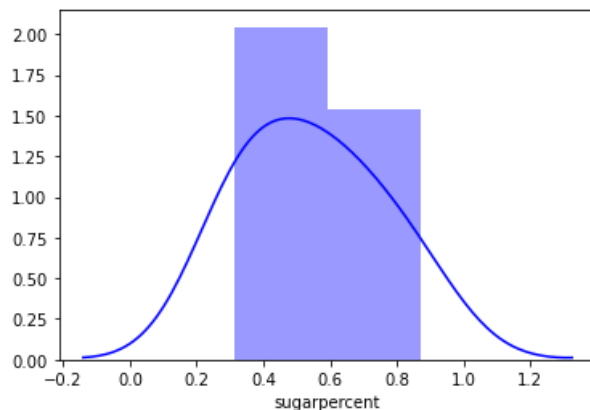


```
In [211]: 1 # we have 7 of them in our inventory
2 df.loc[(df['nougat'] == 1)].count().unique()
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Out[211]: array([7], dtype=int64)

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In [212]: 1 # Contains the Lowest Level of sugar in it
2 sns.distplot( df.loc[((df['crispedricewafer'] == 1) )]['sugarpercent'],
3               color="blue", label="fff")
```

Out[212]: <matplotlib.axes.\_subplots.AxesSubplot at 0x1c9fd9cea88>



```
In [213]: 1 # we have 7 of them in our inventory
2 df.loc[(df['crispedricewafer'] == 1)].count().unique()
```

Out[213]: array([7], dtype=int64)

```
In [214]: 1 # we have 0 of them in our inventory
2 df.loc[((df['nougat'] == 1) & (df['crispedricewafer'] == 1) & (df['peanutyalmondy'] == 1)
3         & (df['chocolate'] == 1) )].count().unique()
```

Out[214]: array([0], dtype=int64)

This Combination probably has the potential to enter our production line, since it is cheaper, has less sugar and has the highest winning point features.

## 8 RWA using "relativeImp" Python Package

```
In [215]: 1 from relativeImp import relativeImp
          2
          3 yName = 'winpercent'
          4 xNames = [
          5     'chocolate',
          6     'fruity',
          7     'caramel',
          8     'peanutyalmondy',
          9     'nougat',
         10     'crispedricewafer',
         11     'hard',
         12     'bar',
         13     'pluribus']
          14
         15 df_results_win = relativeImp(df, outcomeName = yName, driverNames = xNames)
         16 df_results
```

As we can see, the obtained results are identical, so we can drive the same implications.

Reference: Modified version of the following post

[1] <https://towardsdatascience.com/key-driver-analysis-in-python-788beb9b8a7d> (<https://towardsdatascience.com/key-driver-analysis-in-python-788beb9b8a7d>)