

Analysis of Medium- and Heavy-Duty Vehicles Dataset

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Introduction

The dataset provides detailed information about medium- and heavy-duty vehicles. It includes fields such as vehicle models, battery capacities, manufacturers, application categories, and fuel types. This report presents three visualizations generated from the dataset and provides an analysis of the findings. The main idea is to observe the uses of electric vehicles.

Data Fields Description

Field	Type	Description
Vehicle ID	Integer	A unique identifier for this specific vehicle.
Model	String	The vehicle's model name.
Manufacturer	String	The vehicle's manufacturer.
Transmission	String	The manufacturer of the available transmission(s) in the vehicle.
Make	String	The maximum number of passengers that a bus can accommodate.
Num	String	An identifier for a specific vehicle power system.
Passengers	Array	The fuels or technologies available for the vehicle.
Power System	Array	The duty application(s) of the vehicle.
IDs	Array	The type of transmission (e.g., manual or automatic) in the vehicle.
Fuels	Array	
Application	Array	
Categories	Array	
Transmission	Array	
Types	Array	

Visualizations and Analysis

1. Battery Capacity by Model

This bar plot shows the battery capacity (kWh) for various vehicle models. Only models with complete data on the `Battery.Capacity.kWh..max.` field were included.

Findings: - There is significant variability in battery capacities across models.
- Certain models demonstrate higher battery capacities, indicating suitability for extended operations or heavy-duty applications.

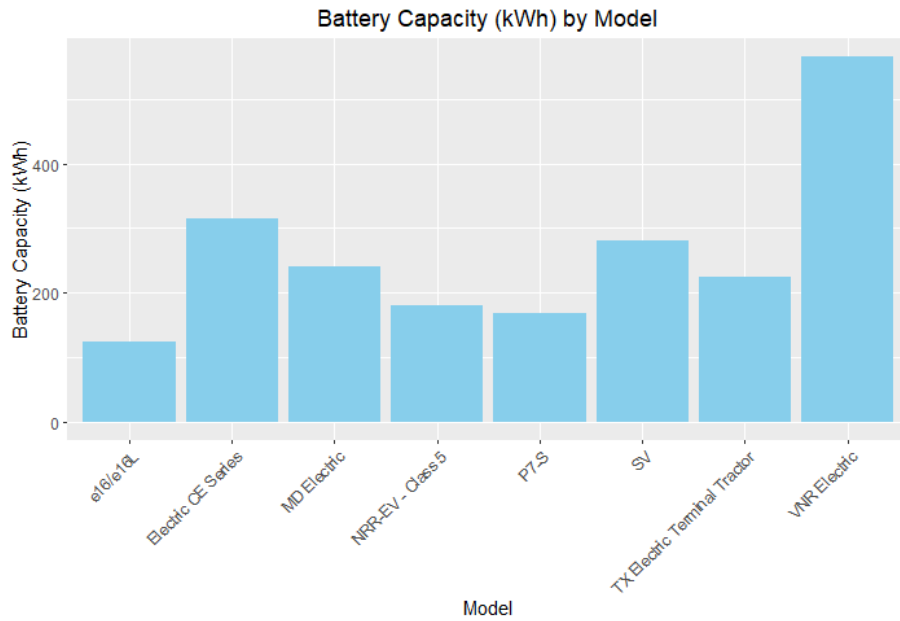


Figure 1: App Screenshot

2. Distribution of Application Categories

This bar plot displays the frequency of application categories for the vehicles. It highlights how vehicles are categorized based on their duty applications. The main idea is to observe the use of electric vehicles.

Findings: - Some categories are more common, likely due to their broader use in transportation industries. - The distribution can guide manufacturers and policymakers in identifying gaps or overrepresentation in certain application areas.

3. Fuel Types Distribution (Word Cloud)

A word cloud was created to visualize the distribution of fuel types. Larger words represent more frequent fuel types in the dataset.

Findings: - Certain fuel types dominate, such as diesel and electric, reflecting current trends in medium- and heavy-duty vehicle markets. - Emerging technologies or niche fuels appear less frequently, suggesting potential areas for development or innovation.

Technical Implementation

Data Cleaning

The dataset was filtered to ensure only complete cases for relevant fields were included in each analysis. For example:

```
cleandata <- data[complete.cases(data[, c("Model", "Battery.Capacity.kWh..max.")]), ]
```

Visualizations

1. Battery Capacity by Model:

```
ggplot(cleandata, aes(x = Model, y = `Battery.Capacity.kWh..max.`)) +  
  geom_bar(stat = "identity", fill = "skyblue") +  
  labs(title = "Battery Capacity (kWh) by Model", x = "Model", y = "Battery Capacity (kWh)") +  
  theme(plot.title = element_text(hjust = 0.5)) +  
  theme(axis.text.x = element_text(angle = 45, hjust = 1))
```

2. Application Categories Distribution:

```
category_counts <- data %>% count(Application.Categories)  
  
ggplot(category_counts, aes(x = Application.Categories, y = n)) +  
  geom_bar(stat = "identity", fill = "skyblue") +  
  labs(title = "Distribution of Application Categories", x = "Application Category", y = "Count") +  
  theme_minimal() +  
  theme(axis.text.x = element_text(angle = 45, hjust = 1), plot.title = element_text(hjust = 0.5))
```

3. Fuel Types Word Cloud:

```
Fuels_count <- data %>% count(Fuels)  
  
wordcloud(words = Fuels_count$Fuels, freq = Fuels_count$n, min.freq = 1, max.words = 200, ra
```

Conclusion

The visualizations provide insights into battery capacities, application categories, and fuel types in medium- and heavy-duty vehicles. These insights can guide future research, manufacturing strategies, and policy-making to address trends and gaps in the market.