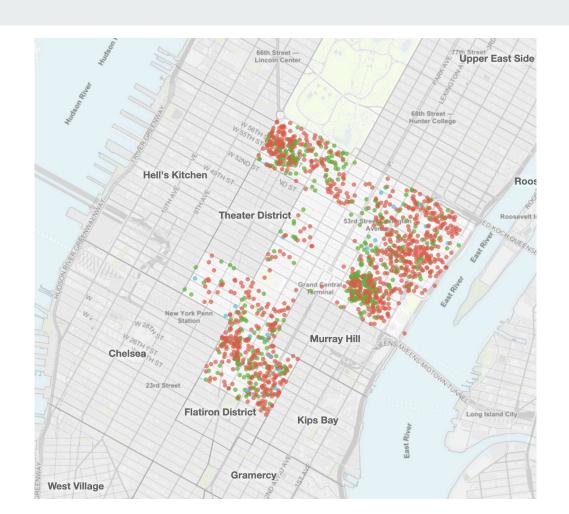
D3M Airbnb Project - Host Price

Pt. 1: Identify the Problem

- Decision Maker: Host
- **Problem:** How to maximize profit when I have a house/room available for Airbnb?
- Problem Breakdown:
 - How can I find the optimal price?
 - How is demand affecting my pricing?
 - Should I consider seasonality in demand to do dynamic pricing?
 - Besides demand, what other factors affect my pricing?
- Project Scope:
 - Midtown, Manhattan (Private Room/Entire House)





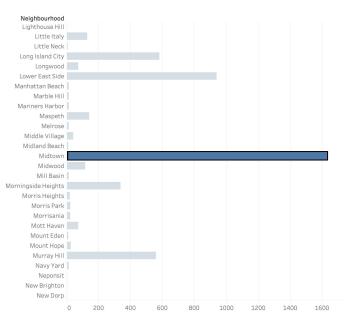
Inquiry Background

Our Host-centric question of "How to maximize profit when I have a house/room available for Airbnb", has many different factors that go into determining sales and optimal price such as: location, reviews, features, and etc.

Having explored different measurement options for our analysis, to explore what was feasible and limit other influences on sales, we decided to narrow our analysis scope by location, specifically by neighborhood.

After deciding to narrow down our analysis to the optimal pricing of a single neighborhood, we chose a neighborhood with a large number of listings: **Midtown, Manhattan** (1632 listings)

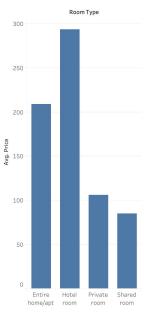
Data Visualization - Univariate Analysis



Distribution of listings in New York City

Midtown has one of the highest counts

Data Visualization - Bivariate Analysis



Room Type vs. Avg Price

- Hotel Room charges the highest
- Shared Room is the cheapest

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- Needs a parameter: Probability of leaving a review

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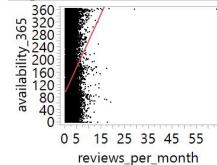
Use # of reviews + availability trend

A quick check

Regression between reviews_per_month and 365_availablity

Response availability_365

Regression Plot



Summary of Fit

RSquare 0.042233 RSquare Adj 0.042209 Root Mean Square Error 129.8591

Mean of Response 118.3047

Observations (or Sum Wgts) 40749

Analysis o	f Variance
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Source	DF	Sum of	Mean Square	F Ratio
Model	1	30299136	30299136	1796.740
Error	40747	687132677	16863.393	Prob > F
C. Total	40748	717431813		<.0001*

Parameter Estimates

Term	Estimate	Std Error	t Ratio	Prob> t
Intercept	96.173567	0.828513	116.08	<.0001*
reviews_per_month	16.772086	0.39568	42.39	<.0001*

Next Steps:

- Work on the algorithm to fit demand
- Predict demand and optimize pricing
- Conclusion and recommendations for optimal pricing strategies

Thank you!

Pt. 2: Data-driven Analysis - Seasonality