Uber Supply Demand Gap

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Dataset Overview

The dataset contains Uber ride request records.

It includes fields like:

- Request and Drop timestamps
- Pickup point (Airport / City)
- Trip status (Completed, Cancelled, No Cars Available)
- Driver ID (if assigned)
- Time slot and request type derived from timestamp

This analysis focuses on identifying **demand-supply gaps**, **cancellations**, **lost revenue**, and **operational inefficiencies**.

2. SQL Insights Summary

From SQL queries:

- Top time slots with max requests: Evening and early morning
- Most cancelled requests: At Airport
- Fulfillment rate: City pickups performed better (70%+) than Airport (~45%)
- No cars available: Peak in 5-9 AM and 5-9 PM slots
- Cancellation ratio: Highest at Airport in early morning slots
- Trip completion rate: Max during mid-day and late night
- Driver availability: Varies by time slot; city sees higher availability

3. Python-Based EDA Insights

Chart 1: Trip Requests by Hour

Shows overall hourly distribution of requests

Insight: Demand peaks in early morning (5–9 AM) and evening (5–9 PM).

Chart 2: Status by Hour

Breakdown of completed, cancelled, and failed trips by hour

Insight:

- Most trips are completed during mid-day and late night.
- High cancellations and No Cars Available during early office hours.

Chart 3: Status by Pickup Point

Compares trip outcomes from Airport vs City

Insight:

- Airport sees more cancellations.
- City has higher trip completion success.

Chart 4: Cancellation % by Pickup Point

Insight:

Airport has a significantly higher cancellation rate (~55%) compared to the City (~30%).

Chart 5: Estimated Lost Revenue by Hour

(Assuming ₹100 lost per unserved request)

Insight:

- Uber loses maximum revenue during 8 AM and 6 PM
- Main cause: No drivers available or system failure in assignment.

4. Demand-Supply Gap Analysis

- **Demand consistently exceeds supply** in Airport pickups.
- Early mornings and evenings suffer from **driver shortages**.
- Fulfillment rate drops below 50% during peak slots.
- Estimated **revenue loss per day** easily crosses ₹2000–₹3000 during peak hours.

5. Recommendations

- 1. **Dynamic driver allocation** based on historical peak slots.
- 2. Incentivize drivers to accept rides from Airport.
- 3. **Reduce cancellations** via early warnings or penalty/reward system.
- 4. Improve supply chain based on hourly demand insights.
- 5. Add predictive models to anticipate when/where demand may spike.

6. Conclusion

This Uber data analysis highlighted that **Airport pickups during peak hours** are the **weakest link**, causing high cancellations and revenue losses.

By improving driver availability and fulfillment rates, Uber can gain better operational control and increase customer satisfaction.