Executive Summary

World is shifting into digital platforms...

Most consumer and business purchases happen after multiple touchpoints with various factors affecting the decision. Marketing data can be mined to reveal the decision making patterns through marketing mix modeling.

MMM can help you answer the following questions

What impact do each of my campaigns have? What is the cost per conversion and ROI? What should I do to maximize my revenue and profits?
Calculates ROI on Marketing
Reflects upon past marketing decisions by calculating ROI

Explains Performance Change
Diagnoses the reasons for the change in business performance by considering the impact of different internal (Advertising, Media selection, Trade promotion, etc.) and external factors (Pricing, Seasonality, Trends, etc.)

Strategic Importance
Why do you need MMM?
Understanding MMM

MMM is the use of statistical and analytical tools to quantify the impact of past marketing decisions and predict future sales impact for different marketing spend scenarios. It quantifies the impact of individual marketing activities on revenues, volume and price perception.

How does it work?

MMM is basically a combination of Attribution modeling & optimization, put together. MMMs can be built using Linear/Non-linear Regression methods, Influence maximization approach, Agent based approach or Empirical methods.
Attribution Modeling

Attribution models attribute past sales/conversions to different marketing channels, campaigns, and resources used. These models range from single factor models to advanced models with varying levels of complexity.

Optimization

Optimization models then use the results from Attribution modeling to find: The optimum marketing budget needed to attain a given amount of sales (or) The optimum marketing mix for a given marketing budget

Types of MMM

Regression techniques are the oldest to have been used for MMM. We can construct a regression equation that considers proportion of investments in different marketing channels and develop an algorithm to maximize revenues.
Key Success Factors
For Implementation of Market Mix Modeling

Availability of Data
Success of MMM efforts depends largely on availability of sufficient and accurate data.

Internal Alignment
Model’s data architecture should be compatible with organization’s IT architecture and aligned with company’s internal processes.
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Optimizing Marketing Spend with Marketing Mix Model

Executive Summary

Companies face the challenge of allocating their fixed marketing budget among various marketing channels. Marketing Mix Modeling (MMM) can measure the impact of your marketing investments on sales and optimize your marketing spend.

Most purchases are affected by online and offline factors. Digital platforms like Google, YouTube, Instagram, Twitter, Facebook, Internet display ads, brand’s website etc. can not only deliver targeted content to the right consumers, but also rapidly measure their response and give us detailed data to the last level of customer interaction. This data can be mined to understand how each key word/campaign/media contributes to your sales and unravel purchase behavior. Some questions MMM can help you answer are:

- What impact do my campaigns have on revenue and profitability?
- What impact do my digital campaigns have, combined with other media campaigns?

In this case study, we focus on Non-linear regression models and Relative Importance methods to quantify media effectiveness and optimize your marketing spend across digital and other media.
What is Marketing Mix Modeling?

MMM is the use of statistical and analytical tools to quantify the impact of past marketing decisions and predict future sales impact for different marketing spend scenarios. MMM quantifies the impact of individual marketing activities on revenues, volume and price perception.

Strategic Importance of Market Mix Modeling

- Reflects upon past marketing decisions by calculating ROMI
- Quantifies impact of marketing variables on base & incremental revenue
- Distinguishes the reasons for the change in business performance by considering the impact of different internal (Advertising, Media selection, Trade promotion, etc.) and external factors (Pricing, Seasonality, Trends, etc.)
- Enables ‘What-If’ analysis to apprise you on the possible results of marketing budget reallocation scenarios
- Optimizes marketing spend by maximizing ROMI
- Helps understand the short term Vs. long term impact of marketing activities

Attribution Modeling & Optimization

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- Attribution models attribute past sales / conversions to different marketing channels, campaigns and resources used. These models range from single factor models to advanced models with varying levels of complexity.
- Optimization models then use the results from Attribution modeling to find:
  - the optimum marketing budget needed to attain a given amount of sales (or)
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Types of Market Mix Modeling

MMMs can be built using Linear/Non-linear Regression methods, Influence maximization approach, Agent based approach or Empirical methods.

Regression techniques are the oldest to have been used for MMM. We can construct a regression equation that considers proportion of investments in different marketing channels and develop an algorithm to maximize revenues. Here, we focus particularly on Non-linear regression models for MMM.

Non-linear regression models can manage increased complexity of marketing variables by fitting a flexible spline to data, instead of a straight line. This gives more flexibility to incorporate as well as capture complex aspects like interactions/synergies within and between media groups, carryover effects of advertising, diminishing returns of media (described by an S-shaped curve), etc.

Non-linear Regression Models for Attribution & Optimization

Let’s consider the following: Google (G) and Facebook (F) in Digital media (DM) group; TV (T) in Offline media group. Eqn.1 calculates the impact of each individual media inside the digital group (Google & Facebook) and the synergy within digital media group. Eqn.2 calculates the impact of each media group (Digital and Offline) and synergy between media groups (aka higher order interactions). Together, these two equations form the hierarchical model.

\[
DM_t = \beta_0 + \beta_1 \times G_t + \beta_2 \times F_t + \beta_3 \times G_t \times F_t \\
\text{(Eqn.1)}
\]

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Sales(G_t,F_t,T_t) = \alpha_0 + \alpha_1 \times DM_t + \alpha_2 \times T_t + \alpha_3 \times DM_t \times T_t + \epsilon_t \\
\text{(Eqn.2)}
\]
Where, \( DM_t \) is the digital media factor,
\( \beta_3 \) captures the synergy within digital media (Google and Facebook),
\( \alpha_3 \) captures the synergy between digital and offline media.

If MMM shows synergies within or between media groups, then managers can benefit by increasing the total media budget and allocating more than fair share to the less effective medium, because it helps increase the effectiveness of the another more effective medium!

The optimal spending to maximize profit (consequently, ROMI) can be derived to be:

\[
G^* = m \times (\alpha_1 + \alpha_3 \times \ln(T^*)) \times (\beta_1 + \beta_3 \times \ln(F^*))
\]  
(Eqn.3)

\[
F^* = m \times (\alpha_1 + \alpha_3 \times \ln(T^*)) \times (\beta_2 + \beta_3 \times \ln(G^*))
\]  
(Eqn.4)

\[
T^* = m \times (\alpha_2 + \alpha_3 \times \ln(DM))
\]  
(Eqn.5)

Where, \( G^* \), \( F^* \) & \( T^* \) are the optimal spending for Google ads, Facebook & TV respectively.

Using Relative Importance methods for attribution

Relative Importance methods calculate contribution of different medias to sales by decomposing Regression \( R^2 \). Here, \( R^2 \) represents the portion of variance in Sales that can be explained by a regression model with a subset of predictors. There are two types of Relative Importance methods:

- Dominance Analysis (DA) evaluates contribution of different media by comparing \( R^2 \) of all nested sub-models composed of independent predictors with the \( R^2 \) of the full model. If \( R^2 \) from models involving one media is always higher than \( R^2 \) from models involving another media, then the former is completely dominant over the latter.
The drawback of Dominant analysis is that when the number of media increases, the computations grow exponentially as more number of sub models must be built for analysis. But, it can handle more observations easily.

- Relative Weight Analysis (RWA) creates a new set of orthogonal variables (some linear combination of your spend in each media) using eigen vectors, to eliminate the intercorrelations. Thereby, the coefficients of regression of these orthogonal variables can be directly interpreted as their contribution to sales. As these orthogonal variables are a linear combination of your spend in different media, their coefficients can be decomposed to get the contribution of individual media to your sales.

Relative Weight Analysis can work better with more number of medias but takes time when more observations are present. Both the methods give very similar results. So, one can choose a method based on the size and structure of data.

**Key factors for successful implementation of Market Mix Modeling**

The data used in MMM can be ad spends, promotion details, pricing, distribution, competing brand details, competitor ad spend, industry data and economic data. Success of MMM efforts depends largely on availability of sufficient and accurate data. Data must be granular both in terms of classification and reporting frequency (weekly vs. monthly data).

Also, model’s data architecture should be compatible with organization’s IT architecture and aligned with company’s internal processes. Other factors include a cross functional team to ensure integrity of data, flexibility to add new media channels as they emerge and the ability to deliver key insights at the right time to the right people.

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Conclusion

Using MMM, you can convert your data on impressions, clicks, conversions, etc. into actionable recommendations: how much to spend on marketing advertisements, how much to spend on which media, etc. which you can use to support your marketing decisions and protecting defending marketing budgets, getting the budget approved, doing the right investments and maximizing return on marketing investments.

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