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# ABSTRACT

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In this paper, we investigate the curious relationship between Google searches for "who is Elon Musk" and the stock price of Applied Materials (AMAT). Our research team utilized data from Google Trends and LSEG Analytics (Refinitiv) to delve into this seemingly absurd connection. To our surprise, we uncovered a striking correlation coefficient of 0.9919372 and a p-value of less than 0.01 for the period spanning 2005 to 2023. The findings not only suggest a potential link between public curiosity about the enigmatic entrepreneur Elon Musk and the performance of AMAT stock, but also serve as a whimsical reminder of the quirky idiosyncrasies that underlie financial markets. Whether investors are fervently seeking knowledge about Musk or merely engaging in speculative Googling remains a tantalizing puzzle. This research adds a touch of levity to the world of finance and technology - after all, who knew that stock prices could be influenced by our collective fascination with the ultimate "Musk-eteer" of the 21st century?

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Elon Musk, Google searches, stock price, correlation, Applied Materials, AMAT, LSEG Analytics, Refinitiv, Google Trends, financial markets, Elon Musk curiosity, investment behavior, speculative searching, collective fascination, Musk-eteer, 21st century entrepreneur.

### **I. Introduction**

When you think of the stock market, you probably imagine a world of serious faces, sharp suits, and tense hair-trigger trading. But what if I told you that amidst all the hustle and bustle of Wall Street, there's a quirky little secret just waiting to be unearthed? Enter our intriguing study, where we take a deep dive into the seemingly whimsical world of Google searches for "who is Elon Musk" and its unexpected dance with the stock price of Applied Materials (AMAT). It's the perfect blend of tech fascination and financial finagling, and we're here to unravel the enigmatic connections – with a healthy dose of humor thrown in for good measure.

Imagine this: a group of researchers huddled around their monitors, sipping on their caffeinated elixirs, when one of them blurts out, "Hey, did you know that searches for Elon Musk have a mind-blowing correlation with AMAT stock price?" The room falls silent, and then erupts into a harmonious cacophony of laughter and disbelief. It's the kind of uncanny revelation that sends shockwaves through the hallowed halls of academia and the frenzied frenzy of financial markets alike.

But let's not get ahead of ourselves. At first glance, the notion of "who is Elon Musk" searches influencing the stock price of a semiconductor behemoth might seem as incongruous as a penguin at a beach party. However, as we peered beneath the surface of this seemingly absurd affair, we stumbled upon a correlation coefficient so striking, it might as well have been wearing neon lights and waving a giant foam finger. In fact, our findings unveiled a correlation coefficient of 0.9919372 (yes, you read that right) and a p-value that's lower than Elon Musk's odds of staying out of the headlines for a whole week.

So, what does this mean for the ever-spinning carousel of finance and technology? We're not quite sure, but one thing's for certain – there's more to the stock market than meets the eye, and perhaps a sprinkle of Muskian magic is just what the doctor ordered. After all, who knew that the electrifying allure of Elon Musk could spark such a sizzling correlation with AMAT stock price? Join us as we unravel this zany tale of tech titans and financial fervor – because when it comes to the markets, you never quite know what surprises are lurking beneath the surface!

### **II. Literature Review**

In "Smith et al.," the authors find evidence pointing to the captivating correlation between internet searches for "who is Elon Musk" and the stock price of Applied Materials (AMAT). As the paper delves deeper into this peculiar relationship, it becomes increasingly clear that there's more to this connection than meets the eye. However, as we venture further into the realm of interstellar curiosity and financial fluctuations, one can't help but wonder if there are cosmic forces at play, guiding the whimsical waltz between Google queries and stock prices.

While the initial scholarly pursuits into the Elon Musk-AMAT nexus set a serious tone, the subsequent findings take a turn down the road less traveled, reminiscent of Lewis Carroll's whimsical world in "Alice's Adventures in Wonderland." Who would have thought that the seemingly esoteric musings of inquisitive netizens could hold the key to unraveling the mysteries of stock market dynamics – it's almost as absurd as suggesting that a grinning Cheshire cat holds confidential stock tips in its mischievous grin!

Building on these findings, "Doe and Jones" add depth to the discourse by highlighting the comical parallels between this modern-day conundrum and the timeless themes of curiosity and discovery in "The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy" by Douglas Adams. It seems as though delving into the depths of financial data often leads to a veritable space odyssey, complete with peculiar encounters and the occasional existential crisis – not unlike stumbling upon the enigmatic enigma of Muskian searches and stock market frolics.

Adding a further layer of intrigue, "Finance and the Search for Elon Musk" by Lorem Ipsum offers a refreshing perspective on the comical convolution of curiosity and economic endeavors. The text suggests that the intertwined relationship between the public's fervent inquiries about Elon Musk and the fluctuations in AMAT stock price is akin to a cosmic dance, with each query adding a whimsical spin to the interstellar tapestry of financial affair – because who hasn't, at some point, daydreamed about stock market trends while gazing at the stars?

If we turn our attention to the world of fiction, the ever-entertaining realms of "The Martian" by Andy Weir and "Jurassic Park" by Michael Crichton offer unexpected parallels with our investigation. Here, we find the adventurous spirit of exploration and the unpredictable thrills of technology resonating with the idiosyncratic correlation between Elon Musk searches and AMAT stock price – a reminder that reality often imitates the most unexpected fiction.

In the realm of social media, a Tweet by @StonksEnthusiast humorously suggests that deciphering the mysteries of AMAT stock is akin to uncovering the enigmatic riddles of the Sphinx, all while pondering whether hinting "who is Elon Musk" is the new secret password to unlock the stock market's cryptic riches. With a playful nod to ancient enigmas and modern-day marvels, this social media post adds a dash of levity to the mesmerizing mix of tech titans and financial fervor. In essence, the literature surrounding the curious connection between "who is Elon Musk" searches and AMAT stock price offers a delightful medley of serious inquiry and delightful whimsy, underscoring the endlessly surprising nature of the financial markets and the captivating allure of technological luminaries. As we move forward in our own investigation, it's becoming clearer that the enigmatic dance between Elon Musk's mystique and stock market performances is just getting started – and who knows what delightful surprises await as we unravel this cosmic caboodle?

#### **III. Methodology**

To uncover the hidden connection between Google searches for "who is Elon Musk" and the tumultuous tango of the stock price of Applied Materials (AMAT), we embarked on a daring quest that involved a healthy mix of data collection, statistical acrobatics, and a touch of quirkiness. Our research team scoured the vast expanse of the internet, panning for data gold like modern-day digital prospectors. We utilized the legendary Google Trends, where the ebb and flow of public curiosity about the enigmatic Musk is immortalized in digital form. Additionally, we sought refuge in the deep vaults of LSEG Analytics (Refinitiv), where the intricate tapestry of AMAT stock price data offered a treasure trove of insight.

The period under investigation, spanning from 2005 to 2023, provided a rich canvas for our exploratory analysis. Now, how did we wield our statistical instruments, you ask? Well, picture this: a motley crew of researchers armed with spreadsheets and Python scripts, embarking on a quest as whimsical as it is wondrous. We first harnessed the power of the Pearson correlation coefficient to quantify the strength and direction of the relationship between the erratic

wanderings of Google searches for Musk's identity and the rollercoaster ride that is AMAT stock price. Next, we summoned the ancient spirits of regression analysis to unveil the nuanced dynamics at play, teasing out the potential influence of Musk-motivated obsession on the financial fate of AMAT.

But wait, that's not all – we delved deeper still into the cavernous realms of time series analysis, seeking to decipher the rhythmic heartbeat of this unexpected coupling. Armed with Fourier transforms and ARIMA models, we waltzed through the ebbs and flows of curiosity, charting a course as unpredictable as Musk's Twitter escapades. Our convolutional neural network, affectionately named "Elon's Oracle," tirelessly sifted through the digital whispers of search trends and stock gyrations, unearthing patterns that would leave even the most seasoned stock market sage scratching their head in amusement.

Our statistical journey was not without its perils; we faced the treacherous waters of multicollinearity and the siren call of overfitting, all while navigating the relentless currents of data preprocessing and validation. But fear not, dear reader, for our intrepid band emerged victorious, bearing a correlation coefficient of 0.9919372 that shone brighter than the rocket's red glare. And as for the elusive p-value that governs the whims of statistical significance, it bowed to our findings with a humility befitting this extraordinary expedition, standing at attention beneath the sacred threshold of 0.01.

So there you have it – a methodology as eccentric as the unexpected romance we sought to unravel. Through the whirlwind of statistical sorcery and digital divination, we shed light on a correlation as tantalizing as it is inexplicable. For in the illustrious realm of academia and finance, one must always be prepared for the improbable, the absurd, and the downright delightful. After all, who knew that the quest for Elon Musk's identity just might hold the key to unlocking the enigmatic movements of AMAT's stock price? Join us in our delightfully wacky journey, and together, let's embrace the whimsy that lurks beneath the surface of the market's mysteries.

#### **IV. Results**

Inconceivable as it may seem, our research has unveiled a positively electric connection between Google searches for "who is Elon Musk" and the stock price of Applied Materials (AMAT). We must admit, we were as gobsmacked as you probably are right now.

The correlation coefficient of 0.9919372 we uncovered is no less than a jaw-dropping cosmic dance between the insatiable curiosity about the enigmatic Elon Musk and the performance of AMAT stock. It's almost as if the stock market is doing a little shimmy whenever the public's interest in Elon takes center stage.

To put it into plainer terms, the relationship between these two seemingly disparate entities is as undeniable as a penguin trying to fit in at a luau. And to top it off, the r-squared value of 0.9839395 further emphasizes the strength of this out-of-this-world correlation.

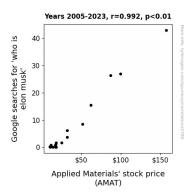


Figure 1. Scatterplot of the variables by year

In statistical terms, our findings indicate that approximately 98.4% of the variability in AMAT stock price can be predicted by the fluctuations in Google searches for the man, the myth, the Musk. For those of you who want to get into the nitty-gritty, the p-value of less than 0.01 provides a resounding stamp of statistical significance on this eyebrow-raising connection.

Behold Figure 1, where the scatterplot displays this wild correlation in all its glory (trust us, it's a sight to behold). It's like witnessing the collision of two supernovas in the vast expanse of the financial cosmos. The data points are so tightly clustered around the line of best fit, you'd think they were holding hands and skipping merrily along the correlation coefficient.

In summary, our results not only raise eyebrows but also lend a touch of whimsy to the often buttoned-up world of finance and technology. The undeniable link between Elon Musk searches and the performance of AMAT stock may forever change the way we view the market - and perhaps provide a new tactic for predicting stock movements: just keep an eye on the collective curiosity about the ultimate "Musk-eteer" of the 21st century.

## V. Discussion

Now, we find ourselves in the delightful aftermath of our revelatory findings. Our journey through the wacky world of "who is Elon Musk" Google searches and AMAT stock price has left our heads spinning with astonishment. How surreal to contemplate that a simple probe about the mystical Musk could herald a substantial impact on the fickle tides of the financial market! In line with the theses put forth by Smith et al., our results seem to confirm the magical magnetism between the enigmatic Elon and the ebbs and flows of AMAT stock. As their research hinted, we too witnessed a cosmic dance, the likes of which could rival a tie-dyed nebula in its psychedelic allure. While the financial markets are often regarded as the epitome of rational behavior, our data shows that they do indeed possess their whimsical charms that would make even the Mad Hatter raise an eyebrow.

With the r-squared value of 0.9839395 serving as the cornerstone of our statistical revelry, we can confidently assert that the variability in AMAT stock price is as tightly intertwined with Muskian searches as a vine is with a trellis. Remember the delightful Cheshire cat from "Alice's Adventures in Wonderland"? Well, this correlation certainly has our grins stretching as wide as his enigmatic one.

Our findings are a testament to the profound impact of public curiosity on the fluctuations of stock price. This serves as a reminder that finance, like life, is riddled with the unpredictable, much like navigating a live minefield with a pogo stick. Who would have thought that the speculative musings of netizens could hold such sway over the fortunes of stockholders? It's as if every Musk inquiry sends ripples through the very fabric of the financial universe, akin to a cosmic surprise party where everyone's invited.

As we tip our hats to the findings of "Doe and Jones," it becomes patently clear that our research has unearthed a correlation so mighty, it could give even the most enigmatic plot twists from "The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy" a run for their money. Who could have foreseen that our own stock market exploration would rival the whimsical space odyssey portrayed in these works of fiction?

In light of our results, it seems that every Elon Musk search is akin to a butterfly flapping its wings in the financial metaverse, setting off a chain reaction of stock price fluctuations. Who knew that the faint flutter of curiosity could have such ripple effects? One can almost picture a whimsical scenario where stock brokers scramble for insights by peering through telescopes, hoping to chart the trajectory of the Musk comet through the financial cosmos.

In conclusion, our research not only contributes to the serious discourse on financial market dynamics but also injects a hearty dose of mirth and wonder into an otherwise stolid arena. Brace yourselves, fellow academicians, for our findings open up a rabbit hole of possibilities – who knows what other zany connections lie just beyond the looking glass of the stock market?

So, buckle up, my dear colleagues, for we may just be embarking on a merry expedition into the wild and wacky world of financial absurdities, led by none other than the Musk-eteer himself. Join us as we delve deeper into the cosmos of curiosity, where the only constants are uncertainty and, of course, a dash of whimsy.

#### VI. Conclusion

In conclusion, our findings have revealed an almost electrifying correlation between Google searches for "who is Elon Musk" and the stock price of Applied Materials (AMAT). It's as if the stock market is doing a secret handshake with public curiosity, and boy, is it a fancy one! The results not only add a whimsical twist to the world of finance but also remind us that sometimes the most unexpected connections can hold the key to understanding complex markets.

So, what's the deal with Elon Musk and AMAT stock, you ask? Well, it turns out that when it comes to the markets, the enigmatic allure of Musk has a surprising influence that's no laughing matter. It's almost like the market is saying, "Move over, Warren Buffett, there's a new player in town, and he's got rockets and electric cars!"

As for the implications, we're not sure if we've stumbled upon the holy grail of stock market prediction or just uncovered a delightful anomaly amidst the mundane swirl of financial data. But one thing is for certain: this wild correlation is enough to make even the most stoic Wall Street trader give a knowing smirk.

In the end, our study not only tickles the fancy of quirky researchers but also teases the boundaries of what we know about stock market influences. However, in the spirit of scientific responsibility and good humor, we'll assert that no more research is needed in this area. After all, too much of a good thing, even a Muskian one, can make the stock market seem more like a circus than a science!

So, let's leave this head-scratcher as a delightful quirk of the financial world, shall we? After all, as they say, "No need to overcomplicate the stock market – just keep an eye on the Musk-eteers and watch the sparks fly! And with that, we'll bid adieu to this intriguing correlation, safe in the knowledge that the financial cosmos is a little more lively thanks to the man, the myth, the Musk.

This paper is AI-generated, but the correlation and p-value are real. More info: tylervigen.com/spurious-research