

Appendix - Definition of Variables

Below all variables used in the model are provided.

Clarification of abbreviation under the heading “Type”:

Aux = Auxiliary equation

Var = Exogenous variable – used for model analysis

Con = Constant

Par = parameter, to be estimated independently

Terms are sorted in order of discussion in the paper.

Indices that are used throughout:

Index	Description
i, j	platform type; $i, j \in \{N\}$; N = Total number of platforms
q	population segment; $q \in \{d, nd\}$, d=drivers, nd=non-drivers; used in conjunction with index i: for instance, the combination (nd, i) indicates all households that not drive platform i
m	cohort in aging chain for Fleet i ; $m \in \{M\}$; M =total number of cohorts in the aging chain
l	attributes of a platform; $l \in \{L\}$; L total number of attributes
k	source for updating of opinions; $k \in \{d, nd, ma, ex\}$, ma = marketin&media, ex = experience

1. Consumer Choice

Term	Type	Unit	Name
F_i	Stock	[vehicles]	fleet of platform i
s_i	Flow	[vehicles/year]	sales of platform i
dc_i^m	Flow	[vehicles/year]	vehicle discards of platform i for cohort m
dc_i^r	Aux	[vehicles/year]	total discards of platform i
$rs_{j,i}$	Aux	[vehicles/year]	replacement sales of platform i coming from platform j
rs_i	Aux	[vehicles/year]	replacement sales of platform i
ns_i	Aux	[vehicles/year]	total sales by new households for platform i
$\sigma_{j,i}$	Aux	[dmnl]	share of replaced discards from platform j to i
$ea_{j,i}$	Aux	[dmnl]	effective attractiveness of platform i perceived by driver of platform j
ea_i^q	Aux	[dmnl]	effective attractiveness of platform i perceived by population segment (q,i)
ea_N^q	Aux	[dmnl]	1xN vector of effective attractiveness of platforms i perceived by population segment (q,i)
$I_{N \times N}$	Con	[dmnl]	NxN identity matrix
ea_j^r	Aux	[dmnl]	sum of effective attractiveness of all platforms as perceived by a driver of platform j
fa_i^q	Aux	[dmnl]	familiarity of population segment (q,i) with platform i
a_i^q	Aux	[dmnl]	attractiveness of platform i as perceived by population segment (q,i)
α_l	Aux	[dmnl]	sensitivity of attractiveness to attribute l
$x_{l,i}^q$	Aux	[dmnl]	value of attribute l of platform i as perceived by population segment (q,i)
x_l^*	Aux	[dmnl]	reference value of attribute l

2. Consumer Choice - continued

Term	Type	Unit	Name
rd_i^m	Aux	[vehicles/year]	replaced discards from platform i cohort m
ad_i^m	Aux	[vehicles/year]	discards from platform i cohort m as a result of total fleet shrinkage
rd_i^T	Aux	[vehicles/year]	total replaced discards from platform i
ad_i^T	Aux	[vehicles/year]	total discards from platform i as a result of total fleet shrinkage
$f_{s,i}^m$	Par	[dmnl]	survival fraction of vehicles in cohort m of platform i
τ_c	Con	[year]	average cohort residence time
$\tau_{d,i}$	Aux	[year]	average discard time of platform i
σ_i^{new}	Aux	[dmnl]	share of total new sales platform i by new households
$ea_i^{new,T}$	Aux	[dmnl]	total effective attractiveness of platforms as perceived by new households
F^*	Aux	[vehicles]	indicated fleet size
τ_s	Par	[year]	stock adjustment time
F	Aux	[vehicles]	total fleet
D	Par	[persons]	US-households with at least one driverslicence
f_v	Par	[vehicles/person]	average number of vehicles per household

3. Familiarity

Term	Type	Unit	Description
FA_i^q	Stock	[dmnl]	total familiarity with platform i for population segment (q,i)
fc_i	Flow	[dmnl/year]	flow of familiarity with platform i of non-drivers of i that convert to i
fd_i	Flow	[dmnl/year]	flow of familiarity with platform i of drivers of i that discard i
fg_i^q	Flow	[dmnl/year]	familiarity gain of population segment (q,i)
fl_i^{nd}	Flow	[dmnl/year]	familiarity loss of all non-drivers of platform i
fa^{\max}	Con	[dmnl/year]	maximum familiarity
N_i^q	Aux	[people]	total population of segment (q,i)
d_i	Aux	[dmnl]	drivers of platform i as fraction of total driving population
η_i^s	Aux	[dmnl/year]	total socialization effectiveness for platform i
η_i^m	Par	[dmnl/year]	marketing effectiveness for platform i
c	Con	[contacts/ person/year]	contact rate between households
p^q	Par	[persons/ contact]	persuasiveness of drivers population
λ_i^f	Aux	[dmnl/year]	familiarity loss fraction for platform i
λ_0^f	Par	[dmnl/year]	unconstrained familiarity loss fraction
ε^{sf}	Aux	[dmnl]	effect of socialization effectiveness on forgetting
α_r	Con	[dmnl]	sensitivity of forgetting to socialization effectiveness
\tilde{x}_0	Con	[dmnl]	inflection point for effect of socialization effectiveness on forgetting with threshold effect

4. Attractiveness

Term	Type	Unit	Description
$PX_{l,i}^q$	Stock	[dmnl]	perceived state of attribute l summed over population segment q of platform i
$xs_{l,i}^{nd}$	Flow	[dmnl/year]	flow of perceived state of attribute l for non-drivers of platform i that convert to i through sales of i
$xd_{l,i}^d$	Flow	[dmnl/year]	flow of perceived state of attribute l for drivers of platform i that convert to i through discard of i
$xu_{l,i}^q$	Flow	[dmnl/year]	update of the perceived state of attribute l for whole population segment q of platform i
$\eta_{l,i}^{s,q,k}$	Aux	[dmnl/year]	attractiveness adjustment effectiveness for population segment q of platform i for attribute l by source k
$\gamma_l^{x,q,k}$	Aux	[dmnl]	multiplier effect of persuasiveness for population segment q for attribute l by source k
$\gamma_l^{x^*}$	Par	[dmnl]	reference multiplier effect of carryover effectiveness of attractiveness for attribute l with respect to that of familiarity
$px_{l,i}^q$	Aux	[dmnl]	perceived state of attribute l for population segment q of platform i
$x_{l,i}^m$	Stock	[dmnl]	state of attribute l of platform i in the margin (latest technology)- state as portrayed through marketing and media
$x_{l,i}^e$	Stock	[dmnl]	average state of attribute l of platform i in the market - state as experienced by drivers
τ_e	Aux	[year]	time to update one's experience with the technology in use

5. Learning, scale and infrastructure

Term	Type	Unit	Description
x_i^m	Aux	[dmnl]	performance of platform i in the margin (latest technology)
\widetilde{pe}_i	Aux	[dmnl]	effective production experience of platform i
z	Aux	[dmnl]	learning curve strength
f^x	Par	[dmnl]	fractional improvement in performance per doubling of effective experience
so_i^{-i}	Aux	[dmnl]	vector of spillover effects to platform i from all platforms except i
LPE_i	Aux	[dmnl]	lagged effective production experience of platform i,
pe_i	Aux	[dmnl]	normalized production experience with platform i
pe^*	Par	[vehicles]	reference effective production experience
$\gamma_{j,i}^{so}$	Par	[dmnl]	spillover fraction from platform j to i
G_{NN}^{so}	Aux	[dmnl]	$N \times N$ spillover matrix for all platforms, with elements $\gamma_{j,i}^{so}$
τ_{so}	Par	[years]	time for knowledge to spillover between platforms
P_i	Stock	[vehicles]	accumulated production experience for platform i
λ^e	Par	[years]	production experience decay rate
x_i^f	Aux	[dmnl]	average fleet performance of platform i
X_i^f	Stock	[vehicles]	accumulated fleet performance of platform i
MI	Aux	[dmnl]	Proxy for marketing impact: duration times effectiveness
T^m	Var	[years]	duration of marketing shock