

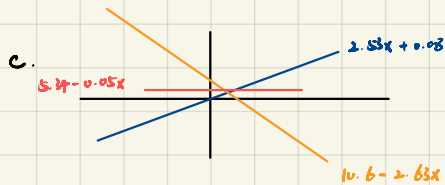
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a. $Y = -2.55 + 3.32X_1 + 2.63X_2 - 1.29X_1X_2$

b. A linear term for both X_1 and X_2 and an interaction term X_1X_2 .

Interaction term $X_1X_2 \rightarrow$ Create a surface that is not a simple plane, but a more complex shape that can twist and bend in the $X_1 - X_2$ plane.

The sign of the interaction term is negative, which suggests that the effect of increasing one of the variables X_1 or X_2 decreases as the other variable increases. This could result in a saddle-shaped or twisted plane surface.



d. In the context of a regression model, saying X_1 and X_2 interact means that the effect of X_1 on the response variable Y is not constant but depends on the value of X_2 , and vice versa.

The term $-1.29X_1X_2$ is an interaction term.

The graph in part c shows three lines. If X_1 and X_2 did not interact, we would expect these lines to be parallel because changing the value of X_2 would simply shift the line up or down without changing the slope. However, the lines are not parallel, indicating that the slope of the relationship between Y and X_1 changes with different levels of X_2 . This would be a graphical representation of the interaction between X_1 and X_2 .

e. $H_0: \beta_{X_1X_2} = 0 \quad H_a: \beta_{X_1X_2} \neq 0$

f. Given: p -value for the interaction term X_1X_2 is 0.000.
 $p\text{-value} < \alpha = 0.01$

Reject the H_0 .

This means that we have strong evidence to suggest that there is an interaction between X_1 and X_2 .

Therefore, the effect of X_1 on the response variable Y depends on the value of X_2 , and vice versa.

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a. "Sorghum (x_1)" and "Sorghum \times Interest (x_1x_2)" have p -values less than 0.05, which means they are statistically significant at the 0.05 level. Thus, we can conclude that the model is statistically useful in predicting y because at least one predictor is statistically significant.

b. The p -value for the interaction term x_1x_2 is less than 0.01.

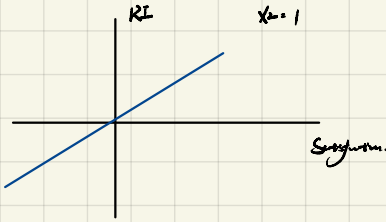
$$p\text{-value} < 0.05$$

Reject H_0 .

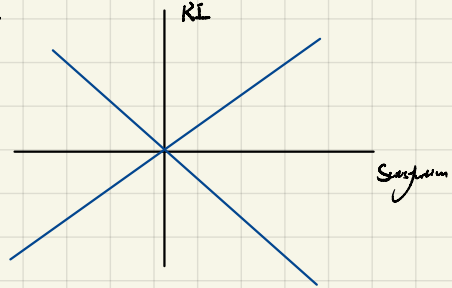
This means we have strong evidence to suggest that there is an interaction between Sorghum (x_1) and Retailer Interest (x_2).

Further, the effect of Sorghum on the willingness of the consumer to shop at a retailer's store in the future depends on the level of Retailer Interest, and vice versa.

c.

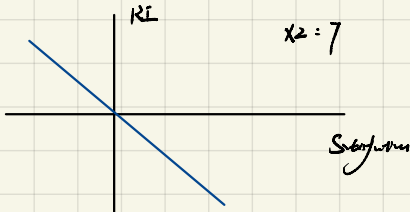


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The slope of the relationship between sorghum and response intentions changes depending on the level of retailer interest.

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a. Minority female as the base level

$$\begin{aligned} \# \text{ of dummy variables} &= \# \text{ of categories} - 1 \\ &= 2 \end{aligned}$$

D_1 : Represents Black Caucasian category. If the subject is a Black Caucasian, $D_1 = 1$. If not (either BL or MF), $D_1 = 0$.

D_2 : Represents Black Caucasian category. If the subject is Black Caucasian, $D_2 = 1$. If not (either Black Caucasian or MF), $D_2 = 0$.

Base level (MF) being represented when D_1 and $D_2 = 0$

$$b. E(y) = \beta_0 + \beta_1 D_1 + \beta_2 D_2 + \epsilon$$

$$c. E(y)_{\text{Black Caucasian}} = \beta_0 + \beta_1$$

$$\beta_2 = 0$$

$$d. E(y)_{\text{Black Caucasian} - \text{MF}} = (\beta_0 + \beta_1) - \beta_0 = \beta_1$$

e. $\beta_2 > 0$: β_2 represents the difference in MC between Black Caucasian and MF subjects. A positive β_2 would indicate that Black Caucasian subjects, on average, were more judicious than MF subjects.

$\beta_2 = 0$: β_2 represents the difference in MC between Black Caucasian and MF subjects. A β_2 of zero would indicate that there is no difference in the mean contribution levels between Black Caucasian and MF subjects.

β_2 could be either positive or negative and doesn't directly relate to the theory.

f. The results findings are:

- The β estimate for the Black Caucus dummy variable is positive and significantly different from 0 (p-value < 0.01).

This suggests that Black Caucus members, on average, raise more funds than others, which aligns with the theory.

- The β estimate for the Brown Caucus dummy variable is positive but not significantly different from 0 (p-value > 0.01).

This suggests that there is no significant difference in the mean contribution levels between Brown Caucus and MF members, which also aligns with the theory.

In conclusion, the research findings support the theory.