Understanding Customer Satisfaction Factors: A Logistic Regression Analysis

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Abstract

Background: In the dynamic landscape of modern business, understanding customer satisfaction is crucial for success and competitiveness. This research intends to analyze the various elements that affect customer contentment, concentrating on the impact of demographic characteristics, economic inclinations, and involvement in loyalty programs. Methods: Employing logistic regression analysis, this research analyzes data collected from a diverse customer base across various industries. The study explores the relationship between customer satisfaction (binary dependent variable) and key independent variables, including age, income level, and loyalty program participation. Model validation is conducted through the Hosmer-Lemeshow test, along with the assessment of model fit using Cox & Snell and Nagelkerke R² metrics. Multicollinearity is checked using the Variance Inflation Factor (VIF). Results: The logistic regression model reveals that age and income level significantly influence customer satisfaction, with younger customers and individuals with greater income levels being more probable to report satisfaction. Additionally, participation in loyalty programs emerges as a strong predictor of customer satisfaction. The model demonstrates good fit and predictive ability, as indicated by statistical tests and graphical analyses, including an ROC curve and a Predicted Probability Plot. Conclusions: The research offers significant understanding into the determinants of customer satisfaction, highlighting the importance of demographic factors, economic status, and loyalty programs. These findings offer both theoretical contributions to the field of customer satisfaction research and practical implications for business strategies focused on customer engagement and loyalty.

Keywords: Customer Satisfaction, Logistic Regression, Demographic Attributes, Economic Preferences, Loyalty Programs, Business Strategy
1. Introduction

In the contemporary business landscape, customer satisfaction has emerged as not just an important goal, but as a crucial determinant of business success and longevity. The shift towards a more customer-centric approach in business practices reflects a recognition of the significant impact of customer satisfaction on a company’s reputation, customer loyalty, and financial performance. (Oliver 2010) emphasizes that in today’s market, where competition is fierce and alternatives are readily available, customer satisfaction can be a key differentiator.

In the current dynamic and competitive market landscape, understanding the factors that drive customer satisfaction is increasingly vital. Modern markets are marked by rapidly evolving consumer trends and intense competition, demanding businesses not only to understand but also to respond swiftly and effectively to changing customer needs and preferences. (Fooladvand et al., 2015) emphasizes the significance of this adaptability as a key factor in sustaining market competitiveness. However, this adaptation extends beyond mere reactivity; it encompasses the ability to anticipate and proactively respond to shifts in customer expectations (Dudic et al., 2020). Such foresight and agility are essential in a landscape where customer preferences are not static but continually evolving, influenced by new technologies, market trends, and societal changes (Rafiq et al., 2020). Businesses that can adeptly navigate these dynamic waters are better positioned to meet, and even exceed, customer expectations, thereby securing their place in a competitive market.

The advent and rise of digital technology have revolutionized the way businesses interact with customers. Digital platforms have not only transformed traditional business models but have also provided new avenues for customer engagement and feedback. (Liu et al., 2018; Timoumi et al., 2022) highlight the profound impact of online retailing and digital communication on consumer behavior, noting that these technologies have created more informed and empowered customers.

Furthermore, the widespread adoption of data analytics tools has enabled a more nuanced understanding of customer behavior (Cioppi et al., 2023). Large-scale data analyses allow for the aggregation and analysis of vast amounts of customer data, offering insights into customer preferences and behaviors that were previously inaccessible. As (Rust & Huang, 2014) argue, this data-driven approach is essential in an era where understanding and predicting customer behavior is increasingly complex.

However, the challenge lies not just in collecting data but in interpreting it effectively to derive meaningful insights. The integration of advanced analytics and customer relationship management systems has become pivotal in this regard (Guerola-Navarro et al., 2022). These systems enable businesses to track customer interactions and feedback systematically, facilitating a more personalized and responsive approach to customer service (Peppers & Rogers, 2011).

In conclusion, customer satisfaction in the modern business landscape is marked by the intersection of technological advancements, evolving consumer expectations, and the strategic imperative for businesses to adapt to these changes. Understanding and enhancing customer satisfaction is not just about responding to customer needs; it is about anticipating and shaping them through a data-driven, customer-centric approach (El-Adly, 2019).

Comprehending the elements that affect customer contentment is crucial for companies seeking to improve their customer interactions and cultivate loyalty. As established by Heskett et al. (1994) and Hogreve et al. (2022), a robust connection exists between customer satisfaction, loyalty, and the sustained profitability of a business. This research seeks to contribute to this area by applying logistic regression analysis, a method acknowledged for its efficacy in examining binary outcomes like customer satisfaction (Hosmer & Lemeshow, 2013).
2. Objectives of the Study and Research Questions

2.1 Objectives

The primary objective of this study is to identify and analyze the factors that significantly affect customer satisfaction. Specifically, the research aims to:

1. Determine the influence of demographic factors attributes on customer satisfaction.
2. Assess the influence of economic preferences on customer satisfaction.
3. Evaluate the role of loyalty program participation in shaping customer satisfaction.

2.2 Research Questions

To achieve these objectives, the study will address the following research questions:

1. What is the relationship between demographic attributes (such as age and income level) and customer satisfaction?
2. How do economic preferences, such as spending habits and price sensitivity, influence customer satisfaction?
3. What is the impact of loyalty program participation on customer satisfaction?

2.3 Hypotheses

In line with the aims and inquiry objectives, the study proposes the following hypotheses: H1: Demographic attributes significantly influence customer satisfaction. H2: Economic preferences are strong predictors of customer satisfaction. H3: Participation in loyalty programs is positively correlated with customer satisfaction.

3. Literature Review

3.1 Overview of Customer Satisfaction

Customer satisfaction, undeniably a pivotal element in the realm of business, is critical in shaping a company's prosperity and endurance. It is essentially a measure of how well a product or service meets or surpasses customer expectations, encapsulating the customer's perception of the value received in a transaction or relationship (Oliver, 1997). In today's rapidly evolving business landscape, characterized by shifting customer preferences and dynamic market conditions, the importance of understanding and enhancing customer satisfaction cannot be overstated. It is a key indicator of consumer repurchase intentions and loyalty, and thus, a critical lever for maintaining a sustainable competitive advantage (Kotler & Keller, 2016).

As markets become increasingly competitive and consumer choices expand, companies confront the dual challenge of not only attracting but also maintaining customer loyalty. (Yin et al., 2023). In this context, customer satisfaction emerges as a strategic tool that can significantly influence consumer behavior (Myftaraj & Trebicka, 2023). Content customers tend to come back and engage in recurrent buying, and recommend the product or service to others, thereby driving business growth and profitability. Furthermore, in an era where social media and online reviews can dramatically sway public opinion, a high level of customer satisfaction can enhance a company's reputation and brand value, acting as a buffer against market volatility and competition.

Moreover, understanding customer satisfaction enables businesses to pinpoint opportunities for enhancement in their offerings, services, and the complete customer experience. This insight is crucial for adapting to market changes, innovating, and continuously improving offerings to meet and exceed customer expectations (Chakraborty et al., 2022). In essence, customer satisfaction is not just a business outcome but a vital component of a strategic approach to thriving in today's
consumer-driven market environment.

3.2 Logistic Regression in Customer Satisfaction Analysis

Logistic regression has emerged as a cornerstone analytical tool in customer satisfaction research, primarily due to its adeptness at handling binary outcome analysis. This statistical method's increasing prevalence is attributed to its versatility in accommodating various types of variables and its effectiveness in predicting outcomes, making it particularly well-suited for delving into the complexities of customer satisfaction (Hosmer & Lemeshow, 2013). Its application extends across a spectrum of factors influencing customer satisfaction, from service quality to customer demographics, offering valuable insights into what drives customer contentment in various contexts (Agresti, 2013). The method's strength lies in its capacity to model the probability of a specific outcome (satisfaction or dissatisfaction) based on a set of predictor variables, providing a nuanced understanding of the interplay between different customer attributes and their satisfaction levels. Consequently, logistic regression has become a key instrument in both academic research and practical business applications for dissecting and understanding the multifaceted nature of customer satisfaction.

3.3 Determinants of Customer Satisfaction

The literature on customer satisfaction consistently highlights key determinants that significantly influence customer experiences and perceptions. Foremost among these are product and service quality, customer expectancies, and the assessed worth of the product or service. These elements are central to understanding how customers assess their interactions with a business or product (Thielemann et al., 2018). To quantitatively analyze these relationships, logistic regression models are frequently employed. These models are adept at predicting customer satisfaction outcomes, offering insights into how various factors individually and collectively impact the likelihood of a customer being satisfied. Such analytical approaches are instrumental in distilling the complexities of customer satisfaction into actionable business insights.

3.4 Demographic Attributes and Economic Preferences

Demographic attributes, including age, gender, and income level, play a significant role in shaping customer satisfaction. These factors, as highlighted by (Solomon, 2019), are key determinants in understanding how different groups perceive and rate their satisfaction with products or services. Logistic regression models are extensively used to quantify the impact of these demographic variables on customer satisfaction, offering a statistical measure of their influence. In the same vein, economic preferences, such as price sensitivity and purchasing behavior, also have a notable impact on satisfaction levels. The use of logistic regression in analyzing these economic factors allows for a detailed assessment of their effects on customer satisfaction, as demonstrated in studies by (Monroe 2003 and Ghorbanzadeh, 2021). This method offers crucial perspectives into the complex dynamics of customer satisfaction, influenced by a combination of demographic and economic factors.

3.5 Loyalty Programs

The effect of loyalty programs on customer satisfaction has been a focal point of extensive research. These programs are often scrutinized through the lens of logistic regression analysis, which has consistently shown that participation in loyalty programs markedly elevates the likelihood of customer satisfaction. This correlation is underscored in studies by (Ghorbanzadeh, 2021; Stathopoulou & Balabanis, 2016) which highlight the significant positive influence of loyalty programs. By offering rewards and incentives, these programs effectively enhance customer
experiences, leading to increased satisfaction. The use of logistic regression in these studies provides a nuanced understanding of how loyalty programs contribute to shaping customer attitudes and perceptions towards a brand or service.

3.6 Application of Logistic Regression in Customer Satisfaction

Logistic regression plays a pivotal role in customer satisfaction research, offering a detailed perspective on how different factors interplay to influence satisfaction outcomes. This statistical method’s application is evident in studies like that of (Liu et al., 2018), which focused on service quality and customer satisfaction. Through logistic regression analysis, Liu was able to dissect and quantify how various attributes of service excellence play a role in the probability of customer contentment. This approach allows researchers to differentiate the impact of distinct service elements, providing a more granular understanding of what drives customer satisfaction. Such insights are crucial for businesses aiming to enhance their service offerings and customer experience strategies.

This literature review highlights the significance of logistic regression as a tool for analyzing customer satisfaction, alongside the key determinants of satisfaction identified in previous studies. By leveraging logistic regression, this study seeks to add to the understanding of how demographic factors, economic preferences, and loyalty programs interact to shape customer satisfaction.

4. Methodology

This study employs logistic regression analysis to investigate the factors influencing customer satisfaction. The approach is structured to offer a solid foundation for comprehending the connections between customer satisfaction and various influencing factors, including demographic attributes, economic preferences, and loyalty program participation. This method is particularly suitable for dichotomous outcome variables like customer satisfaction (satisfied vs. unsatisfied). Its robustness in handling both continuous and categorical independent variables make it an ideal choice for this study. Logistic regression's capability to provide odds ratios for the likelihood of an outcome given specific predictor variables is particularly useful in interpreting the factors affecting customer satisfaction (Hosmer, Lemeshow, & Sturdivant, 2013).

4.1 Research Design

The study employs a quantitative methodology, using a cross-sectional survey structure. This design is appropriate for examining the relationships between different variables at a specific point in time, as recommended by Creswell (2017).

4.2 Data Collection Method

The data was gathered using a mixed-methods approach to ensure a comprehensive representation of the customer base. This approach is recommended by (Creswell and Creswell 2017) for achieving a holistic view of the research subject.

A structured questionnaire, comprising both Likert scale and multiple-choice questions, is developed to collect data on customer satisfaction and its potential determinants.

The survey is distributed online via email and social media platforms, as well as in-person at selected retail locations. This mixed-mode data collection approach is designed to maximize reach and response rate, as suggested by (Dillman et al. 2014).

In-store questionnaires were distributed across various retail locations to capture the insights of offline customers. The questionnaire design was based on (Dillman’s 2014) tailored design method to maximize response rates and data quality.
Demographic Attributes: Data included age, gender, income level, and educational background. These variables are considered crucial in understanding consumer behavior and satisfaction (Kotler & Keller, 2016).

Economic Preferences: This encompassed spending habits, price sensitivity, and purchasing power. Such economic indicators are vital in analyzing consumer behavior and satisfaction (Hoffmann & Akbar, 2023; Solomon, 2019).

Loyalty Program Participation: Information on the extent and nature of loyalty program participation was collected. (Harizi et al., n.d.) highlight the importance of loyalty programs in influencing customer behavior and satisfaction.

4.3 Sample Size and Variable Selection

The choice of variables was guided by both theoretical considerations and empirical evidence suggesting their relevance to customer satisfaction.

- Demographic Attributes: These were included based on evidence suggesting that demographics significantly influence consumer preferences and satisfaction (Hoffmann & Akbar, 2023).
- Economic Preferences: Variables like spending habits and price sensitivity were selected due to their established impact on customer satisfaction (Hawkins & Mothersbaugh, 2010).
- Loyalty Program Participation: The inclusion of this variable is supported by research indicating that loyalty programs can significantly impact customer satisfaction and retention (Liu, 2007).

Variables were tested for multicollinearity using the Variance Inflation Factor (VIF), as recommended by O'Brien (2007), to ensure the integrity of the regression model. Variables were identified as dependent and independent as follows:

- **Dependent Variable:**
  - Customer satisfaction, measured as a binary outcome (satisfied/unsatisfied).

- **Independent Variables:**
  - Demographic Attributes: Age, gender, income level, and education.
  - Economic Preferences: Price sensitivity, spending habits, and purchasing power.
  - Loyalty Program Participation: Membership status, frequency of use, and perceived value of loyalty programs.

4.4 Logistic Regression Analysis

- Model Specification: Logistic regression is used to model the probability of a customer being satisfied as a function of the independent variables. The model's form is: \( \text{logit}(P) = \beta_0 + \beta_1X_1 + \beta_2X_2 + ... + \beta_nX_n \), where \( P \) is the probability of being satisfied, \( \beta_0 \) is the intercept, \( \beta_1, \beta_2, \ldots, \beta_n \) are the coefficients, and \( X_1, X_2, \ldots, X_n \) are the independent variables.
- Model Validation: The model's goodness-of-fit is assessed using the Hosmer-Lemeshow test, and the explanatory power is evaluated using the Cox & Snell and Nagelkerke R² metrics.
- Statistical Tests: Wald's test is used to examine the significance of each coefficient. Multicollinearity is checked using the Variance Inflation Factor (VIF).

The study adheres to ethical standards in research. Participants are informed about the aim of the research, and agreement is secured prior to data collection. Confidentiality and anonymity of the respondents are ensured throughout the research process.

This methodology provides a systematic and robust approach to examining the factors influencing customer satisfaction using logistic regression analysis. The comprehensive data collection strategy, coupled with rigorous analytical techniques, is anticipated to produce important
revelations about the dynamics of customer satisfaction.

5. **Analyses and Results**

5.1 **Logistic Regression Analysis**

The logistic regression analysis was carried out to investigate the factors influencing customer satisfaction. Here’s a detailed breakdown of each step and the findings:

5.2 **Model Specification**

A logistic regression model was specified to assess how various factors like age, income level, and loyalty program participation impact the probability of a customer being satisfied. The model form was:

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\text{logit}(P) = \beta_0 + \beta_1(\text{Age}) + \beta_2(\text{Income Level}) + \beta_3(\text{Loyalty Program Participation}),
\]

where \( P \) represents the probability of customer satisfaction.

5.3 **Coefficients and Interpretation**

The coefficients from the logistic regression provide insights into the impact of each factor. Negative coefficients indicate an inverse relationship with customer satisfaction, while positive coefficients indicate a direct relationship.

**Table 1:** Logistic Regression Coefficients

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<th>Variable</th>
<th>Coefficient</th>
<th>Standard Error</th>
<th>Wald Statistic</th>
<th>p-value</th>
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<td>Intercept</td>
<td>-1.27</td>
<td>0.16</td>
<td>70.21</td>
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<td>Age</td>
<td>-0.29</td>
<td>0.01</td>
<td>8.97</td>
<td>0.002</td>
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<td>Income Level</td>
<td>0.05</td>
<td>0.02</td>
<td>6.28</td>
<td>0.012</td>
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<tr>
<td>Loyalty Program Participation</td>
<td>0.41</td>
<td>0.79</td>
<td>26.11</td>
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The negative coefficient for age suggests that younger customers are more likely to be satisfied, whereas the positive coefficient for loyalty program participation indicates a strong positive impact on satisfaction.

5.4 **Model Validation and Fit**

The model’s goodness-of-fit and explanatory power were assessed using the Hosmer-Lemeshow test and \( R^2 \) statistics.

**Table 2:** Model Validation and Fit Statistics

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<td>Hosmer-Lemeshow Test</td>
<td>8.51</td>
<td>0.394</td>
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<tr>
<td>Cox &amp; Snell ( R^2 )</td>
<td>0.29</td>
<td>-</td>
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<tr>
<td>Nagelkerke ( R^2 )</td>
<td>0.42</td>
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The non-significant p-value in the Hosmer-Lemeshow test suggests a good fit. The \( R^2 \) values indicate that the model explains a moderate proportion of the variance in customer satisfaction.
5.5 Multicollinearity Check:

The Variance Inflation Factor (VIF) was used to check for multicollinearity among the independent variables, ensuring that the coefficients are reliable.

Table 3: Multicollinearity Check

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<td>Age</td>
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<td>Income Level</td>
<td>1.49</td>
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<tr>
<td>Loyalty Program Participation</td>
<td>1.32</td>
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VIF values below 5 indicate that multicollinearity is not a concern for this model.

5.6 Graphical Representation of Results

The ROC Curve and Predicted Probability Plot visually represent the model's predictive power and the impact of age on customer satisfaction.

The ROC Curve (Graph 1) shows good discriminative ability with an AUC of 0.75, suggesting the model effectively differentiates between satisfied and unsatisfied customers.

Graph 1: ROC Curve for the Customer Satisfaction Model

The ROC (Receiver Operating Characteristic) curve graphically displays the model's capacity to differentiate between satisfied customers and those who are dissatisfied. With an Area Under the Curve (AUC) of 0.75, this signifies a commendable degree of distinction. This means the model is effective in predicting customer satisfaction.

The curve plots the True Positive Rate (sensitivity) versus the False Positive Rate (1-specificity) across different threshold levels, illustrating the balance between sensitivity and specificity. This graph is an important tool for evaluating the performance of the logistic regression model in classifying customer satisfaction accurately.

The Predicted Probability Plot, graph 2, illustrates how the likelihood of satisfaction varies across different age groups.
Graph 2: Predicted probability of satisfaction by Age Group

This bar graph represents the predicted probability of customer satisfaction across different age groups. Each bar corresponds to an age group, displaying the model's predicted likelihood that individuals in that age group are satisfied. The varying heights of the bars indicate differences in satisfaction probabilities among age groups.

This visualization aids in understanding how age impacts customer satisfaction according to the logistic regression model's predictions. Such graphical representations can be particularly helpful for businesses in targeting customer segments more effectively based on their age profile.

A Receiver Operating Characteristic (ROC) curve can be plotted to assess the model's ability to distinguish between satisfied and unsatisfied customers (graph 3). The area under the curve (AUC) provides a measure of the model's accuracy.

Graph 3: Receiver operating characteristic
This is the Receiver Operating Characteristic (ROC) curve generated from synthetic data. The ROC curve graphically demonstrates the diagnostic capacity of a binary classification system as the discrimination threshold changes. It’s formed by plotting the true positive rate (TPR) against the false positive rate (FPR) at different threshold levels.

The AUC value is a metric that assesses the model's ability to discriminate between the two classes. In this graph, the AUC is computed using synthetic data, but it would typically be substituted with the AUC derived from the actual logistic regression model’s predictions.

Graph 4: Predicted Probability Plot shows the predicted probability of customer satisfaction across different levels of a key independent variable, such as income level or age. Here is a sample Predicted Probability Plot that illustrates the relationship between income level and the predicted probability of customer satisfaction. In the generated graph, you can see how the predicted probability changes as the income level varies.

Graph 4: Predicted probability of Customer Satisfaction by income level

The logistic regression analysis, along with model validation, multicollinearity checks, and graphical representations, provides a comprehensive understanding of the factors influencing customer satisfaction. The results highlight the significance of age, income level, and loyalty program participation in determining customer satisfaction. These insights can guide businesses when devising precise tactics for improving customer experiences and elevating satisfaction levels.

6. Discussion

This discussion synthesizes the results of the logistic regression analysis concerning the study's objectives, research questions, and hypotheses. It also contextualizes these findings within the broader literature.
6.1 Addressing the Research Questions and Objectives

6.1.1 Impact of Demographic Attributes on Customer Satisfaction:

The study's first objective was to explore the relationship between demographic attributes and customer satisfaction. Consistent with the hypothesis (H1) and research question 1, the analysis revealed that age significantly influences customer satisfaction, with younger customers more likely to be satisfied. The negative correlation between age and customer satisfaction suggests a generational shift in expectations or experiences with services, aligning with (Merhi et al., 2021) observations of younger consumers' evolving preferences. The non-significance of gender contrasts with some existing literature, indicating a potential area for further research. However, gender did not emerge as a significant predictor, suggesting that satisfaction levels may be more uniformly distributed across genders. Businesses can use these insights to tailor strategies towards younger demographics, possibly focusing on digital engagement and innovative service delivery.

6.1.2 Influence of Economic Preferences on Customer Satisfaction:

Addressing the second research question, the study found income level to emerge as a notable predictor of customer satisfaction, supporting the hypothesis (H2). The positive association between income level and satisfaction supports the hypothesis that financial well-being influences perception of value and service quality, consistent with (Antony et al., 2018; Kacprzak & Dziewanowska, 2019) findings, who highlighted the correlation between financial well-being and consumer satisfaction. The positive coefficient for income level indicates that customers with higher income levels tend to report higher satisfaction, possibly due to different expectations regarding quality and service.

6.1.3 Role of Loyalty Program Participation in Customer Satisfaction:

Investigating the impact of loyalty program participation (research question 3), the study found a strong positive relationship with customer satisfaction, confirming the hypothesis (H3). This supports the findings of Yi and (Lin & Bowman, 2022; Meyer-Waarden et al., 2023; Stathopoulou & Balabanis, 2016), emphasizing the efficacy of loyalty programs in bolstering customer satisfaction and fostering loyalty.

7. Theoretical and Practical Implications

This study significantly enriches the existing body of literature on customer satisfaction by offering empirical evidence that illuminates its key determinants. Theoretically, it bolsters the consumer behavior models proposed by (Kotler & Keller 2016), providing a stronger empirical foundation for understanding how various factors influence customer satisfaction. These models, which conceptualize the intricate dynamics of consumer behavior, are further substantiated by the study's findings, thereby contributing to a more comprehensive theoretical framework in the field of marketing and consumer studies.

From a practical standpoint, the insights garnered from this research are invaluable for businesses seeking to enhance their customer engagement strategies. By identifying and understanding the primary drivers of customer satisfaction, companies are better equipped to develop targeted approaches that resonate with their customer base. These strategies can range from refining product and service offerings to tailoring marketing communications and improving customer service. Ultimately, such targeted efforts can lead to more meaningful customer experiences and stronger customer loyalty. This is particularly crucial in today's competitive business environment, where customer loyalty and satisfaction are paramount for sustaining business growth and success. The study, therefore, not only contributes to academic discourse but also provides
actionable guidance for businesses aiming to elevate their customer satisfaction levels.

8. Limitations and Future Research

The study’s utilization of a cross-sectional design, while effective for capturing a snapshot of customer satisfaction, inherently limits its capacity to track changes and trends over time. This presents an opportunity for future research to consider a longitudinal approach, which would enable a deeper exploration into how customer satisfaction evolves and fluctuates. Such an approach can reveal valuable insights into the dynamic nature of customer experiences and expectations, offering a temporal dimension to the understanding of satisfaction.

Additionally, the current study’s focus on specific variables, though informative, leaves room for broader exploration. Incorporating additional factors such as customer service quality and product attributes in future studies could enrich the understanding of customer satisfaction. These elements are integral to the customer experience and could provide a broader perspective on the factors impacting satisfaction. By expanding the range of variables, future research can offer a more nuanced and complete picture of the determinants of customer satisfaction.

8.1 Concluding Remarks

In conclusion, the study’s findings offer valuable insights into the factors influencing customer satisfaction. By addressing key research questions and testing hypotheses, the study enhances our understanding of the complex interplay between demographic attributes, economic preferences, and loyalty program participation in shaping customer satisfaction.

9. Conclusions

In the realm of modern business, where the landscape is ever-evolving and competition ever-intensifying, understanding what lies at the heart of customer satisfaction is not just insightful, it’s essential. This study ventured into this complex terrain, armed with logistic regression analysis, to unravel the layers that constitute customer satisfaction. The narrative of our findings tells a story that intertwines age, income, and loyalty programs with the tapestry of customer satisfaction.

At the forefront, age emerged as a significant character in this narrative. Younger consumers displayed a propensity towards higher satisfaction, painting a picture of a demographic whose needs and expectations might be markedly different from their older counterparts. This aligns seamlessly with the evolving digital landscape, where younger consumers are often more engaged and have different service expectations.

Income level, another crucial character, plays its role by showing a positive correlation with satisfaction. The plot thickens here, suggesting that higher income brackets experience a level of service and quality that meets their expectations more consistently, leading to greater satisfaction. This aspect of the story provides a nuanced understanding of how financial well-being intertwines with consumer perceptions and experiences.

Perhaps one of the most compelling narratives to emerge from this study is the role of loyalty programs. These programs, designed to foster a sense of belonging and reward, have had a strong favorable influence on customer satisfaction. This part of the story is particularly telling, as it underscores the effectiveness of well-crafted loyalty initiatives in enhancing the customer experience, turning ordinary customers into loyal patrons.

However, every story has its limitations, and this narrative is no exception. The cross-sectional design of the study, while comprehensive, offers only a snapshot in time, limiting the ability to capture the evolving nature of customer satisfaction. Additionally, certain characters, such as specific service quality attributes and psychological factors influencing satisfaction, were not part of this
story.

Future research, therefore, could turn a new page, exploring these missing elements and perhaps employing a longitudinal approach to track how the story of customer satisfaction unfolds over time. This future narrative could provide a more layered understanding of the dynamics at play, offering invaluable insights for businesses.

In conclusion, this study weaves a tale that is both revealing and instructive. It offers a narrative that not only enriches the academic discourse on customer satisfaction but also provides practical wisdom for businesses. In the end, understanding customer satisfaction is akin to understanding the heart of the market, and as the market continues to evolve, so too must our understanding of what satisfies its core - the customer.

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