Tapsi Rides: What does happen behind the scene?





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From Traditional to Shared Economy Businesses



Reducing transaction cost over generations of markets



Challenge and Opportunity of Shared Economy Businesses

- In shared economy businesses, customers can switch between alternative platforms with minimum cost
 - Correct design ⇒ Fast growth
 - Incorrect design ⇒ Users leave your platform





Setting up a Ride: Overview

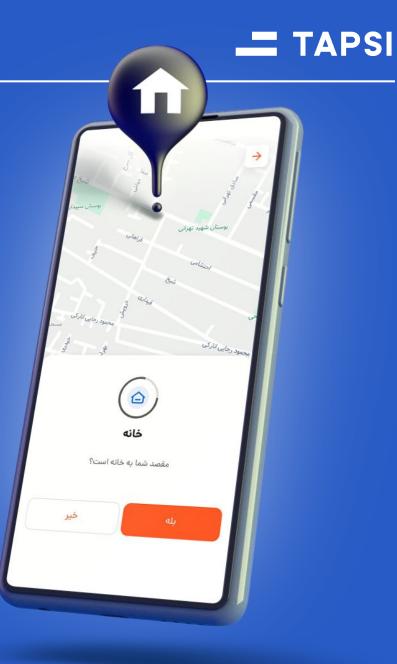




Setting up a Ride: Smart Suggestions

- 83% of the time, a ride to the same destination has happened in the past.
- Precision/Recall tradeoff





Setting up a Ride: Search



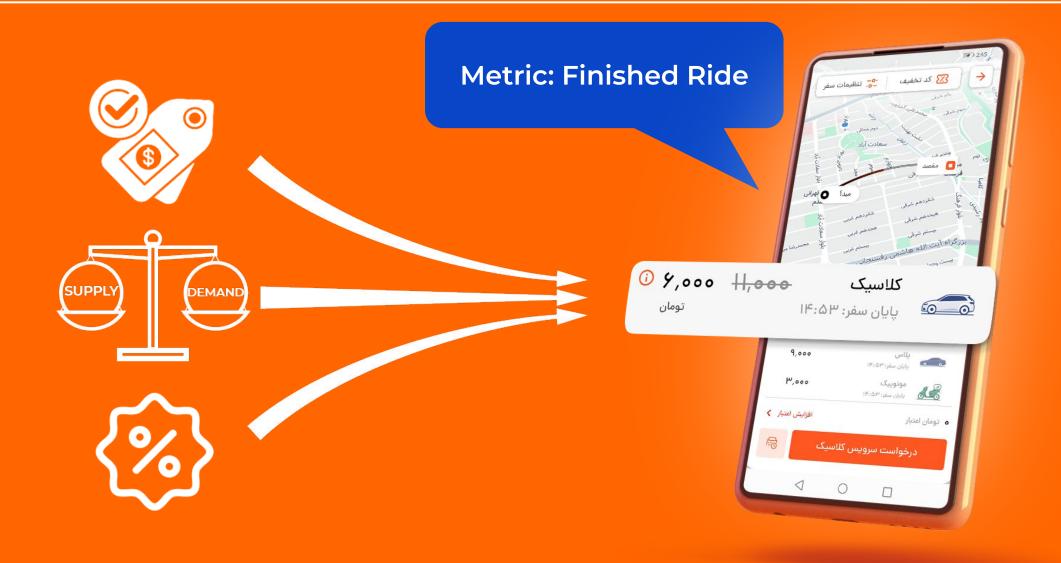
- Developing Persian NLP tools
- There is no unified structure for geographical addressing





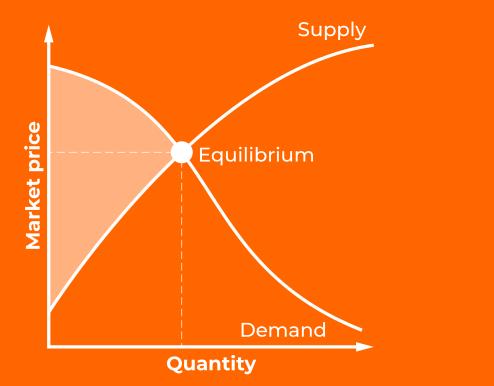
Requesting a Ride: Overview

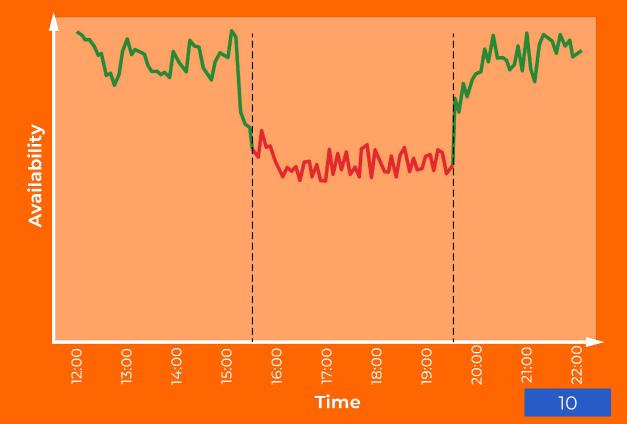




Requesting a Ride: Surge Pricing

 Surge pricing: Tool for finding supply and demand equilibrium • A use case when surge pricing is down







Requesting a Ride: Discount



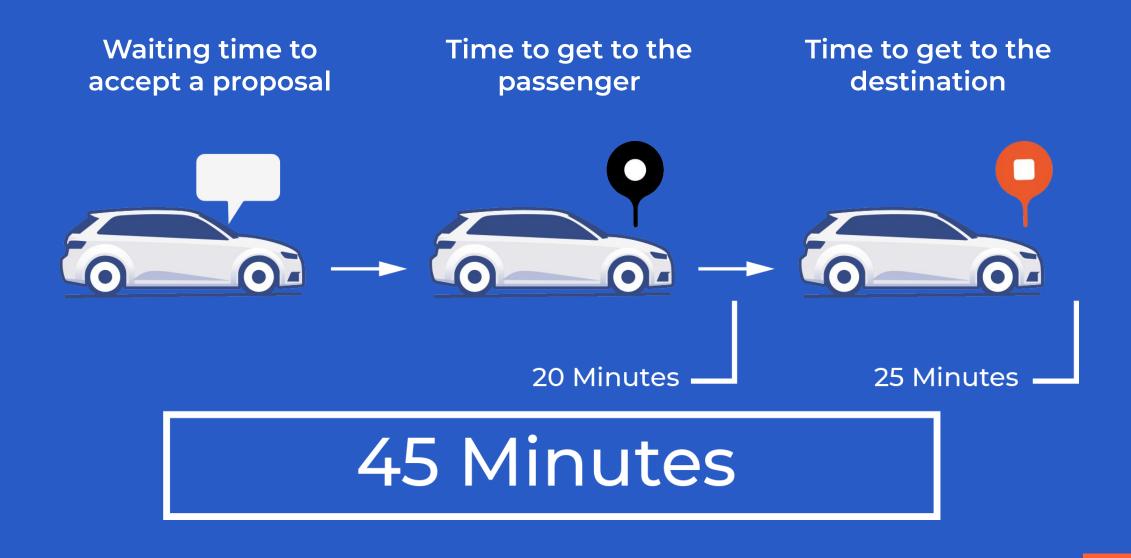
- Discount is a strong tool for generating demand
- Increasing demand leads to increasing availability!



Finding a Driver: Overview



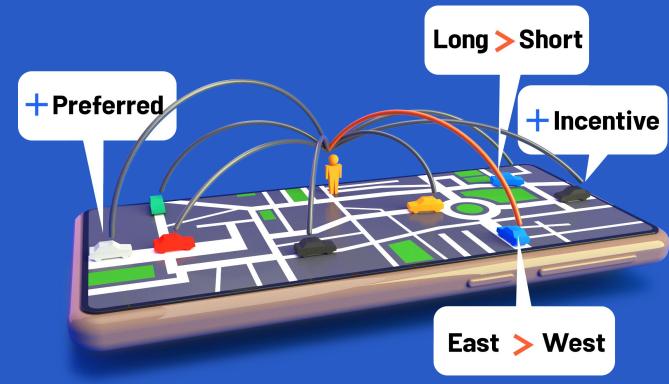




Finding a Driver: Dispatch

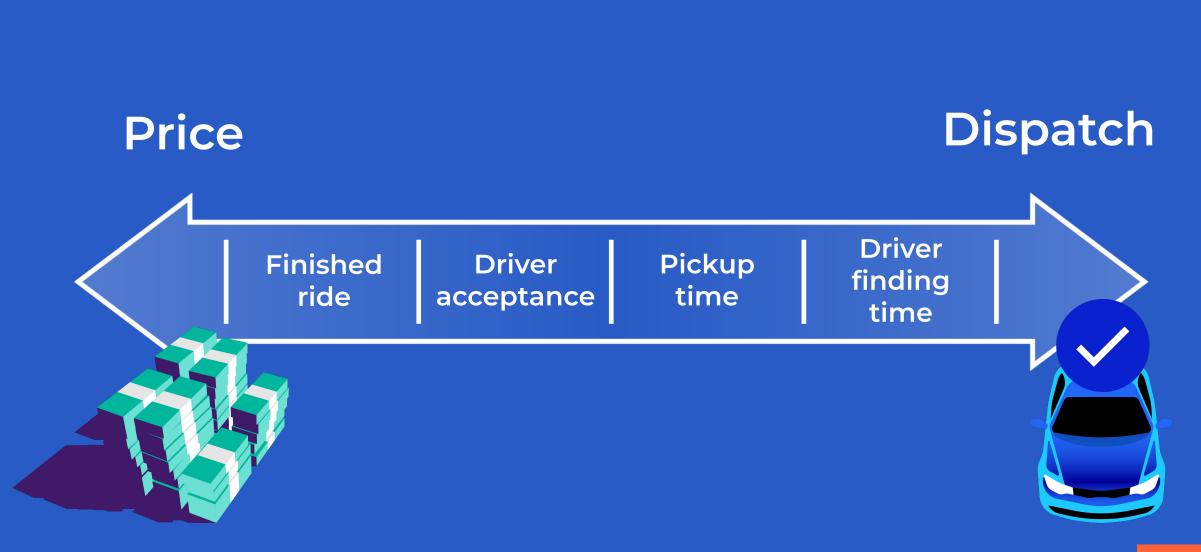


- We have limited time opportunity to find a qualified driver for the passenger
- Drivers have option to accept or reject each proposal
- There are multiple segments of drivers with different preferences
- Passengers' and drivers' priority may not be aligned





2.5 min Reduction ⇒ 10% More Income for Drivers



ETA: Overview



- ETA plays a critical role in the marketplace design
 - Pricing: Ride ETA is the most defining factor in fair-pricing
 - Dispatch: Passengers' and drivers' satisfaction is heavily dependent on pickup ETA





ETA: Routing

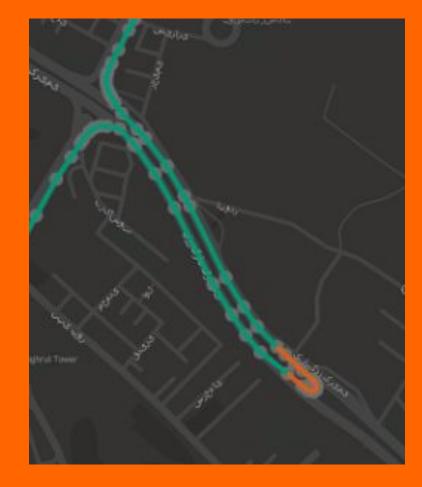
- There are more than 100M ETA calls per day in Tapsi
- Time-series forecasting is a challenge in routing



ETA: Basemap

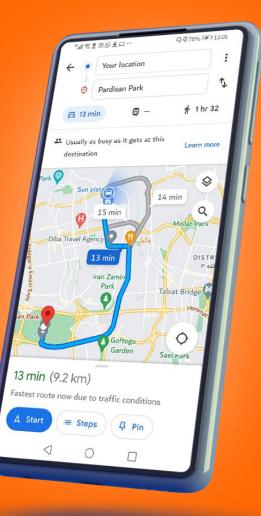


- Basemap errors affects the ETA accuracy
- The basemap is changing regularly
- The basemap changes may be temporary



ETA: Why not to Outsource?

- Main reasons to develop in-house ETA service:
 - Availability
 - Cost
 - Accuracy
- Tapsi's ETA accuracy is more than 10% better than alternative solutions





1% Improvement ⇒ Hundreds of Million Tomans More Income for Drivers



