



BikeShare



Predicting Station Status
For Load Balancing

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Motivation



 **Ashley**  Can we try and make sure that before expanding the ridership with near free memberships that we try and make the system work for the existing membership? About 1/3rd of my attempts to use bikeshare end in failure (no bikes or full stations).

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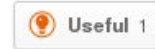
Bay Area Bike Share Hi Ashley, really sorry to hear this. Please email us so that we can hear more about your experience and try to help. We are at: support@bayareabikeshare.com.

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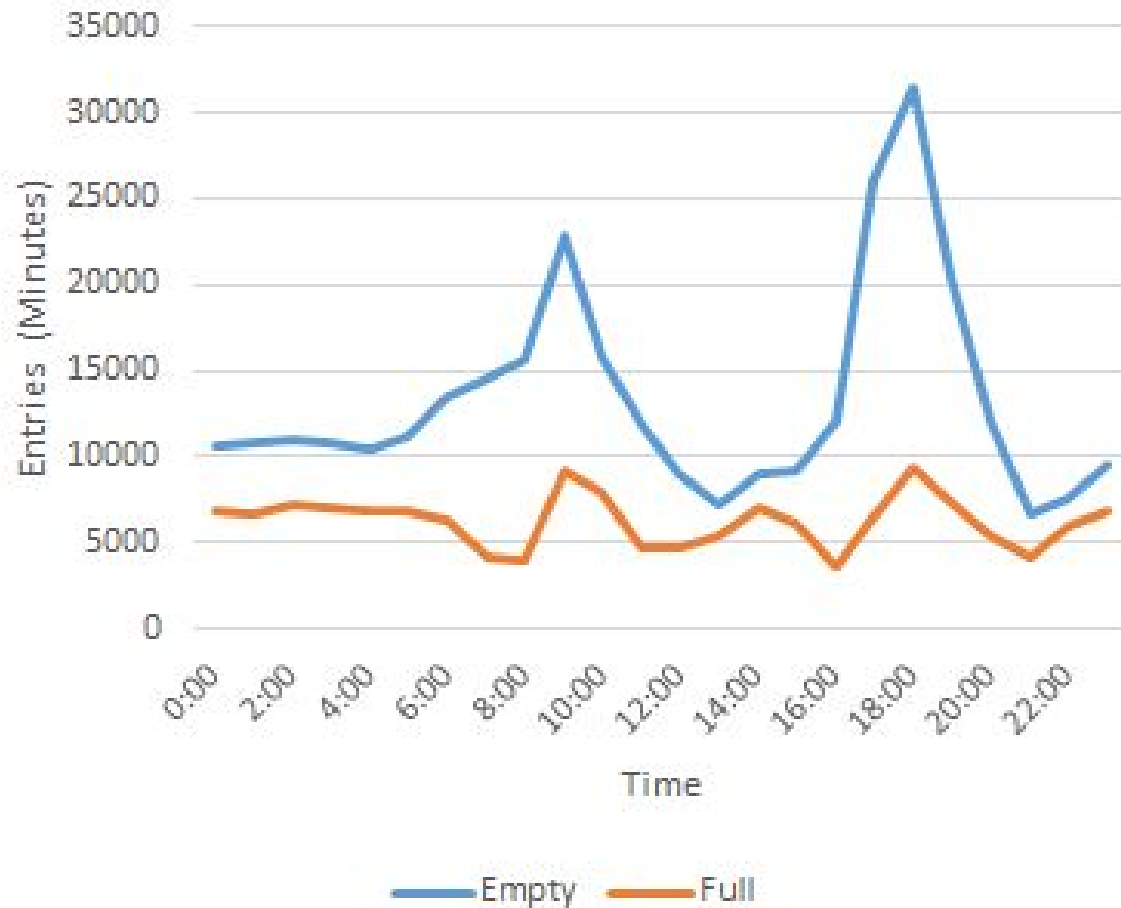
They don't redistribute their bikes so it's common that you'll find a crowd of people around the Embarcadero area waiting for someone to come get a bike out just so they can return a bike and be on their way. This happens to me about once a week and I find myself biking so far away to the next available station that the ride was more of a hassle than a convenience. I've missed my ferry home so many times because of this issue that they refuse to do anything about that I just canceled my membership. They had so much potential but of they don't redistribute then the system doesn't work.

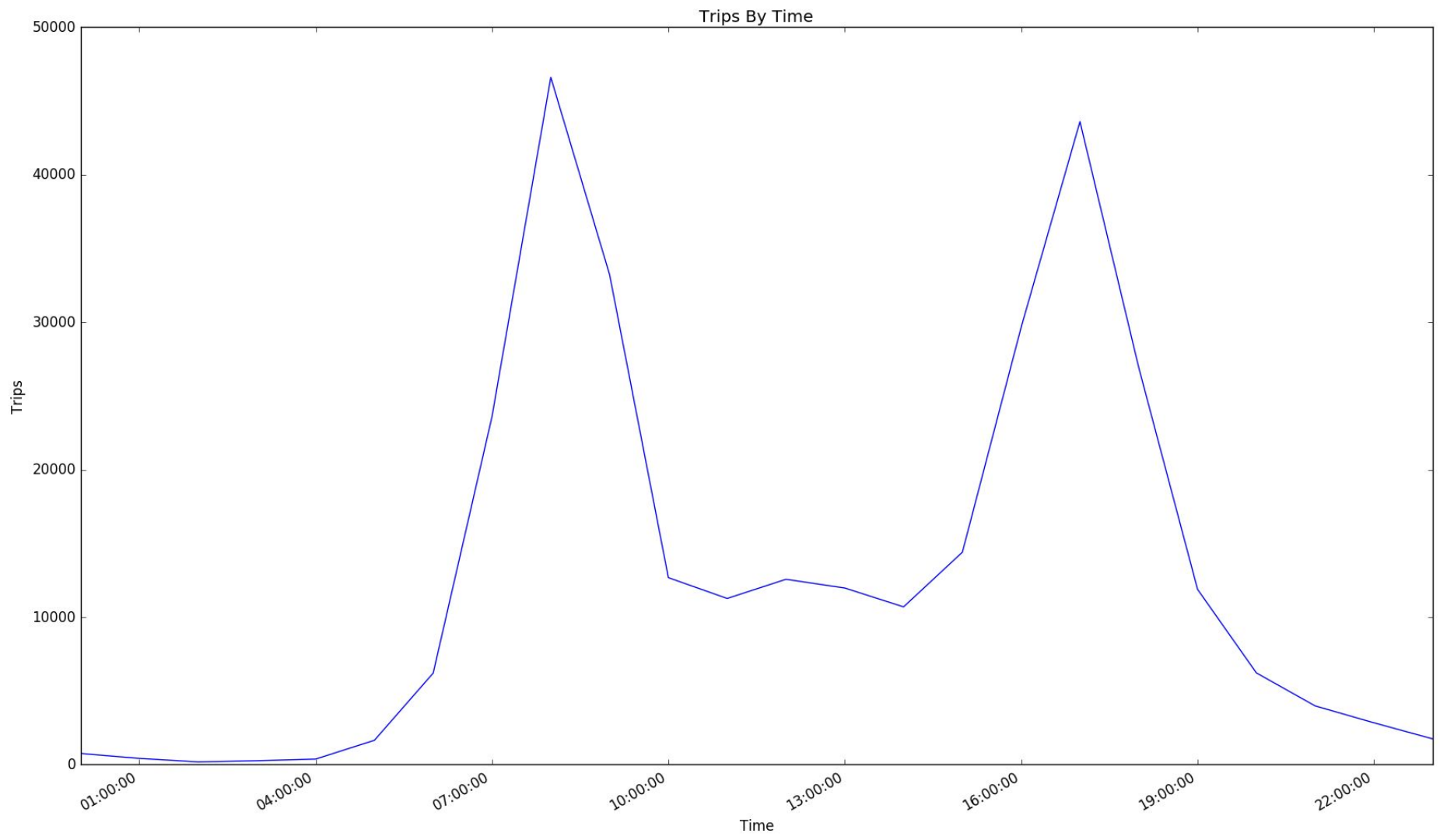
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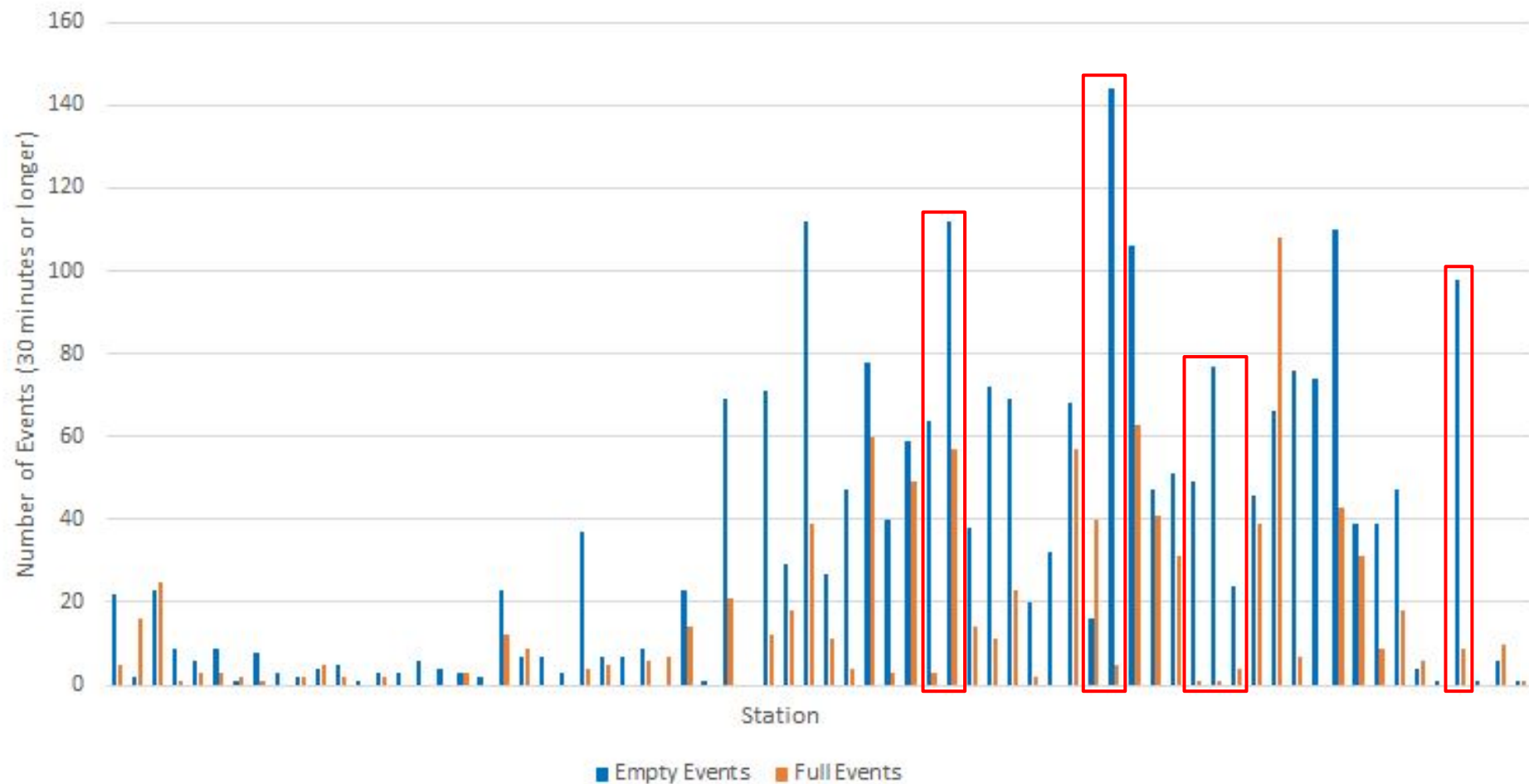
- Real customer complaints
- Ensure customers can dock or rent bikes
- Need to Predict load balancing of bikes between stations

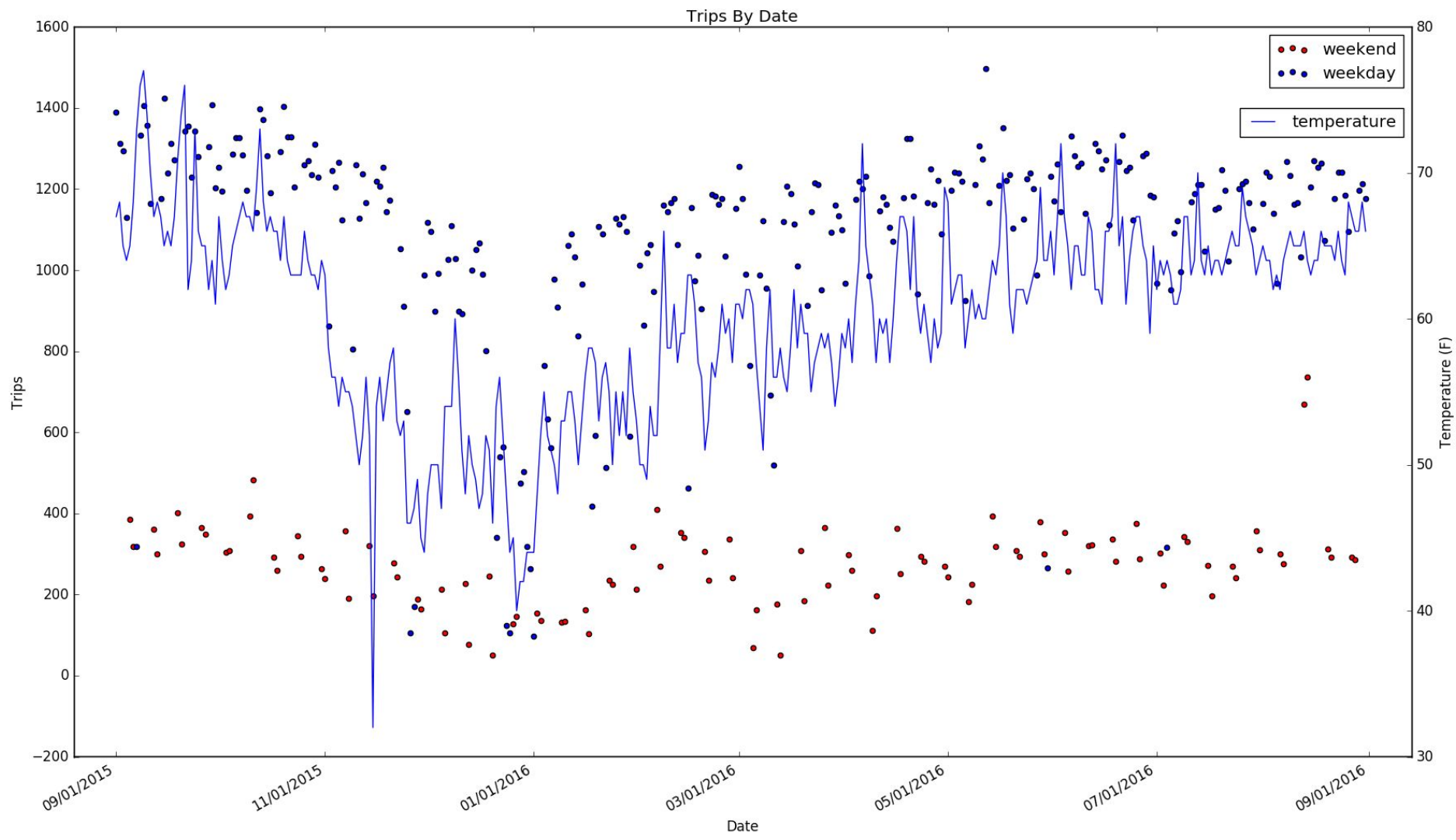
Station Status By Time in Year 3





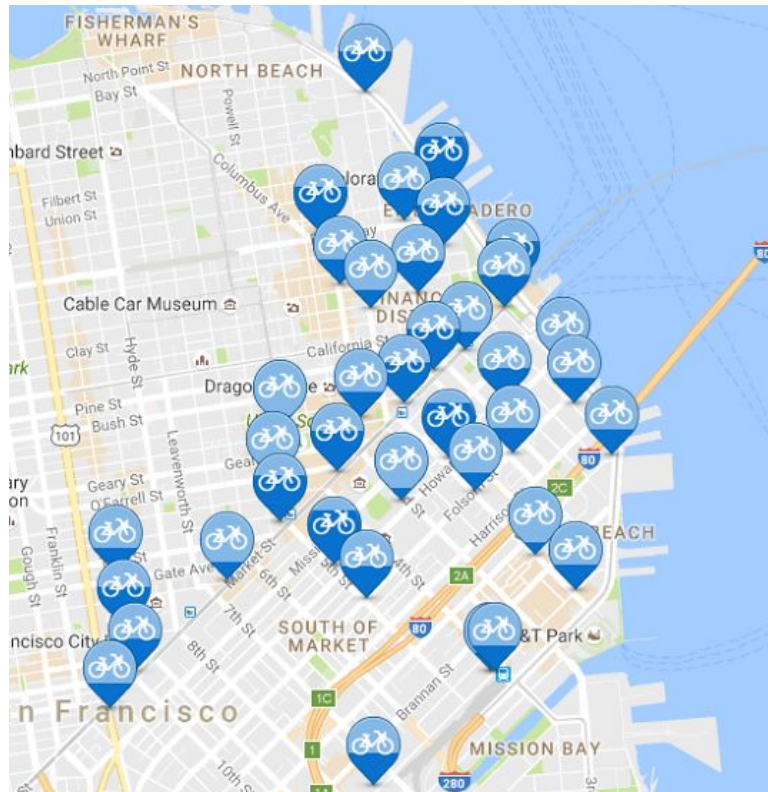
Empty and Full Events By Station In Year 3





Data Source

- <http://www.bayareabikeshare.com/open-data>
- 3 years of data
- Status data
- Station information
- Trip data
- Weather data



Status Data

station_id	bikes_available	docks_available	time
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station_id: station ID number

bikes_available: number of bikes currently in a station

docks_available: number of open docks in a station

time: date & time, PST

>35,000,000 entries; 1 entry per minute per station

Station Information

station_id	name	lat	long	dockcount	landmark	installation
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station_id: station ID number

name: name of station

lat: latitude

long: longitude

dockcount: number of total docks at station (Min = 11, Max = 35)

landmark: city

installation: original date that station was installed.

Trip Data

trip_id	start_date	start_terminal	end_date	end_terminal	bike_id
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trip_id: numeric ID of bike trip

start_date: start date of trip with date and time, in PST

start_terminal: numeric reference for start station

end_date: end date of trip with date and time, in PST

end_terminal: numeric reference for end station

bike_id: ID of bike used

Weather Data

date	mean_temperature	events
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date: date of measurement

mean_temperature: mean temperature of day in Bay Area

events: nothing, rain, or fog

Approach: Predicting Days in Advance

Status	Measurement Criteria
Rideability	Time of day and weather - Month, day of week, hour, mean temperature, rain
Threshold for count	$T = 4$, based on station capacities
Station status classification (based on threshold)	“Empty” indicates # of bikes $< T$
	“Full” indicates # of docks available $< T$
	None
Predict station status given rideability	Empty indicates need for more bikes
	Full indicates need for removal of bikes

Results (All Stations)

Algorithm	Station Status (T=3)			Station Status (T=4)			Station Status (T=5)		
	F1 Empty	F1 Full	Accuracy (%)	F1 Empty	F1 Full	Accuracy (%)	F1 Empty	F1 Full	Accuracy (%)
Gaussian Naive Bayes	N/A	N/A	N/A	0.023	0.008	79.8	N/A	N/A	N/A
Decision Tree	0.133	0.110	86.5	0.157	0.212	75.3	0.301	0.228	61.2
Random Forest	0.090	0.109	88.0	0.126	0.115	78.1	0.226	0.170	62.8
Random Classifier	0.175	0.096	33.3	0.175	0.096	33.3	0.175	0.096	33.3

Results (Individual Stations)

Algorithm	Station 45 (T=4)					Station 11 (T=4)				
	P Empty	R Empty	P Full	R Full	Accuracy (%)	P Empty	R Empty	P Full	R Full	Accuracy (%)
Decision Tree	0.457	0.338	0.203	0.156	49.2	0.003	0.014	0.003	0.007	82.9
Random Forest	0.506	0.326	0.201	0.081	52.7	0.006	0.009	0.14	0.007	91.2
Random Classifier	0.119	0.33	0.056	0.33	33.3	0.119	0.33	0.056	0.33	33.3

P = Precision, R = Recall



Future Work

- Once docks are rebalanced, can't use data for future training
- Model that will work with live data for load balancing
- Take large events into account for rebalancing
- Simplifying attributes
- Short term prediction

