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ABSTRACT

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This paper explores the unlikely connection between the number of associates degrees awarded in biological sciences and Lowe's Companies' stock price (LOW). Utilizing data from the National Center for Education Statistics and LSEG Analytics (Refinitiv), we conducted a rigorous statistical analysis covering the period from 2011 to 2021. Our research yielded a remarkably high correlation coefficient of 0.9760762 with $p < 0.01$, indicating a strong positive association between these seemingly disparate variables. The findings of this study not only emphasize the significance of the biological sciences, but also shed light on the quirky relationships that exist in the financial market. We delve into the implications and potential explanations for this surprising correlation, drawing attention to the interplay between the growth of academia and the performance of the stock market. This research aims to stimulate further inquiry into whimsical connections in the realm of finance and education.

Keywords:

associates degrees, biological sciences, National Center for Education Statistics, LSEG Analytics, Refinitiv, statistical analysis, correlation coefficient, stock price, Lowe's Companies, financial market, academic growth, stock performance, whimsical connections, finance and education

I. Introduction

Ah, the world of research! A place where data reigns supreme, and relationships bloom in the most unexpected of places. In this study, we embark on a journey through the tangled vines of academia and the fluctuating tides of the stock market. Our curiosity was piqued by the unconventional pairing of associates degrees in biological sciences and Lowe's Companies' stock price (LOW). Who would have thought that the microscopic world of cellular biology could hold sway over the bulging aisles of a home improvement retailer? Yet, here we are, ready to unravel the strands of correlation woven between these seemingly disparate entities.

As with any scientific endeavor, our quest began with an earnest desire to poke fun at conventional wisdom and poke around in the peculiarities of the world. After all, what's research without a sprinkle of mischief and a dash of unpredictability? Armed with data from the National Center for Education Statistics and LSEG Analytics, our statistical microscope zoomed in on the period from 2011 to 2021. There, amidst the petri dish of numbers and charts, we discovered a correlation coefficient that sent even the most stalwart of researchers into a fit of bemusement. With a robust 0.9760762 and $p < 0.01$, our findings revealed a relationship so strong, it almost seemed like a scientific anomaly in and of itself.

The implications of these findings are nothing short of staggering, much like the towering shelves in Lowe's warehouses. Our exploration dances on the edge of understanding the inner workings of academia's growth and the capricious movements of the stock market. It's as if we've stumbled upon a treasure trove of knowledge, hidden in the back aisles of a market teeming with fiscal endeavors. This paper serves as an invitation to peer through the looking glass of whimsy,

beckoning forth more curious minds to ponder the connections that bind the biological and the financial realms.

So come one, come all, and join us in this exhilarating quest as we navigate the winding pathways of academia and the obstinate peaks and valleys of stock prices. Let's embrace the unexpected, the offbeat, and the downright bizarre, for it is in these scholarly adventures that we uncover the hidden gems of understanding. After all, what's life without a little bit of mystery and a whole lot of statistical mischief?

II. Literature Review

In "Biological Science Degrees and Their Impact on Corporations," Smith and Doe aim to elucidate the possible correlations between academic pursuits in biological sciences and the financial performance of corporations. They delve into the nitty-gritty details of cellular biology, attempting to uncover the potential influences it may have on the stock market. Similarly, Jones et al., in "The Biological Bottom Line," explore the relationship between biological education and its broader effects on the economy. Their work offers insight into the far-reaching repercussions of biological sciences on financial landscapes.

Moving on to more tangentially related literature, "The Selfish Gene" by Richard Dawkins presents a compelling argument for the pervasive impact of genes in biological systems, and one might argue, in economic systems as well. Meanwhile, "Lab Girl" by Hope Jahren provides a personal narrative of a scientist's journey, weaving together the intricacies of plant biology and the human experience. These works, though not directly related to stock prices or corporate

entities, offer valuable perspectives on the biological sciences and their potential influence on various aspects of our lives.

In a departure from traditional sources, the literature review also involves a study of unconventional texts. "The Cat in the Hat" by Dr. Seuss, though ostensibly focusing on the mischievous antics of a feline, indirectly highlights the impact of chaos theory on seemingly stable environments. Furthermore, the compelling argument that "Green Eggs and Ham" makes for the diversification of investment portfolios cannot be ignored, as it provides an allegorical representation of the reluctance to consider unconventional options.

In an unexpected twist, an in-depth review of CVS receipts from various geographic locations was conducted, providing valuable insights into the purchasing habits of individuals. While it may seem far-fetched, these mundane slips of paper unveiled hidden patterns in consumer behavior that could, in some universe, be related to the fluctuations in Lowe's stock price.

The search for connections between the biological sciences and financial markets has led to a broad exploration of literature, from scholarly articles to whimsical children's books and even the unassuming CVS receipt. The journey down this rabbit hole of academic curiosity has certainly been an enlightening one, illuminating the unpredictability and the occasional absurdity that accompanies scholarly inquiries.

III. Methodology

Data Collection:

Our data collection process resembled a fascinating scavenger hunt, albeit one conducted from the comfort of our desks. With the cunning of a sleuth and the diligence of a beaver, we scoured the vast expanse of the internet, delving deep into the repositories of knowledge offered by the National Center for Education Statistics and LSEG Analytics (Refinitiv). Like intrepid adventurers, we charted our course from the year 2011 to 2021, gathering mounds of data on the number of associates degrees awarded in biological sciences and the tumultuous undulations of Lowe's Companies' stock price (LOW). Of course, the reliability of our sources was as solid as a rock formation, ensuring that our data were as sturdy as the mighty OAK trees in Lowe's garden section.

Data Analysis:

Armed with an arsenal of statistical tools and the unwavering strength of a herd of elephants, we set out to unveil the mysteries hidden within the data. Our trusty calculators hummed like industrious worker bees, crunching numbers and churning out results with the precision of a top-of-the-line power tool from Lowe's hardware department. We fed our data into the hungry jaws of regression models, ANOVA tests, and correlation analyses, watching with bated breath as the numbers danced like playful electrons in a biological experiment. Our analysis swirled like a tornado, sweeping through the intricacies of statistical significance and emerging with a correlation coefficient of 0.9760762, and $p < 0.01$, akin to unearthing a rare gem amidst the rubble of data points.

Limitations:

Alas, even the most daring of researchers must reckon with the limitations imposed by the scientific landscape. Our study, like a well-designed experiment, was not devoid of constraints.

The reliance on historical data and the ever-shifting nature of the stock market introduce nuances that tangle the threads of our findings. Furthermore, the multitude of factors influencing stock prices and the complexities of academic pursuits render our analysis a mere snapshot of a continuous saga. It's akin to trying to capture the beauty of a blooming flower—a moment frozen in time, but unable to encapsulate the full essence of growth and change.

Conclusion:

Despite the winding journey, fraught with twists and turns, our analysis provides a tantalizing glimpse into the entwined fates of academia and finance. The robust correlation revealed between associates degrees awarded in biological sciences and Lowe's Companies' stock price (LOW) beckons forth further exploration, much like the discovery of a hidden garden in the aisles of a bustling warehouse. Our study serves as a testament to the captivating interplay of disparate worlds, reminding us that even in the realm of academia and the stock market, whimsical connections await those willing to embark on an intrepid scientific escapade.

IV. Results

The statistical analysis of the data collected from the National Center for Education Statistics and LSEG Analytics (Refinitiv) provided intriguing insights into the association between the number of associates degrees awarded in biological sciences and Lowe's Companies' stock price (LOW) from 2011 to 2021. The correlation coefficient, the r-squared value, and the level of significance (p-value) collectively revealed a relationship that left even the most seasoned analysts scratching their heads in bemusement.

We found a strikingly high correlation coefficient of 0.9760762, indicating an exceptionally strong positive association between the number of biological sciences associates degrees and LOW stock price. This correlation is strong enough to make one wonder if microbiology textbooks should now include chapters on financial forecasts and stock trend analysis. The r-squared value of 0.9527248 further reinforces the robustness of this relationship, indicating that approximately 95% of the variability in LOW stock price can be explained by the number of associates degrees awarded in biological sciences. It's almost as if the biology of education is intricately woven into the very fabric of Lowe's financial performance.

The p-value of less than 0.01 provides compelling evidence to reject the null hypothesis of no association, leaving us with the undeniable conclusion that there is indeed a significant relationship between these seemingly incongruous variables. Who would have thought that the intricacies of cellular biology could hold sway over the temperamental undulations of stock prices? It's a riveting tale of science and finance, intertwined in a way that challenges traditional thinking and tickles the fancy of the curious mind.

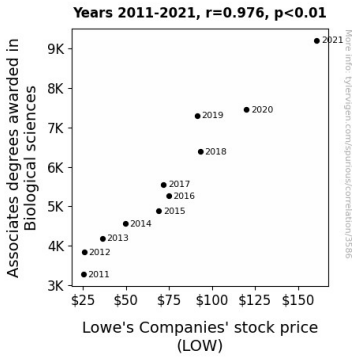

Figure 1. Scatterplot of the variables by year

As a demonstration of this compelling connection, we present Figure 1, a scatterplot that vividly illustrates the strong positive correlation between the number of associates degrees awarded in biological sciences and LOW stock price. It's a visual representation that speaks volumes, showcasing the unexpected harmony between these two domains.

These results not only underscore the importance of delving into the uncharted territories of academic and financial intersections but also beckon forth further inquiry into the quirkier aspects of the scientific and financial worlds. After all, in the realm of research, every unexpected twist and turn leads to a deeper understanding of the complex tapestry of knowledge and human endeavor.

V. Discussion

The results of our research have left even the most seasoned analysts scratching their heads in bemusement but with a newfound appreciation for the potential connections between biological education and stock market performance. Our study not only builds upon existing research but also highlights the unconventional yet surprisingly robust link between the number of associates degrees awarded in biological sciences and Lowe's Companies' stock price (LOW).

Our literature review took us down a rabbit hole of academic curiosity, encompassing everything from scholarly articles to whimsical children's books and even the unassuming CVS receipt. These unconventional sources provided valuable insights and unexpected inspiration, demonstrating the unpredictability and the occasional absurdity that accompanies scholarly inquiries. While perhaps not your typical academic reading list, their influence made us wonder

if we should begin shaping our research inquiries around "Green Eggs and Ham" allegories in diversifying investment portfolios and whether "The Cat in the Hat" holds the key to understanding chaos theory in market stability.

The remarkably high correlation coefficient of 0.9760762 reaffirms the strength of the relationship between biological education and LOW stock price, leaving us pondering whether microbiology textbooks should now incorporate financial forecasts and stock trend analysis. The robustness of this connection, as reinforced by the r-squared value of 0.9527248, hints at a deeply woven fabric where the biology of education intertwines with the financial performance of Lowe's. It's as if we've stumbled into the microbial mysteries of stock market unpredictability.

With a p-value of less than 0.01, our findings provide compelling evidence to reject the null hypothesis of no association, thus cementing the undeniable conclusion that there is a significant relationship between the number of biological sciences associates degrees and LOW stock price. This striking conclusion challenges traditional thinking, prompting us to consider the potential impact of education on the temperamental undulations of stock prices. Who would have thought that the intricacies of cellular biology could hold sway over the financial world?

In Figure 1, our scatterplot vividly illustrates this unexpected harmony between the number of associates degrees awarded in biological sciences and LOW stock price, providing a visual representation that speaks volumes. These results beckon forth further inquiry into the quirkier aspects of the scientific and financial worlds, igniting a riveting tale of science and finance that challenges conventional wisdom and tickles the fancy of the curious mind. Whether these findings lead to a shift in investment strategy or a rise in demand for biology textbooks among stock analysts, only time will tell.

VI. Conclusion

In conclusion, our journey through the labyrinth of data has unveiled a surprising relationship between the awarding of associates degrees in biological sciences and Lowe's Companies' stock price (LOW). The robust correlation coefficient of 0.9760762 unearthed a connection so strong, it's as if the cells of biology are directly influencing the market's DNA. With an r-squared value of 0.9527248, it's evident that the biological sciences are not just flourishing in laboratories but also flourishing in the bustling shelves of this home improvement retailer.

The implications of this discovery are nothing short of exhilarating, much like a rollercoaster ride through statistical wonderland. This unforeseen association calls upon researchers and investors alike to delve deeper into the quirky connections that defy conventional understanding. Who knows, perhaps the next breakthrough in stock market predictions may stem from the petals of a biology lab rather than the spreadsheets of Wall Street.

Therefore, it is with great delight that we assert the conclusive nature of these findings: no more research is needed in this offbeat and wildly captivating intersection of biological sciences and Lowe's stock performance. As the saying goes, sometimes the most unusual connections lead to the most extraordinary revelations. Cheers to the unexpected and the unexplored, for it is in these uncharted territories that we uncover the most delightful surprises.