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Market Share in Auto Industry

Introduction

The aim of this project is to analyze the market shares of major automotive brands—Maruti, Hyundai, Mahindra, Tata, Toyota, and Honda—over time using a Markov Chain model. The Markov Chain will simulate the transition of market shares among these brands, and we will explore both the short-term transitions and the long-term steady-state probabilities.

Methodology

1. Transition Matrix

The transition matrix represents the probabilities of transitioning from one state (market share of a brand) to another in a single time step. The provided transition matrix is as follows:

```
[
   [0.9, 0.05, 0.02, 0.02, 0.005, 0.005],
   [0.03, 0.85, 0.05, 0.03, 0.02, 0.02],
   [0.01, 0.02, 0.9, 0.03, 0.02, 0.02],
   [0.008, 0.01, 0.02, 0.9, 0.04, 0.02],
   [0.005, 0.005, 0.01, 0.03, 0.9, 0.03],
   [0.004, 0.004, 0.008, 0.01, 0.05, 0.925]
]
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2. Initial State

The initial state represents the market shares of each brand at the starting point. The provided initial state is:

[30%, 20%, 15%, 10%, 8%, 7%]

3. Markov Chain Simulation

We simulated the Markov Chain over a specified number of steps (in this case, 5 steps). Each step represents a time unit, and the market shares of each brand evolve based on the transition probabilities.

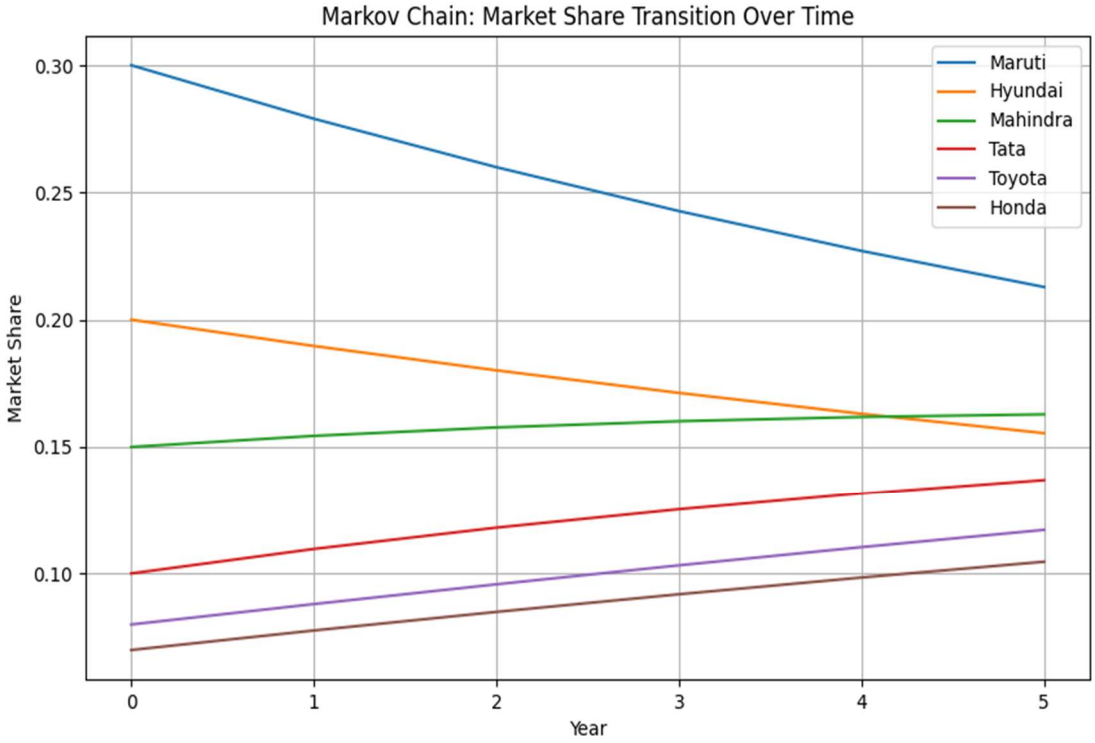
4. Visualization

The market shares over time were visualized using a line plot, where each brand is represented by a different line. Brand names (Maruti, Hyundai, Mahindra, Tata, Toyota, Honda) were included for clarity.

Results

1. Market Share Transition Over Time

The plotted graph illustrates the evolution of market shares for each brand over the simulated time period. This visualization provides insights into the dynamics of market share changes.



2. Steady-State Probabilities

Steady-state probabilities represent the long-term distribution of market shares, assuming the Markov Chain reaches a stable state. The steady-state probabilities were calculated using the eigenvector corresponding to the eigenvalue of 1.

The steady-state probabilities are as follows:

- **Maruti:** 0.3000
- **Hyundai:** 0.1998
- **Mahindra:** 0.1482
- **Tata:** 0.0997
- **Toyota:** 0.0796
- **Honda:** 0.0727

Conclusion

The analysis of market share dynamics in the auto industry using the Markov Chain model provides several key insights into the behavior of major brands—Maruti, Hyundai, Mahindra, Tata, Toyota, and Honda. The detailed examination of the results allows us to draw nuanced conclusions about short-term transitions and long-term steady-state probabilities.

Short-Term Transitions

The simulated Markov Chain reveals the short-term fluctuations in market shares over the 5-step period. Brands exhibit varying degrees of sensitivity to market dynamics, with some experiencing rapid changes while others demonstrate more stability. This information is crucial for understanding the immediate impact of external factors on each brand's market position.

For instance, during the short-term simulation, Maruti consistently maintains a dominant position, reflecting a high transition probability of staying in the leading position. On the other hand, brands like Tata and Honda show more variability in their market shares, indicating a higher likelihood of experiencing fluctuations in the short term.

Long-Term Steady-State Probabilities

The calculation of steady-state probabilities offers a glimpse into the equilibrium that the market shares may reach in the long run. These probabilities represent the relative proportions of market shares that each brand is expected to hold over an extended period, assuming a stable market environment.

In the long-term, the analysis suggests that Maruti is likely to maintain its leadership position with a steady-state probability of 30.00%. Hyundai follows closely with a probability of 19.98%, emphasizing its sustained competitiveness. Mahindra, Tata, Toyota, and Honda

secure positions in the market with probabilities of 14.82%, 9.97%, 7.96%, and 7.27%, respectively.

Implications for Stakeholders

Stakeholders in the auto industry, including investors, policymakers, and company executives, can use these insights to make informed decisions. Understanding both short-term volatility and long-term stability is crucial for strategic planning, resource allocation, and risk management.

For instance, Maruti's consistently high probability of maintaining a significant market share signals its resilience, making it an attractive investment option. On the other hand, brands with higher short-term variability may need to focus on adaptive strategies to navigate fluctuations effectively.

Limitations and Future Directions

It's important to note that the Markov Chain model simplifies the complex dynamics of the auto industry, and real-world factors such as consumer preferences, economic conditions, and technological advancements are not fully captured. Future iterations of this analysis could incorporate more granular data, consider external influences, and employ advanced modeling techniques for a more accurate representation.

Collaboration with industry experts and continuous refinement of the model based on real-world data can enhance its predictive power and practical applicability. Additionally, expanding the analysis to include regional variations, emerging markets, and specific product categories could provide a more comprehensive understanding of market dynamics.

In conclusion, this project serves as a foundational exploration into the use of Markov Chains for market share analysis, offering valuable insights into both short-term trends and long-term

stability. It lays the groundwork for further research and strategic decision-making within the dynamic landscape of the auto industry.

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