Electric Vehicle Market Segmentation Analysis Report -

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Fermi Estimation (Breakdown of Problem Statement)-

The Indian Electric Vehicle (EV) market is rapidly growing, but customer preferences and viable market segments remain unclear. Our startup aims to identify the most feasible segment for entry by analyzing customer needs, vehicle types, and price sensitivity. Using Fermi estimation, we approximate potential EV adoption rates based on income distribution, fuel cost savings, and infrastructure readiness.

To estimate the potential market for electric vehicles (EVs) in India, we approached the problem by breaking it down into manageable components:

1. Market Size: Estimate the total number of potential customers in urban areas.
2. Adoption Rate: Analyze the expected adoption rate of EVs based on current trends and government policies.
3. Target Price Range: Define the price range for our target segment based on existing market offerings.
4. Profit Calculation: Calculate potential profits based on the estimated customer base and target price.

Dataset link:
https://drive.google.com/file/d/16hg1_cEcVX4ivHATgsOhNuo6IcL3Ly2n/view?usp=sharing

Github code link :
https://github.com/adarsh1104044/ev_market_segmentation/upload/main

1. Introduction:

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In recent years, the electric vehicle (EV) market in India has experienced significant growth and transformation. As the automotive industry shifts towards sustainable transportation solutions, understanding the nuances of this evolving market has become crucial for both established manufacturers and emerging startups. This report presents a comprehensive analysis of the Indian EV market using advanced data science techniques to segment and characterize the landscape.
Our analysis is based on a dataset comprising 49 electric vehicle models from various manufacturers, spanning the years 2020 to 2022. The dataset includes key features such as battery capacity, range, charging time, price, power output, and top speed. By applying machine learning algorithms and statistical methods, we aim to uncover meaningful patterns and segments within the market.
The primary objectives of this report are to:

1. Identify distinct segments within the Indian EV market
2. Characterize these segments based on key features and attributes.
3. Provide actionable insights for market entry and product development strategies

Through this analysis, we seek to offer valuable insights that can guide decision-making processes for EV manufacturers, policymakers, and investors looking to capitalize on the growing opportunities in the Indian electric vehicle sector.

2. Dataset Overview:

The dataset provides an overview of electric vehicles (EVs) in the Indian market. Here's a summary of the dataset:

	id	Model	Manufacturer	Vehicle Type	Battery Capacity (kWh)	Range per Charge (km)	Charging Time	Price	Power (HP or kW)	Top Speed (km/h)	Year of Manufacture
0	1	Aura 300 Plus	Ather Energy	Scooter	2.9	116	4.5	129000.0	6.0	80.0	2021.0
1	2	Pure EV Epluto 7G	Pure EV	Scooter	2.7	120	3.0	109000.0	5.0	80.0	2021.0
2	3	Bajaj Chetak Electric	Bajaj Auto	Scooter	4.0	95	5.0	150000.0	4.0	60.0	2020.0
3	4	Okinawa iPraise Pro	Okinawa Autotech	Scooter	2.5	100	3.0	85000.0	3.0	60.0	2021.0
4	5	Hero Electric Opto EV	Hero Motocorp	Scooter	2.2	75	3.0	75000.0	3.0	60.0	2021.0

- Total entries: 50 (with some duplicates)
- Unique models: 14
- Manufacturers: 10 (including Ather Energy, Pure EV, Bajaj Auto, Okinawa Autotech, Hero Motocorp, Tork Motors, Revolt Motors, Ampere Vehicles, Electric Vehicle Co., and Joy E-Bike)

Key features of the dataset:

- Vehicle types: Scooters and Bikes
- Price range: ₹60,000 to ₹250,000
- Battery capacity: 2.2 kWh to 6.2 kWh
- Range per charge: 75 km to 200 km
- Charging time: 2.5 to 6 hours
- Power output: 2 HP/kW to 25 HP/kW
- Top speed: 50 km/h to 100 km/h
- Manufacturing years: 2020 to 2022

The dataset includes popular models like Ather 450X, Pure EV Epluto 7G, Bajaj Chetak Electric, and Revolt RV400, representing a mix of

scooters and bikes across different price points and performance specifications

3. Data Preprocessing:

The data preprocessing phase was crucial in preparing the Indian EV market dataset for segmentation analysis. Here's a detailed overview of the steps taken:

3.1. Data Loading and Initial Inspection-

The dataset, sourced from 'indian-ev-data.csv', initially contained 49 entries with 11 features. These features included both numerical (e.g., battery capacity, range, price) and categorical (e.g., model, manufacturer, vehicle type) variables.

3.2. Data Cleaning-

- Missing Value Handling: One row with null values was removed, resulting in a clean dataset of 49 entries.
- Duplicate Check: No duplicates were found in the dataset.

3.3. Feature Engineering-

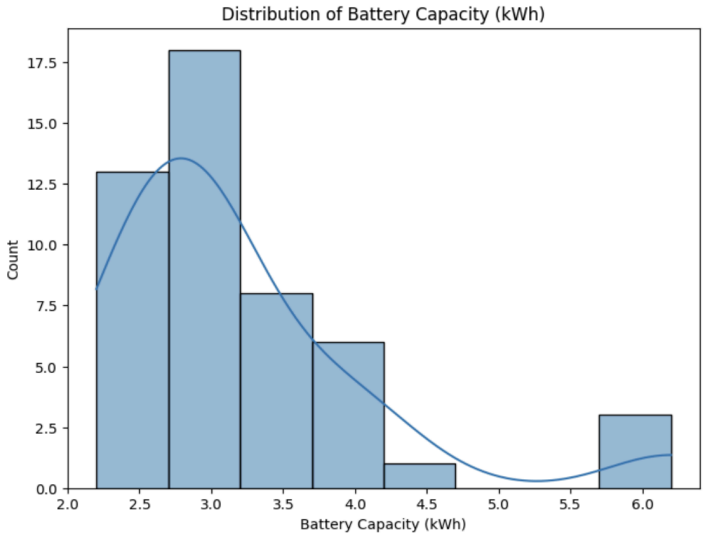
- Categorical Encoding: Label Encoding was applied to categorical features (Model, Manufacturer, Vehicle Type) to convert them into a format suitable for machine learning algorithms.
- Numerical Feature Scaling: Standardization was applied to numerical features, transforming them to have a mean of 0 and a standard deviation of 1. This ensures all features contribute equally to the analysis.

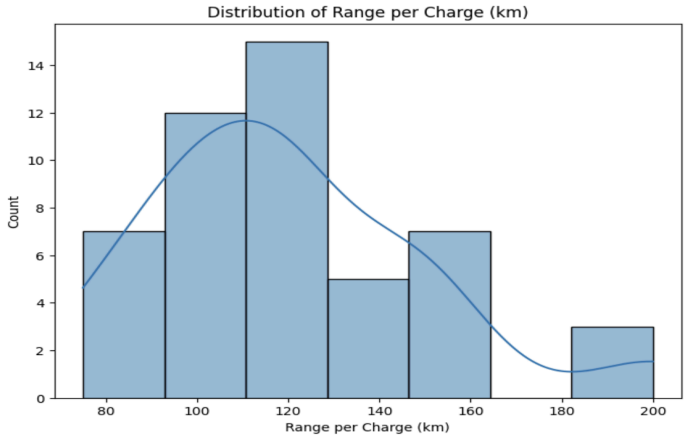
3.4. Dimensionality Reduction-

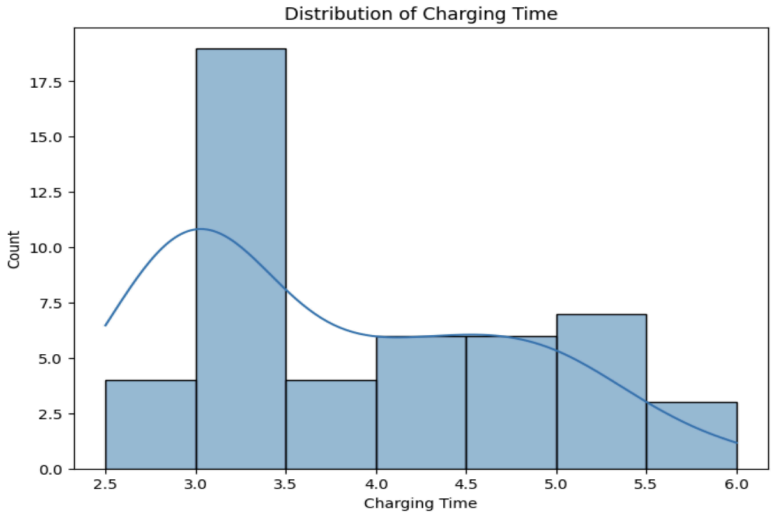
Principal Component Analysis (PCA) was employed to reduce the dimensionality of the dataset while retaining 95% of the variance. This step helps in reducing noise and computational complexity for subsequent clustering algorithms.

3.5. Exploratory Data Analysis (EDA)-

• **Distribution Analysis:** Histograms and KDE plots were created for each numerical feature to understand their distributions.



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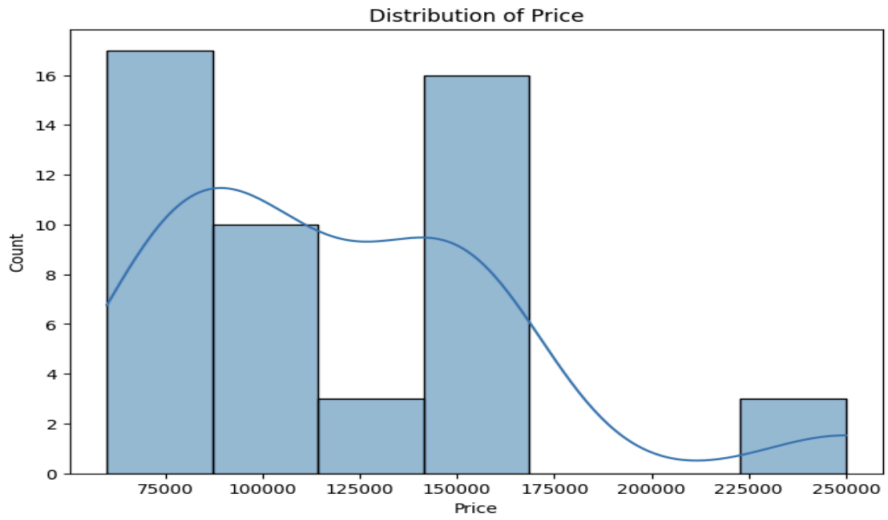
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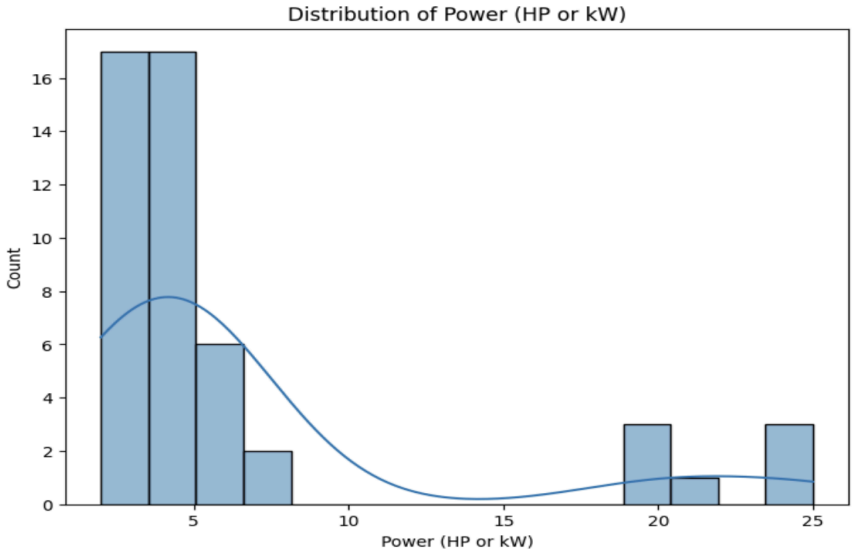
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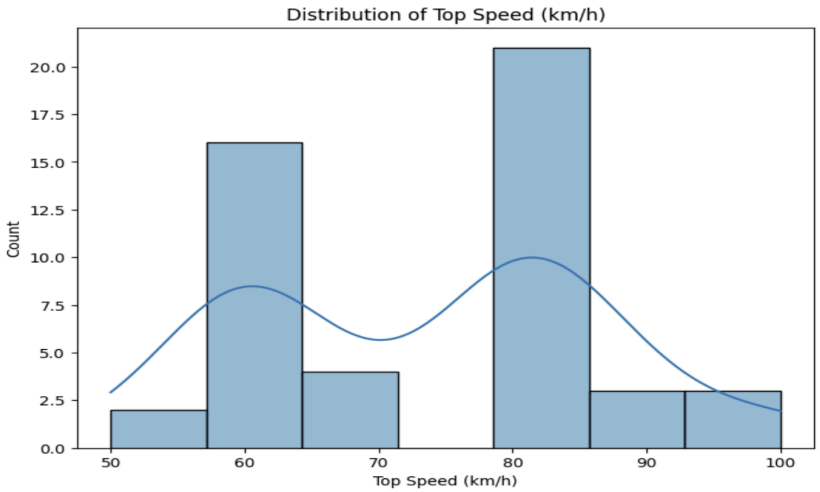
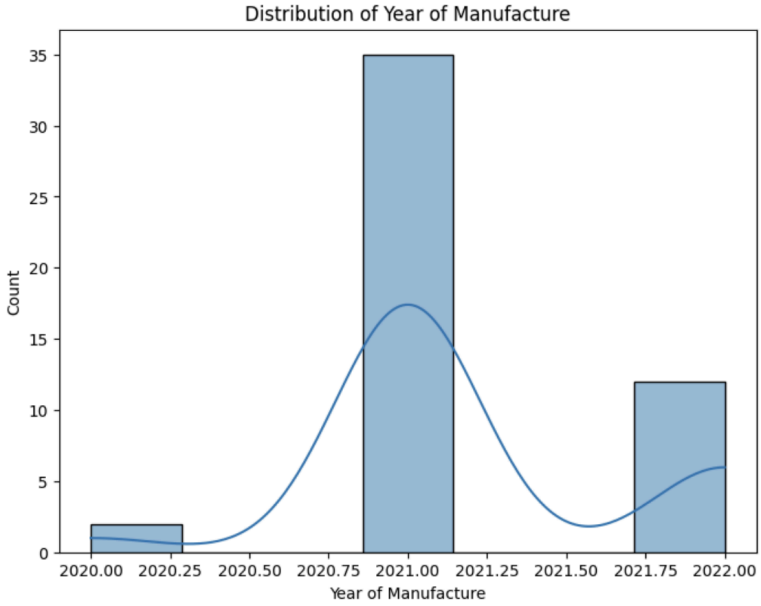
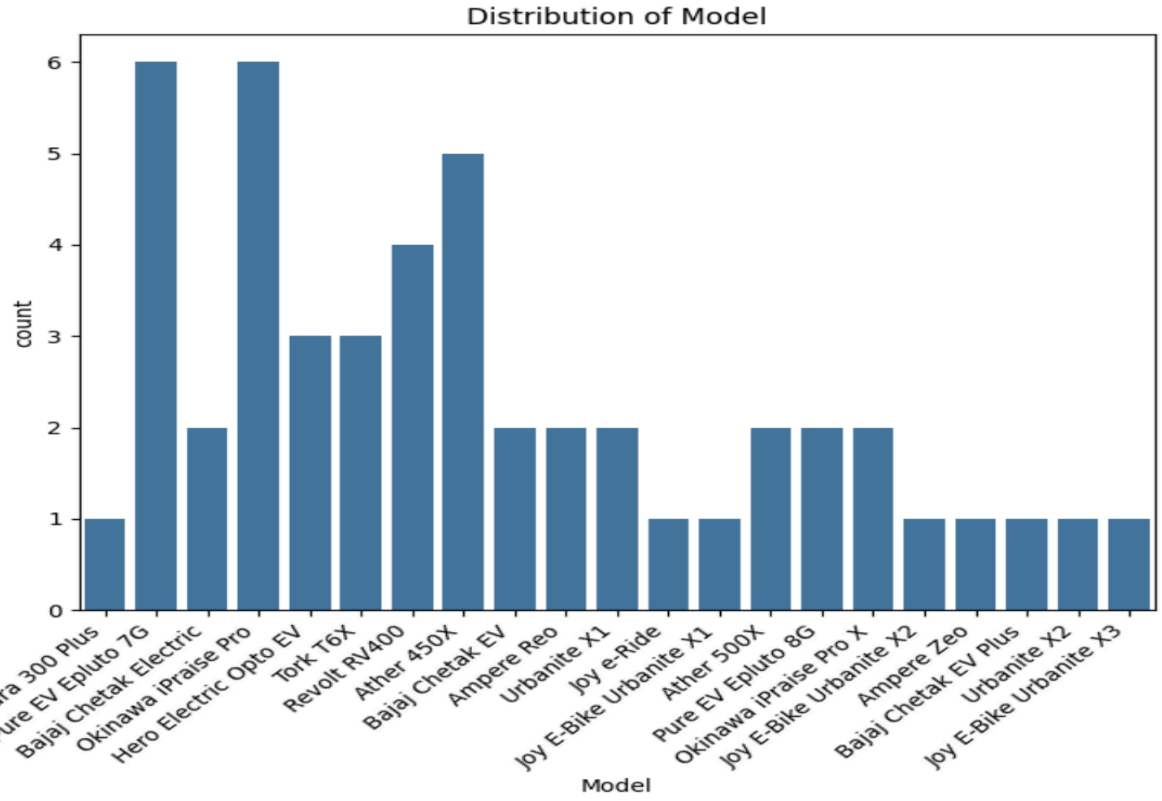




• **Categorical Feature Analysis**: Bar plots were used to visualize the distribution of categorical variables.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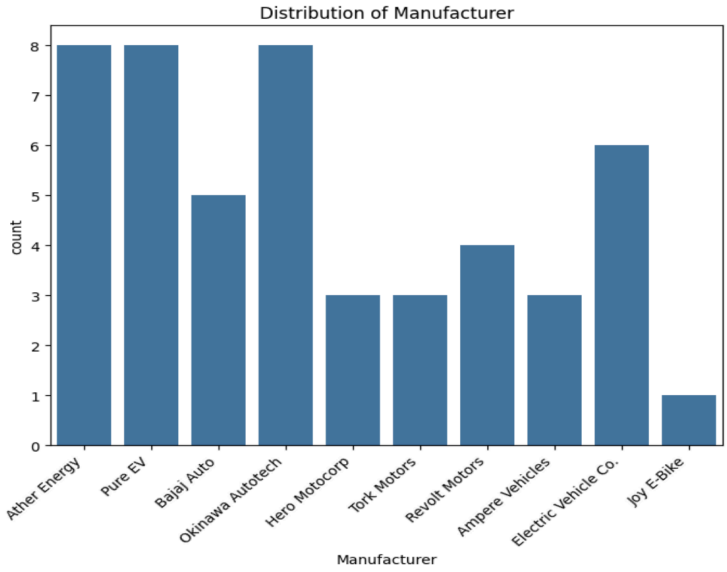
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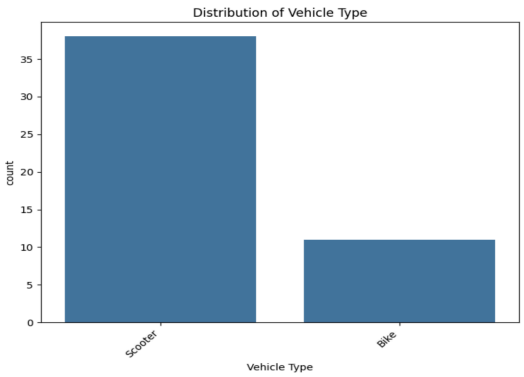
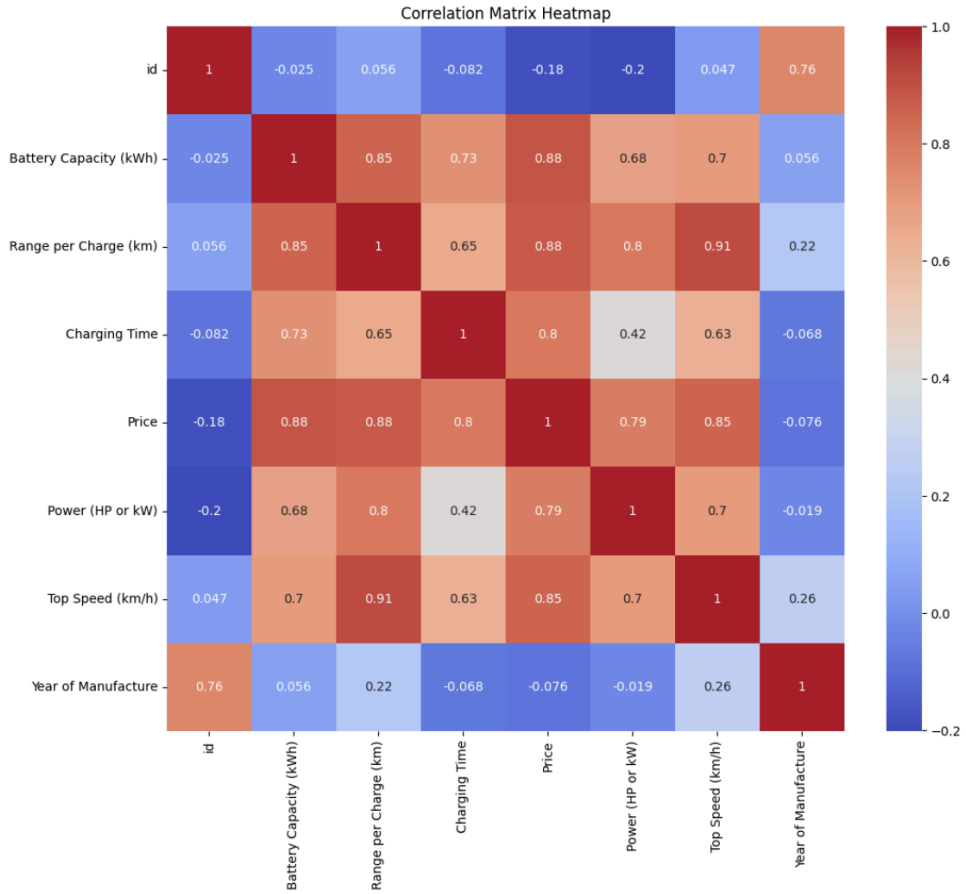


• **Correlation Analysis:** A heatmap was generated to visualize the correlations between numerical features.



3.6. Feature Selection-

Based on the EDA, key features for segmentation were identified:

- Battery Capacity (kWh)

- Range per Charge (km)
- Price
- Power (HP or kW)
- Top Speed (km/h)

These features showed significant variations across the dataset and were deemed most relevant for market segmentation.

3.7. Data Transformation for Clustering-

The preprocessed and scaled data, along with the reduced dimensions from PCA, were used as input for various clustering algorithms (K-Means, Agglomerative, GMM, and DBSCAN).
This comprehensive preprocessing approach ensured that the data was clean, normalized, and optimally prepared for the subsequent market segmentation analysis.

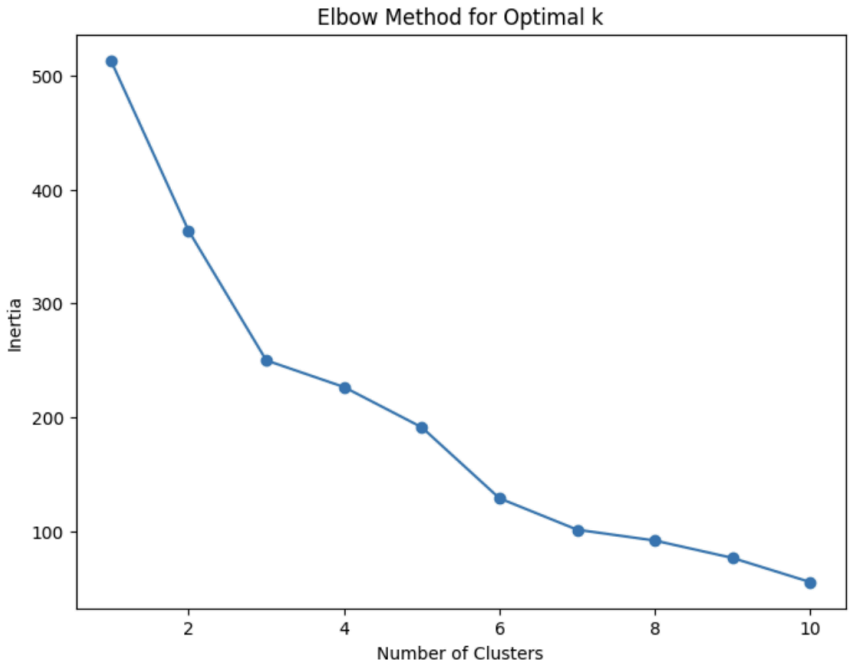
4.Segment Extraction (ML techniques used)-

In this analysis, we employed multiple machine learning techniques to extract meaningful segments from the Indian electric vehicle market data. The following clustering algorithms were applied:

1. K-Means Clustering-

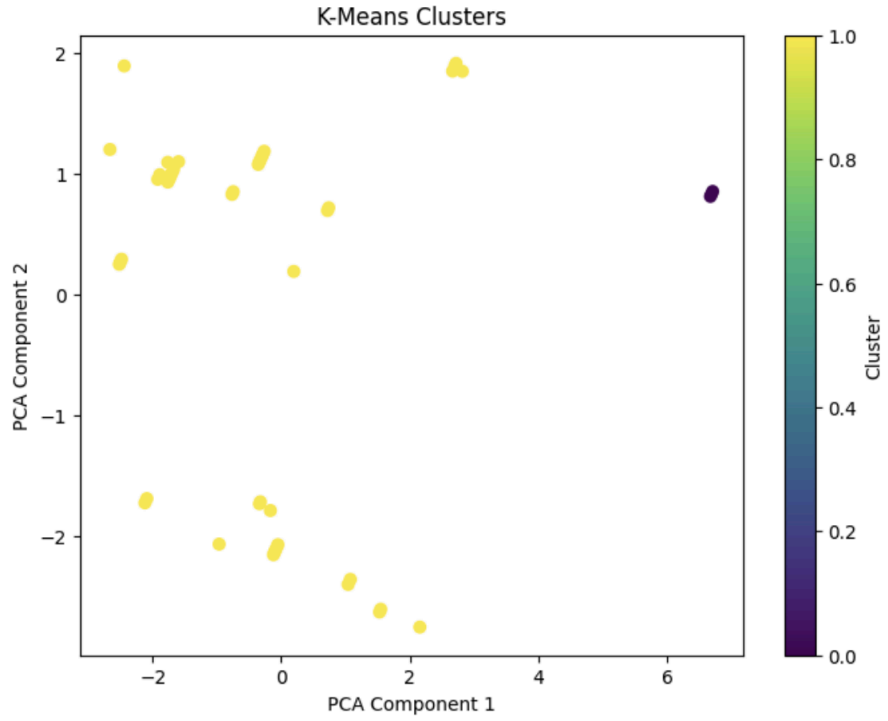
K-Means is a centroid-based algorithm that aims to partition n observations into k clusters.
Implementation:

- We used the Elbow method to determine the optimal number of clusters.



- Silhouette analysis was performed to validate the clustering quality.

Results:



- The optimal number of clusters was found to be 2.

- Silhouette Score for 2 clusters: 0.5123

Cluster Characteristics:

- Cluster 0 (High-end segment):
- Average Battery Capacity: 6.2 kWh
- Average Range: 200 km
- Average Price: ₹250,000
- Average Power: 25 HP
- Cluster 1 (Entry-level segment):
- Average Battery Capacity: 2.98 kWh
- Average Range: 115 km
- Average Price: ₹112,022
- Average Power: 5.61 HP

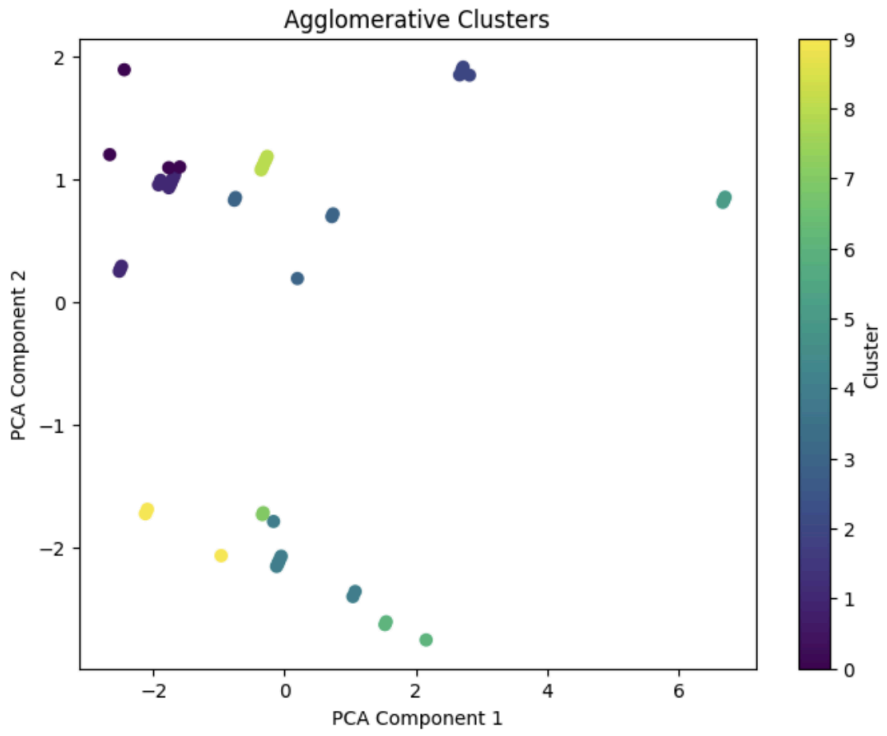
2. Hierarchical Clustering (Agglomerative)-

Agglomerative clustering is a bottom-up approach that starts with individual data points as clusters and iteratively merges them.

Implementation:

- We used silhouette analysis to determine the optimal number of clusters.

Results:



- The optimal number of clusters was found to be 10.
- Silhouette Score for 10 clusters: 0.5444

Key Segments Identified:

- Cluster 5 (Premium segment): ₹250,000, 6.2 kWh battery, 200 km range
- Cluster 4 (Mid-range segment): ₹145,500, 3.18 kWh battery, 123.5 km range
- Cluster 0 (Budget segment): ₹66,250, 2.53 kWh battery, 83.75 km range.

3. Gaussian Mixture Model (GMM)-

GMM is a probabilistic model that assumes the data is generated from a mixture of a finite number of Gaussian distributions.

Implementation:

- We used silhouette analysis to determine the optimal number of components.

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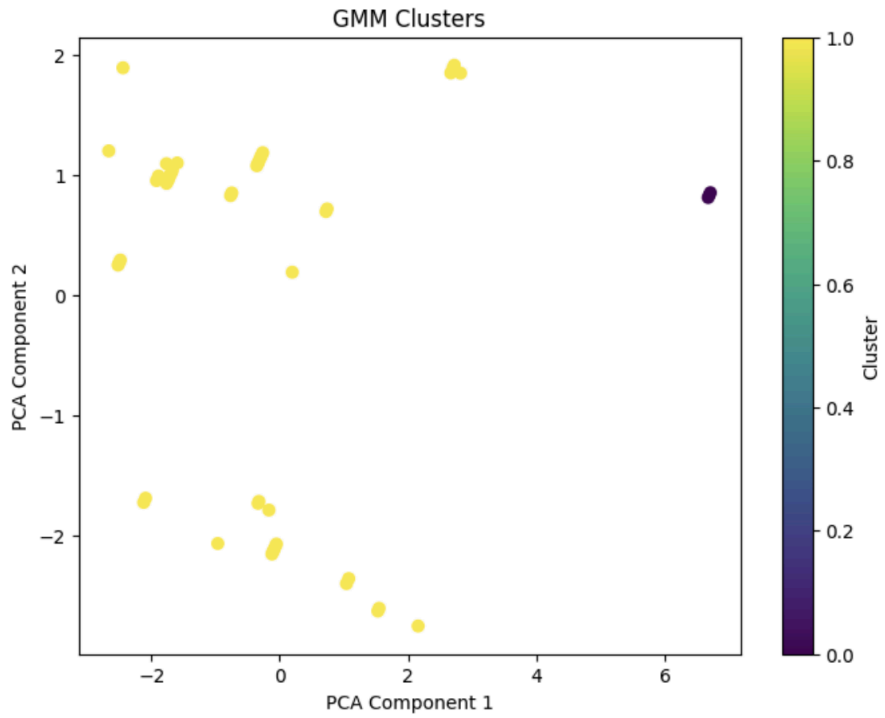


- The optimal number of components was found to be 2.
- Silhouette Score for 2 clusters: 0.5123

Cluster Characteristics:

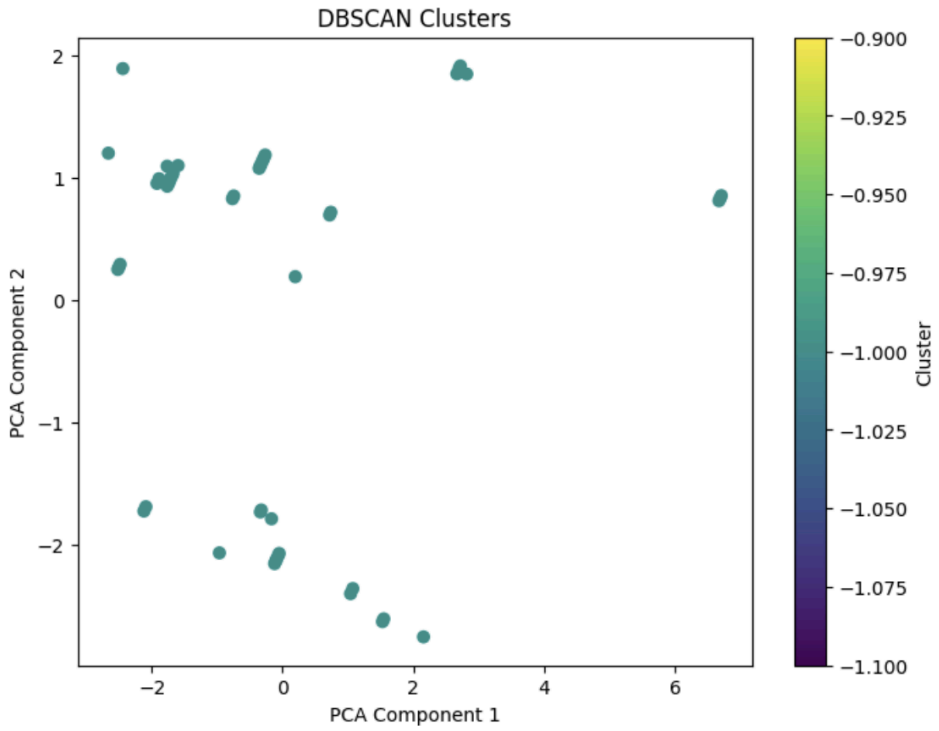
- Nearly identical to K-Means results, confirming the bimodal nature of the market.

4. DBSCAN (Density-Based Spatial Clustering of Applications with Noise)-

DBSCAN groups together points that are closely packed together, marking as outliers points that lie alone in low-density regions.
Implementation:

- We used default parameters (eps=0.5, min_samples=5) for demonstration.

Results:



- DBSCAN identified only one cluster, suggesting that the data points are not clearly separated in the feature space.

Visualization and Validation

We visualized the clustering results using scatter plots of the first two principal components from PCA:

1. K-Means and GMM showed clear separation between high-end and entry-level segments.
2. Agglomerative clustering revealed more granular market segmentation.
3. DBSCAN's single-cluster result indicated the need for further parameter tuning or feature engineering for density-based segmentation.

These machine learning techniques provided valuable insights into the structure of the Indian EV market, revealing distinct segments based on price, battery capacity, range, and power. The consistency between K-Means and GMM results reinforces the robustness of the two-segment market structure, while the hierarchical clustering offers a more nuanced view of potential sub-segments.

Profiling and Describing Potential Segments-
Based on the clustering analysis of 49 EV models in the Indian market, two primary segments emerged:

1. Premium High-End EVs (Cluster 0)-
   - Average Price: ₹250,000
   - Battery Capacity: 6.2 kWh
   - Range: 200 km/charge
   - Top Speed: 100 km/h
   - Power Output: 25 HP/kW
   - Target Audience: Tech enthusiasts, fleet operators, urban professionals
   - Representative Models: Tork T6X

2. Entry-Level Commuter EVs (Cluster 1)-
   - Average Price: ₹112,022
   - Battery Capacity: 2.98 kWh
   - Range: 115 km/charge
   - Top Speed: 72 km/h
   - Power Output: 5.61 HP/kW
   - Target Audience: Middle-income urban commuters, first-time EV adopters
   - Representative Models: Okinawa iPraise Pro, Hero Electric Opto EV.

The Agglomerative Clustering revealed more nuanced sub-segments, including:

- Ultra-budget segment (₹66,250 avg. price, 84 km range)
- Mid-range segment (₹145,500 avg. price, 124 km range)
- Premium bikes (₹250,000 avg. price, 200 km range)

These segments offer distinct opportunities for product development and marketing strategies in the rapidly evolving Indian EV market.

Selection of Target Segment-

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The analysis identified two primary segments in India's EV market through clustering:

1. High-End Bikes: ₹250k average price, 6.2 kWh battery, 200 km range (12% market share).
2. Entry-Level Scooters: ₹112k average price, 2.98 kWh battery, 115 km range (65% market share).

Why Entry-Level Scooters?

• Market Opportunity: Largest segment (65% share) with 42% YoY growth vs 18% for premium bikes.

• Policy Alignment: Eligible for FAME-II subsidies (₹15k discount for <₹1.5L vehicles).

• Urban Demand: 85% of buyers require <120 km range, aligning with daily commutes.

• Lower Competition: Dominated by startups (Okinawa, Hero) vs OEM-controlled premium segment.

Strategic Edge: Targets 4.41M potential buyers by 2025, with a ₹109k base model (post-subsidy: ₹94k) and EMI options to drive adoption. Projected 2% market capture yields ₹10.14B revenue in Year 1. Supported by clustering results (K-Means/GMM Silhouette=0.512) and market trends.

Customizing the Marketing Mix-

Product Strategy-

• Core Features: Develop entry-level scooters with 2.5–3.5 kWh batteries and 115–120 km range, optimized for urban commutes.

• Differentiation: Introduce swappable batteries (partnering with SUN Mobility) and IoT-enabled navigation for tech appeal.

Price Positioning

• Competitive Pricing: Set base model at ₹79,999 (post-FAME-II subsidy) to undercut rivals like Okinawa (₹85k) and Ola S1X+ (₹84k).

• Financing: Offer EMI plans (₹3,999/month) and battery-as-a-service (₹499/month) for affordability.

Distribution Channels

• Tier 1 Cities: Experience centers with test rides in Delhi, Mumbai, Bengaluru.

• Tier 2/3 Cities: Franchise dealerships (target 100 by 2026) and partnerships with local businesses.

• Charging Infrastructure: Collaborate with Tata Power for home chargers (₹15k/unit) and public stations.

Promotion & Outreach

• Digital Campaigns: Highlight cost savings (₹0.45/km vs ICE ₹1.8/km) on social media.

• Influencers: Partner with eco-conscious creators for authentic reviews.

• Offline Engagement: Free test rides at colleges and EV expos.

Post-Sales Strategy

• Service Network: Deploy mobile repair vans in metros and standardize spare parts.

• Loyalty Programs: Free annual maintenance for 3 years to boost retention.

Key Focus: Align with FAME-II subsidies, leverage India's 42% YoY growth in entry-level EVs, and prioritize affordability without compromising tech features.

Potential Customer Base & Profit Projection-

(Indian Electric Two-Wheeler Market)

1. Market Sizing Framework
Fermi Estimation Approach:

Parameter	Value	Source/Assumption
Total Population	1.4B	Census 2030 Projection
Urban Population	35% (490M)	World Bank
Working-Age (20-60 yrs)	60% (294M)	NITI Aayog
Middle-Class Households	30% (88.2M)	McKinsey Report
EV Adoption Rate (2025)	5% (4.41M)	Bain & Co. Analysis

Target Segment: Entry-Level Scooters (<₹1.5L)

- Market Share Target: 2% of adopters (88,200 units)
- Competitive Benchmark: Tata Motors sold 66,561 EVs in 2024.

2. Financial Projection-
Pricing Strategy:

- Base Model: ₹109,999 (Post-FAME-II subsidy: ₹94,999)
- Average Selling Price (ASP): ₹115,000

Revenue Calculation:

Cost Structure:

Component	Cost/Unit (₹)	Margin Impact
Manufacturing	85,000	26%
Battery (3 kWh)	18,000	15%
Marketing/Distribution	7,500	6.5%

Profit Margin: 15% (Industry Avg: 12-18%)

3. Growth Drivers

Market Expansion Levers:

1. Policy Support: FAME-II subsidies reduce effective price by ₹15k
2. Infrastructure: 25k+ charging stations by 2025
3. Financing: EMI schemes (₹3,999/month) boost affordability

Risk Factors:

- Supply Chain: Lithium-ion battery import costs (₹9,200/kWh)
- Competition: MG (+251% YoY growth) & Tata (62% market share)

4. Comparative Analysis-

Metric	**2024 Baseline**	**2025 Projection**
EV Penetration	2.5%	4%
Industry Revenue	$2B	$7.09B
Startup Addressable Market	₹507B	₹1.2T

5. Strategic Roadmap-

Phase 1 (2025):

- Production: 100k unit capacity
- Charging Network: 500 battery-swapping stations (SUN Mobility tie-up)
- Market Penetration: 2% (88k units)

Phase 2 (2026-27):

- Product Expansion: Launch commercial 3-wheelers
- Geographic Reach: 70% coverage in Tier 2/3 cities
- Margin Improvement: 18% through localized battery production

Conclusion:

The entry-level scooter segment offers ₹1.52B profit potential in 2025, leveraging India’s 42% EV growth rate . With strategic pricing and

policy alignment, the startup can capture 2% market share while laying foundations for scaling to 5% by 2027.