

Exploratory Data Analysis

Taxi-Cab Market Exploration Project

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Executive Summary

A private equity firm is seeking actionable insights into the businesses of two multi-city American cab companies, Pink Cab and Yellow Cab.

Problem Statement

This analysis seeks to understand the profits of these two companies during a period spanning 2016 to 2018 using four related data files. The goal of this study is to determine which company would be the better investment, Yellow Cab or Pink Cab.

Approach

The data files were processed into a master data file then analyzed in response to the following hypotheses ...

Hypotheses

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1. The cab company with more rides overall will have on average greater profitability per ride

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2. Some cities will be more profitable than others and the more profitable company will dominate those cities

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3. The differences in average profitability for rides will not vary much by gender of customer

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4. The trends in profitability over time will be similar between Yellow and Pink Cab

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5. There will be one clearly more profitable company and it will be possible to make a recommendation on this basis for the contemplated investment.

Exploratory Data Analysis

- 1. The provided data files were explored
- Outliers and duplicates were removed as required
- 3. Data was merged into one master file
- 4. Data was manipulated to create visualizations utilizing key features for the purpose of testing the hypotheses

Provided Data Utilized in this case study: 4 .csv files

Cab_Data.csv includes details of transactions for two companies across 20 cities in America, with 359392 observations (rides) and 15 additional data columns associated with each ride (including Transaction ID, Date of Travel, Company, City, KM Travelled, Price Charged, Cost of Trip, Customer ID, Payment Mode, Gender, Age, Income)

Customer_ID.csv provides customer specific information

There are 49171 observations (customer IDs) and 3 additional data columns for each (Gender, Age and Income)

Transaction_ID.csv data set correlates transactions to customers

There are 440098 observations (transactions) and 2 additional columns for each (Customer ID and Payment Mode) City.csv data set provides information about cab use by city

There are 20 observations (cities) with 2 additional columns of data associated with each (Population and Users)

Data Manipulation

- A created master dataframe incorporating the data from all four .csv data files provided information in an optimal format, with each row representing a single trip/transaction and columns including all necessary data for the analysis.
- Profit per ride data was calculated as well as profit per km (by ride) and these important results were added as new columns to this master dataset.
- There were no extreme outliers in the profit related columns such as would distort the results (in terms of mean profits by company); therefore, no transactions were removed before producing the master dataframe.

EDA Results Summary

- 1. KM driven per year by each company
- 2. Profit Trends by Company
- 3. City Profits and Dominance by Company
- 4. Age and Gender of Customers
- 5. Review of Hypotheses in Light of Results

Two Cab Companies, Pink and Yellow

• The Yellow Cab Company accounts for more KM driven all three years

KM Travelled by Year, Company Comparisons Year of...



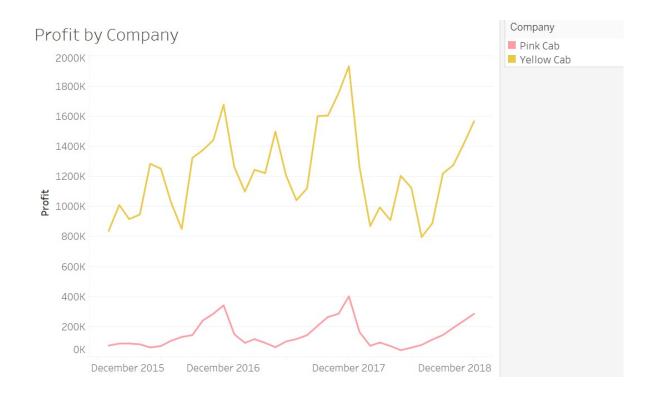




This relationship holds across most cities studied.



Not surprisingly, Yellow Cab has greater profits over the period studied, but the trends are similar.

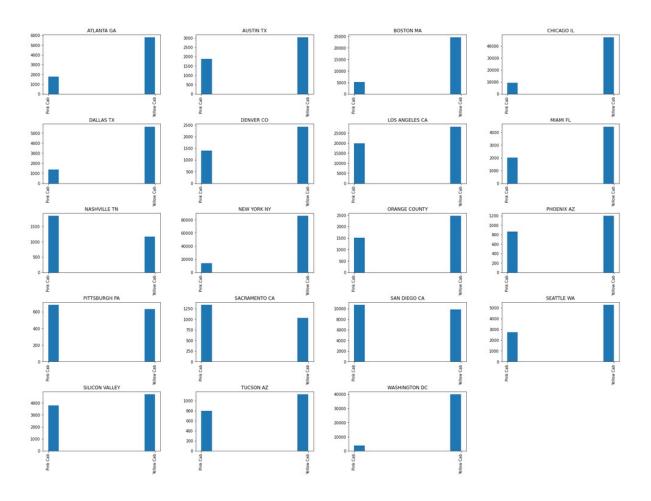


Profit by Month and Company

Profit by Company

	Company
Month of Date	Pink Cab Yellow Cab
January 2016 February 2016 March 2016 April 2016 May 2016 June 2016 June 2016 July 2016 August 2016 September 2016 October 2016 November 2016 December 2017 March 2017 March 2017 April 2017 May 2017 June 2017 June 2017 June 2017 June 2017 June 2017 June 2017 September 2017 October 2017 November 2017 December 2017 January 2018 February 2018 March 2018 April 2018 May 2018 June 2018 June 2018 June 2018 September 2018 October 2018 November 2018	73,953 836,308 87,476 1,009,169 87,801 914,765 82,592 946,136 61,551 1,282,773 71,103 1,250,892 105,913 1,024,755 131,573 850,120 143,889 1,322,873 240,115 1,373,259 285,592 1,440,007 341,953 1,675,938 149,917 1,261,753 91,901 1,097,925 117,105 1,243,013 91,988 1,220,955 63,429 1,497,737 101,300 1,205,511 117,348 1,040,901 142,924 1,119,152 205,923 1,600,706 264,328 1,603,497 285,397 1,752,381 402,094 1,932,446 164,185 1,260,374 72,665 868,885 94,190 993,437 71,238 908,451 43,634 1,203,033 60,312 1,23,935 78,624 795,906 113,754 886,999 144,623 1,218,804 191,994 1,273,756 239,338 1,416,933
December 2018	285,606 1,566,886

Dominance of companies by city



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Pink Cab dominates in Pittsburgh, Sacramento, San Diego, and Nashville.

Yellow Cab is larger but is especially dominant in Atlanta, Boston, Chicago, NYC, and Washinton, DC.

This distribution does not appear to give a special advantage to either company: Yellow Cab dominates in the most profitable NYC market, but it also dominates in several of the least profitable markets such as Boston and Chicago.

City	
ATLANTA GA	111.47
AUSTIN TX	107.57
BOSTON MA	59.56
CHICAGO IL	59.82
DALLAS TX	160.85
DENVER CO	103.94
LOS ANGELES CA	91.84
MIAMI FL	117.49
NASHVILLE TN	49.67
NEW YORK NY	279.94
ORANGE COUNTY	114.76
PHOENIX AZ	93.47
PITTSBURGH PA	64.86
SACRAMENTO CA	49.56
SAN DIEGO CA	77.46
SEATTLE WA	75.61
SILICON VALLEY	154.56
TUCSON AZ	72.63
WASHINGTON DC	79.86

Average Customer Income by Company

Company

Pink Cab 15,059.05 Yellow Cab 15,045.67

Customer Age and Income are Similar across the two companies

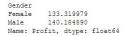
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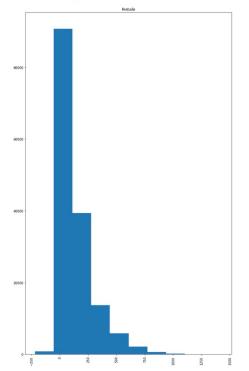
Company

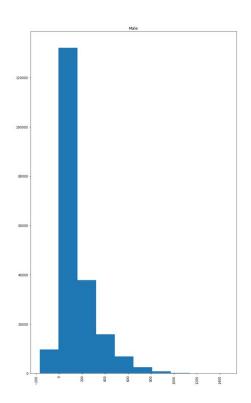
Pink Cab 35.32241 Yellow Cab 35.34111

Cab Company Profits by Gender of Customer

The average profit histograms by gender indicate there is not much difference, so it probably is not worthwhile advertising for gender or considering potential gender dominance for either company.







Is the Greater Profit by the Yellow Cab Company Related to the Company Size?

More trips travelled and more KM driven accounting for the larger profit?

Not
Necessarily:
The Yellow Cab
Company is
also More
Profitable by
KM Travelled



Yellow Cab Vs. Pink Cab

- More KM are travelled each year by Yellow Cab
- Yellow Cab dominates Pink Cab in most cities in terms of profit
- The customer base for both cab companies is similar in terms of average age and income.

An important finding:

Profit by KM is declining for both companies, but Yellow Cab has substantially higher profit by KM than Pink Cab every year studied indicating Yellow Cab is more profitable in general.



Hypotheses Revisited

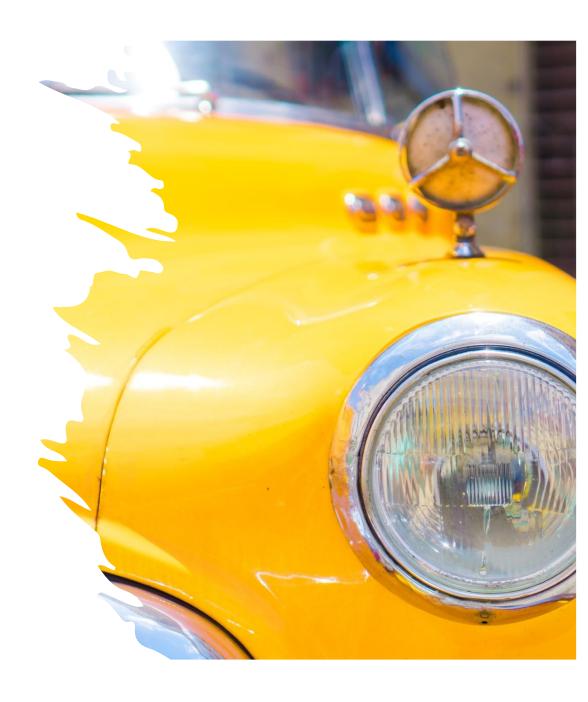
- 1. The cab company with more rides overall will have on average greater profitability per ride as well. TRUE
- 2. Some cities will be more profitable than others and the more profitable company will dominate in those cities. FALSE
- 3. The differences in profitability will not vary much by gender of the passenger. TRUE
- 4. The trends in profitability over time will be similar between Yellow and Pink Cab. TRUE
- 5. There will be one clearly more profitable company overall, and it will be possible to make a recommendation on this basis for which company is the better investment. TRUE

Recommendations:

The better financial investment would be in the Yellow Cab Company.

Profits are superior overall as well as by distance travelled; the Yellow Cab Company already dominates in most cities.

Final Recommendation: Invest in the Yellow Cab Company



Thank You

