

Cluster Analysis for TFT LCD Display Mobile Phones

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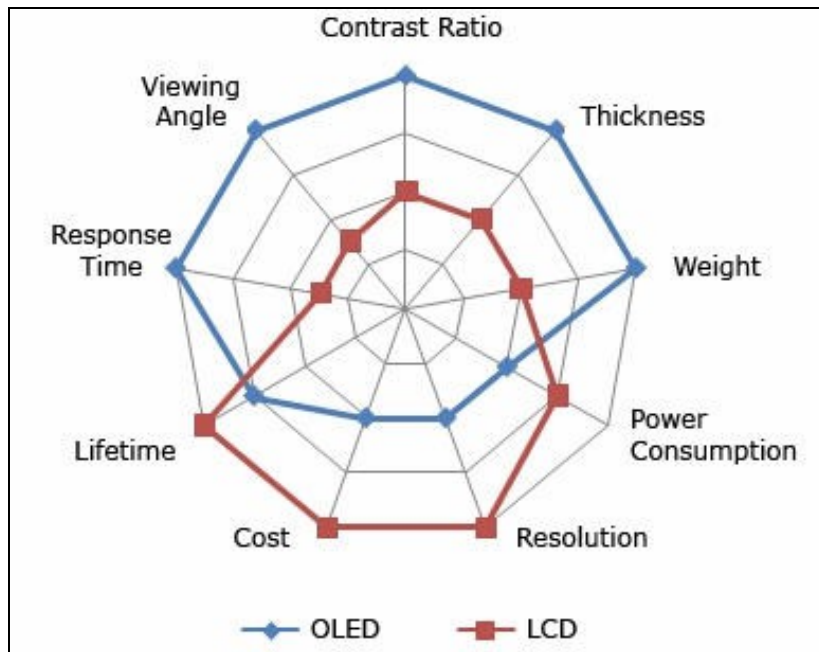
Objective

To identify the appropriate cluster of smart-phones which are likely to be launched with AMOLED screens

A Comparison of LCD and OLED technologies

The two technologies can be compared on various attributes.

The *radar graph* here shows the comparison between OLED and TFT LCD.



ComparisonSource

The graph depicts the following things:

1. OLEDs are *thinner* than LCDs.
2. OLEDs are *lighter* in weight.
3. OLEDs consume *more power* than LCDs: Power Consumption is a measure of the amount of power required by a display to produce a certain level of brightness. In theory, OLEDs have an inherent advantage in that they only consume power when they emit light. For example, a black OLED pixel consumes no power. An LCD backlight consumes constant power regardless of the image being displayed. However, LCDs still hold a slight advantage over the OLEDs currently in production. Future generations of OLED displays will be far more efficient than their LCD counterparts.
4. OLEDs *cost more*: The Cost of an AM-LCD is currently about half that of a comparable AM-OLED display. This is again due to the maturity of the LCD manufacturing processes and facilities. The components comprising a typical LCD display are actually more expensive than those in an OLED display. However, OLED manufacturing facilities suffer from low yields, currently at 60%-70%. The higher cost and low output of OLED panels due to faulty yield closes off large portions of the potential market to panel makers. Also contributing to the cost is simply the inability of manufacturers to deliver enough units to satisfy large orders.
5. OLEDs have a *shorter lifespan* as compared to LCDs.
6. OLEDs have a *faster response time*. They have a response time of .01ms while LCDs have a response time about 8-12ms.
7. OLEDs have a *superior viewing angle* of 180 degree while LCDs have a lower viewing angle.

Cluster Analysis

Methodology

Sample Definition: The sample space consists of mobile phones by leading players in the smart-phone mobile category. These models were identified from Gartner reports. The models of smart-phones launched in the last three years in North America were considered.

Sample Space: After defining the sample, the various key attributes of smart-phones like camera, display, etc. were defined. The data for these attributes for all the models was collected from the company websites as well as the following websites:

- www.phonearena.com
- www.phonegg.com

- www.mobile.am

The pricing information was obtained from

- www.fonearena.com
- www.india-cellular.com
- www.naaptaol.com
- www.mobilestore.com
- www.indiatimes.com.

After aggregating the data we used the **k-clustering** method to identify the different clusters for the samples. This technique aims to partition n observations into k clusters in which each observation belongs to the cluster with the nearest mean. Hence clusters of phones with similar attributes is achieved.

Samples were segregated into two broad categories - candy-bar phones and clamshell or sliding phones - with thickness being the differentiating parameter. This was done in order to mitigate any error due to the design of the phone (i.e. candybar, clamshell, slider), since the thickness of the mobile could be a cause for erroneous results.

Results

The sheet below shows the clusters formed for the candy-bar phones.

| CLUSTER 1 | | | | | | | | | |
|--------------------------|--------|-------|--------------|------|-------|------------|-----------|-------|---------|
| Model No. | Camera | Input | Display Size | WLAN | Color | Resolution | Thickness | Price | Cluster |
| Apple iPhone 3G(8GB) | 2 | 2 | 3.5 | 1 | 16 | 320x480 | 12.3 | 31000 | 1 |
| i910 | 5 | 2 | 3.2 | 1 | 256 | 240x400 | 12.5 | 37249 | 1 |
| CLUSTER 2 | | | | | | | | | |
| Model No. | Camera | Input | Display Size | WLAN | Color | Resolution | Thickness | Price | Cluster |
| HTC P3470 | 2 | 2 | 2.8 | 0 | 65 | 240x320 | 15.7 | 18500 | 2 |
| HTC Touch Cruise | 3 | 2 | 2.8 | 1 | 65 | 240x320 | 15.5 | 24800 | 2 |
| HTC Touch Diamond | 3.2 | 2 | 2.8 | 1 | 65 | 480x640 | 11.5 | 26500 | 2 |
| HTC Touch Viva | 2 | 2 | 2.8 | 1 | 65 | 240x320 | 15.8 | 18490 | 2 |
| HTC X7510 | 3 | 2 | 5 | 1 | 65 | 480x640 | 16 | 24999 | 2 |
| i780 | 2 | 2 | 2.6 | 1 | 256 | 320x320 | 13.3 | 20449 | 2 |
| CLUSTER 3 | | | | | | | | | |
| Model No. | Camera | Input | Display Size | WLAN | Color | Resolution | Thickness | Price | Cluster |
| 5320 Express Music | 2 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 16 | 240x320 | 15 | 10200 | 3 |
| 5800 Express music | 3.2 | 2 | 3.2 | 1 | 16 | 360x640 | 15.5 | 21000 | 3 |
| 6124 Classic | 2 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 16 | 240x320 | 15 | 9000 | 3 |
| 6220 Classic | 5 | 0 | 2.2 | 0 | 16 | 240x320 | 15 | 17600 | 3 |
| E63 | 2 | 1 | 2.36 | 1 | 16 | 240x320 | 13 | 12000 | 3 |
| i200 | 2 | 0 | 2.3 | 0 | 65 | 240x320 | 11.8 | 11499 | 3 |
| i450 | 2 | 0 | 2.3 | 0 | 256 | 240x320 | 11.8 | 14000 | 3 |
| N 6120 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 16 | 240x320 | 15 | 16600 | 3 |
| N78 | 3.2 | 0 | 2.4 | 1 | 16 | 240x320 | 15.1 | 14900 | 3 |
| N79 | 5 | 0 | 2.4 | 1 | 16 | 240x320 | 15 | 21000 | 3 |
| Pearl 8100 | 1.3 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 65 | 240x260 | 14.5 | 21999 | 3 |
| CLUSTER 4 | | | | | | | | | |
| Model No. | Camera | Input | Display Size | WLAN | Color | Resolution | Thickness | Price | Cluster |
| E71 | 3.2 | 1 | 2.36 | 1 | 16 | 240x320 | 10 | 19800 | 4 |
| i550w | 3.2 | 0 | 2.6 | 0 | 256 | 240x320 | 13.8 | 14990 | 4 |
| N 5700 | 2 | 0 | 2.2 | 0 | 16 | 240x320 | 17 | 11025 | 4 |
| N73 | 3.2 | 0 | 2.4 | 0 | 65 | 240x320 | 19 | 11000 | 4 |
| N82 | 5 | 0 | 2.4 | 1 | 16 | 240x320 | 17.3 | 19200 | 4 |
| BlackBerry 7130c / 7130g | 0 | 0 | 2.6 | 0 | 65 | 240x260 | 18 | 14990 | 4 |
| CLUSTER 5 | | | | | | | | | |
| Model No. | Camera | Input | Display Size | WLAN | Color | Resolution | Thickness | Price | Cluster |
| Curve 8310 | 2 | 1 | 2.65 | 0 | 65 | 240x320 | 15.5 | 24990 | 5 |
| BlackBerry 8820 | 0 | 1 | 2.6 | 1 | 65 | 240x320 | 14 | 31990 | 5 |
| Curve 8300 | 2 | 1 | 2.65 | 0 | 65 | 240x320 | 15.5 | 23999 | 5 |
| BlackBerry 8800 | 2 | 1 | 2.6 | 0 | 65 | 240x320 | 14 | 29990 | 5 |
| BlackBerry Bold 9000 | 2 | 1 | 2.85 | 1 | 65 | 480x320 | 15 | 34900 | 5 |
| BlackBerry Curve 8330 | 2 | 1 | 2.65 | 0 | 65 | 240x320 | 15 | 24990 | 5 |



Candy bar

The sheet below shows the cluster formed for the clamshell/sliding phones.

| Cluster 1 | | | | | | | | | | |
|-----------|-----------|--------|-------|------------|------|-------|-----------|-----------|-------|----------|
| S.No. | Model No | Camera | Input | Display Si | WLAN | Color | Resolutio | Thickness | Price | Clusters |
| 1 | N 6650 | 5 | 0 | 2.2 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 25 | 20000 | 1 |
| 2 | N95 8GB | 5 | 0 | 2.8 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 21 | 24500 | 1 |
| 3 | E66 | 3.2 | 0 | 2.4 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 13.6 | 20000 | 1 |
| 4 | 6210 Navi | 3.2 | 0 | 2.4 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 14.9 | 16000 | 1 |
| 5 | N85 | 5 | 0 | 2.6 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 16 | 22500 | 1 |
| Cluster 2 | | | | | | | | | | |
| S.No. | Model No | Camera | Input | Display Si | WLAN | Color | Resolutio | Thickness | Price | Clusters |
| 1 | N96 | 5 | 0 | 2.8 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 18 | 34999 | 2 |
| 2 | N97 | 5 | 3 | 3.5 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 15.9 | 33500 | 2 |
| Cluster 3 | | | | | | | | | | |
| S.No. | Model No | Camera | Input | Display Si | WLAN | Color | Resolutio | Thickness | Price | Clusters |
| 1 | HTC Drear | 3.2 | 3 | 3.17 | 1 | 3 | 7 | 17 | 20000 | 3 |
| Cluster 4 | | | | | | | | | | |
| S.No. | Model No | Camera | Input | Display Si | WLAN | Color | Resolutio | Thickness | Price | Clusters |
| 1 | N76 | 2 | 0 | 2.4 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 13.7 | 14100 | 4 |
| 2 | N 6290 | 2 | 0 | 2.2 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 20.8 | 13875 | 4 |
| 3 | N75 | 2 | 0 | 2.4 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 20 | 17538 | 4 |
| 4 | HTC Shade | 2 | 1 | 2.6 | 1 | 3 | 1 | 15 | 7500 | 4 |
| 6 | E65 | 2 | 0 | 2.2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 15.5 | 12500 | 4 |
| 7 | i620 | 2 | 1 | 2.2 | 1 | 3 | 1 | 11.8 | 16250 | 4 |
| 8 | N 6110 | 2 | 1 | 2.2 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 20 | 13200 | 4 |



Clamshell_slider

Definition of Attributes:

- **Camera** : resolution in Megapixels
- **Input method**: two types of input methods - touchscreen and keyboard
- **Display size**: diagonal length of the display screen
- **Resolution**: display resolutions
- **Color**: display color
- **Thickness**: total thickness of the phone

Conclusion

The matrices presented here show the common attributes for each cluster identified above and list the smart-phone models for each. The *outliers* are the models which could have fallen into some other cluster barring a particular attribute. This has been explained in the notes.

Candy-bar Phones

| Clusters | Camera | Type of Input | Display Size | WLAN | Color | Resolution | Thickness | Price | |
|----------|--------|---------------|--------------|------|-------|------------|-----------|-------|--|
| 1 | | TOUCHSCREEN | HIGH | YES | | | LOW | HIGH | Ap 3G |
| 2 | LOW | TOUCHSCREEN | HIGH | YES | | | HIGH | LOW | iPho P347 Cruis Dia Tou X |
| 3 | | NO | LOW | | | | AVERAGE | | 53 M Cl Class 0,i450 8,N7 |
| 4 | | NO | AVERAGE | | | LOW | HIGH | LOW | i550w 3,N8 713 71 |
| 5 | LOW | KEYBOARD | AVERAGE | | | | AVERAGE | HIGH | 831 8 830 880 900 C |



Clamshell/Slider Matrix

Clamshell/Sliding Phones

| CLUSTER | CAMERA | INPUT | DISPLAY SIZE | WLAN | COLOR | RESOLUTION |
|---------|--------|-----------------------------|--------------|------|-------|------------|
| 1 | HIGH | NO | AVERAGE | | | |
| 2 | HIGH | | | YES | | |
| 3 | | TOUCHSCREEN and KEYBOARD | HIGH | | | |
| 4 | LOW | | | | | |



Clamshell/Slider Matrix

Selection of model

Using the analysis, one cluster of smart-phones likely to move to OLED technology was identified for each of the two categories. For the next stage of the research - that of forecasting sales of AMOLED display phones - would need the historical sales data of one particular model. For this purpose, **Apple iPhone** from the 2nd cluster of candy-bar phones was selected because of constraint of availability of sales data for other models like BlackBerry, Nokia N96, HTC Dreamers etc.

Prices for AMOLED screens

Market data was collected for the prices of OLED screens by various manufacturers

| Company Name | Model Number | Size | Resolution | Colors | Price/unit(in USD) | | |
|--|--------------|------|-------------|--------|--------------------|---------|---------|
| | | | | | 0-99 | 100-999 | 1000 ++ |
| Chung Yuan Technology Co., Ltd | | 2.2" | 220x176 | | 20.00 | 16.5 | |
| | | | | | | | |
| Digiprotek Markcom India P Ltd.(Densitron) | C0201QILK-C | 2 | 176xRGBx220 | 262K | 25.69 | 24.92 | 20.67 |
| | C0240QGLA-T | 2.4 | 240xRGBx320 | 262K | 35.97 | 34.9 | 27.83 |
| | P0340WQLC-T | 3.45 | 480xRGBx272 | 16M | 85.65 | 83.1 | 47.72 |
| | P0430WQLC-T | 4.3 | 480xRGBx272 | 16M | 119.90 | 116.32 | 85.84 |
| | | | | | | | |
| GLYN GmbH & Co. KG(CMEL) | C0201QILKC | 2 | 176x220 | 262K | 25.00 | | 15 |
| | C0240QGLAT | 2.4 | 240xRGBx320 | 262K | 30.00 | | 20 |
| | C0283QGLDT | 2.83 | 240xRGBx320 | 262K | 38 | | 26 |
| | P0340WQLCT | 3.4 | 480xRGBx272 | 16M | 60.00 | | 35 |
| | P0430WQLCT | 4.3 | 480xRGBx272 | 16M | 90 | | 63 |
| | | | | | | | |
| A4G Technologies(OSD) | OSD020AMQCIF | 2 | 176x220 | 262K | 22.50 | 20.98 | 19.10 |
| | OSD024AMQV | 2.4 | 240x320 | 262K | 30.20 | 28.57 | 25.40 |
| | OSD0283AMQV | 2.83 | 240x320 | 262K | 38.30 | 36.16 | 33.63 |
| | OSD0340WQLC | 3.4 | 480x272 | 16M | 69.50 | 67.25 | 42.48 |

| | | | | | | | |
|------------------|----------------|------|-------------|------|--------|-------|-------|
| | OSD0430WQLC-T | 4.3 | 480x272 | 16M | 109.00 | 87.00 | 72.00 |
| | | | | | | | |
| Blaze Technology | BDO-0240QGLA-T | 2.4 | 240xRGBx320 | 262K | | | 20.8 |
| | BDO-0283QGLD-T | 2.83 | 240xRGBx320 | 262K | | | 26.85 |
| | BDO-0340WQLA-T | 3.4 | 480x272 | 16M | | | 39.5 |
| | BDO-0430WQLA-T | 4.3 | 480x272 | 16M | | | 90.6 |