R – Adding a new dimension to Analytics

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- R IDEs and R GUIs
- Teradata R
- R use in DWH environment
 - > Preparation of data in DWH
 - > Modeling in R
 - > Applying of Models in DWH
- Advanced Analytics Use Case with R



Introduction



What is R?



- R is a system for statistical computation and graphics
 - > Open Source Statistics Package
 - > Core functions plus 1000s of different packages
 - > Consist a programming language plus a run-time environment R console
- R can be used
 - > interactively via expressions from the command line
 - > through support of related GUIs or Editors
 - > by writing your own functions
- Use
 - > Growing number of data analyst inside corporations & academia
 - > Ideal starting point in Pilots & Proof of Concepts
 - > R as add on to existing commercial products to extend functionality



R IDEs and R GUIs



Integrated Development Environments (Free and open source)

- TinnR
 - > Probably one of the first IDEs for R
 - > Relatively simple (yet efficient) code editor
 - > Only available for Windows
- RStudio
 - > Comfortable to install
 - > Available for Linux, Mac, and Windows
 - > Integrated help, graphics, object browser, etc.
- Eclipse (with StatET plugin)
 - > Very powerful IDE
 - > Highly configurable, lots of functions and shortcuts
 - Eclipse can be used for various purposes, including Teradata Access

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R GUIS (Free and open source)

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- > Offers point-and-click graphics surface
- > Contains basic analyses
- > Good for starters

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- > Graphics User Interface
- > For data mining
- > Can access Teradata by ODBC

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Teradata R



Advanced Analytics

Teradata in-database advanced analytics includes the following:

Application Development Agile Analytics

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Analytics

- > Partner optimizations with SAS, IBM SPSS Modeler, KXEN
- > Teradata Warehouse Miner
- > Emerging technology: R



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Data

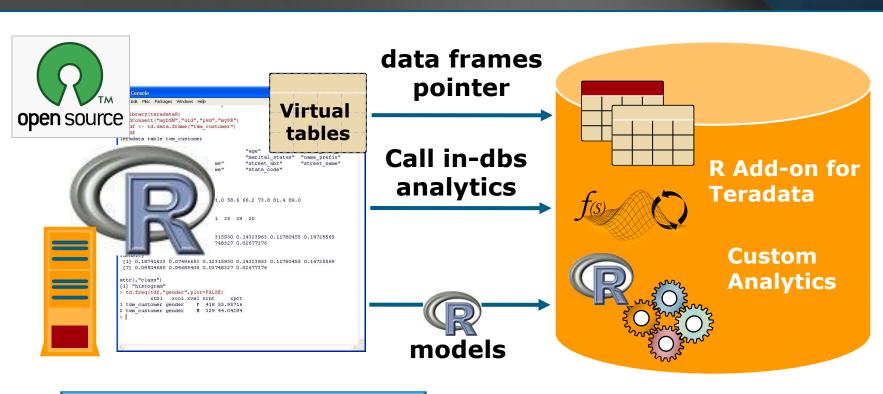
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Benefits

- > Eliminate data movement to accelerate the process
- > Lifts all "big data" limitations with Teradata's scalability
- > Leverages the parallel processing of the database



R Add-on for Teradata



R Package *teradataR*

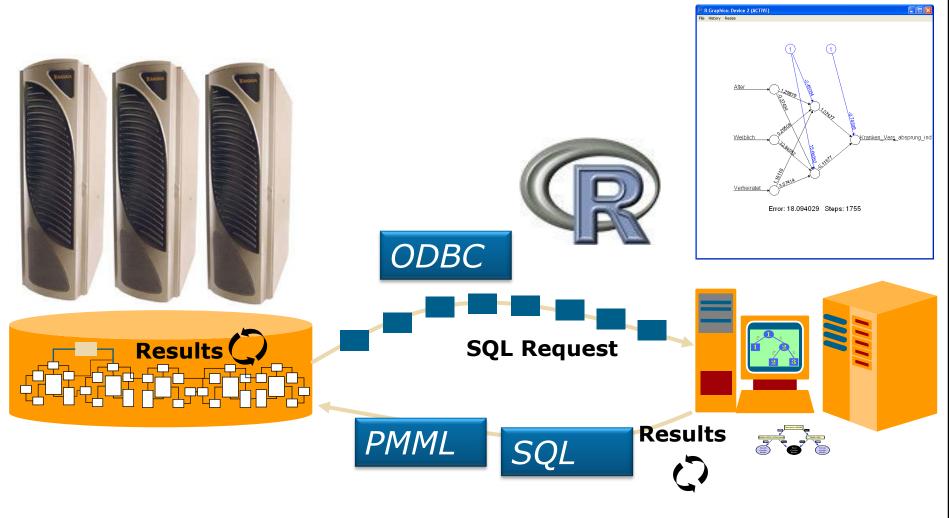
- Simplifies connection to Teradata
- Establishes a data frame pointer (virtual table) to Teradata tables
- Provides over 40 in-database analytical functions
- Custom Analytics (udfs) created are callable by R
- R models can run in-database via PMML



R Use in DWH Environment



R and Teradata Architecture





SQL – RODBC package

- RODBC package implements ODBC database connectivity
- RODBC allows direct access to tables stored in the DWH
- Functions provided
 - > Internal odbc* commands
 - > Sql* functions to read, save, copy and manipulate data
- SQL* arguments can be used within R and are passed through to the DWH
 - > sqlSave
 - > sqlCopy
 - > sqlQuery
 - > sqlFetch







PMML – an open data format

- Predictive Model Markup Language (PMML)
 - > is an XML based standard to describe statistical and data mining models
 - > since 1998 developed by the Data Mining Group (<u>www.dmg.org</u>)
 - > describes the data inputs to data mining models, some algorithm specific transformations used to prepare data for data mining, and the parameters which define the models themselves
- Application-independent method of defining models
 - > Users can develop models within one vendor's application, and use the model in any other application supporting PMML
 - > Requires a PMML consumer to read PMML output from a PMML producer and create an executable form of the model for scoring purposes



R Package *pmml*



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Advanced Analytics Use Case





RETAIL Price Optimization



Pilot Objectives

• Main Goals:



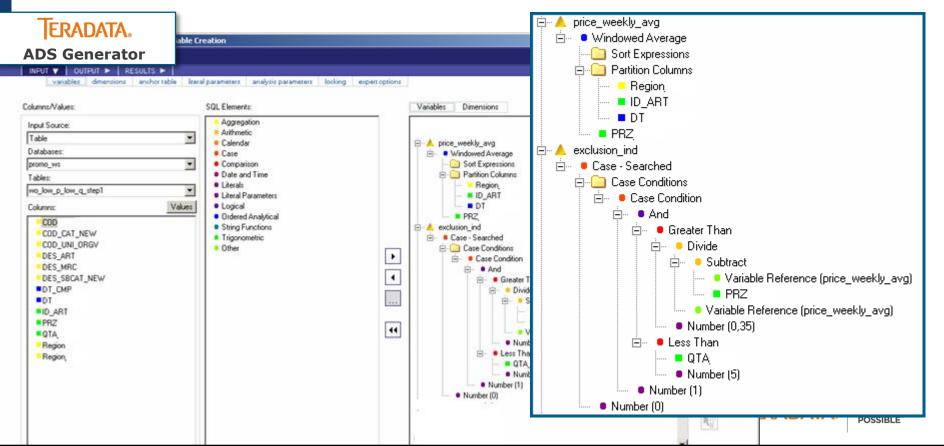
- > Understand how to define promotional sales prices
- > Simulation of price changes and their impact on sales quantity using a predefined set of stores and chosen articles of predefined categories
- > Estimation of the products price elasticity and cross price elasticity between products of the chosen category:
 > Price Elasticity, Cross Selling & Cannibalization



Step 1: Data Preparation



- Create Analytical Data Set for Modeling in R
 - > Combination of very close price points
- Data Filtering
 - > Articles/stores with minimum number of observations and minimum price spread
 - > Elimination of Outliers using descriptive statistics



Step 2: ODBC connection to Teradata database

- R libraries used:
 - » "RODBC" for ODBC connection to TD
 - > "stats" for regression
 - > "gplot" for plotting results

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Step 3: Price Elasticity Models with R

- Four different models created per article/region:
 - Linear model
 - Multiplicative model
 - Two Gutenberg-models

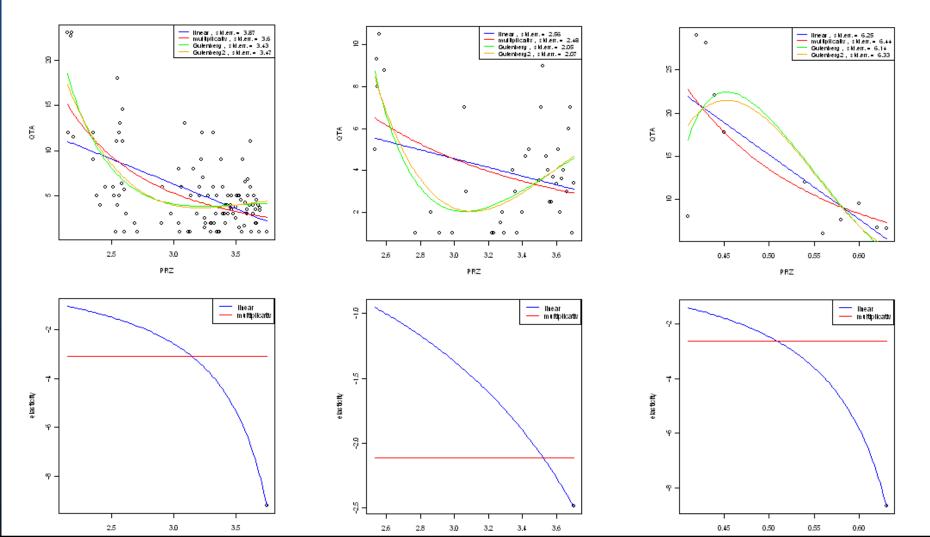
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# multiplicative model
       try_default(nls_mult <- nls(QTA ~ a*PRZ^b, data = article),default=NULL)
       std_error_mult=sqrt(deviance(nls_mult)/df.residual(nls_mult))
# Gutenberg
        avg_price=max(article$PRZ_avg)
       try_default(nls_Gut <- nls(QTA ~ a + b*PRZ + sinh(d*(avg_price-PRZ))),
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Step 4: Model Evaluation - R plots

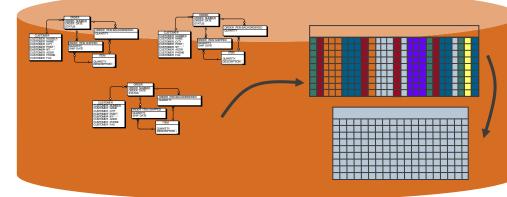
- Developed R-script to build price elasticity models automatically for all articles and plot results
- Results are automatically plotted and saved for evaluation



Overall Analytical Process Project Steps



- 1. Derive, Aggregate, Transform to create Analytical Data Set (ADS)
- 2. Access ADS from R via RODBC
- 3. Create Model in R



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4. Evaluate Model

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5. Matrix with regression results and coefficients is written back to TD database



6. Results can now be accessed by Front End via ODBC connection



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Using Results – What if Analysis



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WHAT IF (price --> quantity)

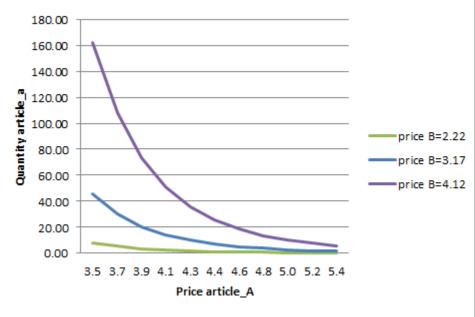
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TFRADA

Summary

- Advantages
 - > Open source free
 - > Choice of thousands of analytical functions
 - > Flexibility and extendability
 - > Possibility to go beyond commercial products
 - > Use R as add-on or single data mining tool
 - > Easy fit into existing working processes
 - > R can interact with other programs easily
 - > Expert Interaction and Support through Forums
 - > Fast implementation of new algorithms due to active community

Challenges

- > Unsupported tools need strong solution partnerships
- > Code based work maintenace requires well defined processes
- > Buy in traditional GUI users and grow R skills
- > Sound statistical knowledge important for exploiting full functionality
- > Limitations in-memory processing
- > Rather slow in computation time for some calculations



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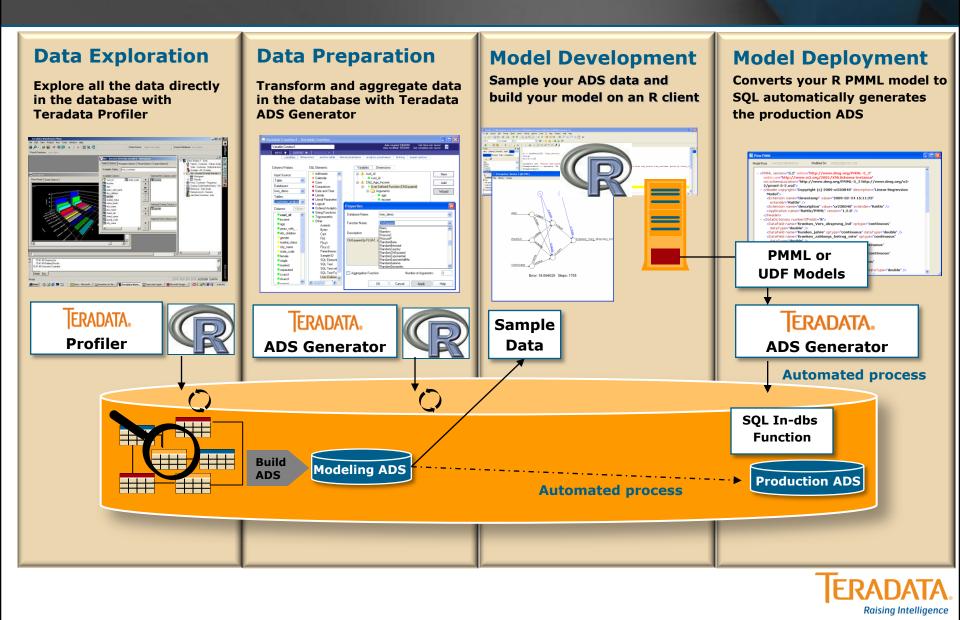




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Advanced Analytics Best Practice



Sample R Code

