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**ABSTRACT**

This dissertation investigated the impact of Artificial Intelligence (AI)-powered content and customization in e-commerce on customer behavior. According to the research, customized marketing, particularly through AI technologies and chatbots, has a major influence on customer engagement and purchase choices. The results revealed a link between beneficial AI customization and higher consumer happiness. These findings emphasize the rising significance of customized digital marketing techniques in improving consumer experiences and decision-making processes in online buying settings. The findings are useful for businesses and marketers, highlighting the usefulness of AI-driven customization in e-commerce.

**KEYWORDS**

AI-Driven Personalization, Consumer Behavior, E-commerce, Digital Marketing, Chatbots, Purchase Decisions

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## 1. Introduction

The topic of this dissertation is the "Impact of Personalization and AI-Driven Content Strategy on Consumer Behavior in E-commerce." It intends to objectively analyze how Artificial Intelligence (AI) customization, namely through AI-driven technologies such as chatbots and tailored marketing messages, influences consumer engagement and decision-making processes in the digital marketplace. In the saturated digital marketplace, AI's role in personalizing consumer interactions has become a requirement, delivering sophisticated awareness of customer preferences, and allowing real-time customized interactions and services. (Sharma, 2023). The goal of the dissertation is to understand customer behavior in reaction to AI-driven content and tailored suggestions and to investigate the theoretical and empirical foundations of these events in the context of e-commerce.

Personalization powered by AI has been found to have a substantial influence on consumer behavior in e-commerce. According to research, it influences emotional reactions and behaviors such as search, action, and sharing, providing insights into how AI alters consumer experiences and decision-making processes (Jung et al., 2018). Furthermore, the function of AI in online buying has a substantial influence on purchase decisions, with favorable correlations with customer trust, attitude, and perceived risk (Jangra & Jangra, 2022). One of the most significant advantages of AI-driven customization is an improvement in consumer happiness. Personalized product suggestions have been demonstrated in studies to significantly boost consumer happiness, which is critical for encouraging brand loyalty (Li et al., 2022)

E-commerce platforms in the age of digital transformation are always striving for innovation to improve consumer experiences and create brand loyalty. The use of Artificial Intelligence (AI) into many aspects of digital marketing, particularly customization tactics, is a critical component of this change. The fast-expanding field of AI-driven content strategy has had a considerable impact on consumer behavior, making it an important topic for empirical and theoretical investigation.

The study employs a survey technique to investigate elements of customer engagement with AI-powered solutions on e-commerce platforms. It is based on statistical research to determine the specifics of client responses to tailored content and AI-driven initiatives. The poll, which included a wide variety of demographic groups, provides insight into views and actions surrounding AI personalization in online buying.

This dissertation dives into theoretical considerations in addition to presenting empirical data on the influence of AI-driven customization in e-commerce. It tries to close the gap between actual data and existing ideas in digital marketing and consumer behavior. This theoretical investigation is critical for understanding the fundamental mechanisms by which AI-powered methods impact customer behaviors, providing to a deeper awareness of digital consumer behavior. The study's findings are likely to be especially useful for e-commerce companies looking to leverage the potential of AI to improve consumer experience and loyalty. It provides advise on how to effectively apply AI-driven customization tools to accomplish targeted marketing objectives by shining light on how customers perceive and interact with these tools.

This study is organized to provide the methodological approach first, including the survey design and the reasoning for the statistical methods employed. Following that, a full analysis of the survey findings is presented, including the demographic distribution of participants as well as their replies to important AI-driven customization variables. The dissertation then examines the links between various aspects of AI-driven content strategy and customer behavior, testing seven hypotheses. Among them are the effects of AI tool performance on platform recommendation, the link between chatbot happiness and perception of AI tools, and the impact of customized suggestion awareness on purchase decisions. It intends to provide insights to the subject of digital marketing via empirical investigation and theoretical evaluation. It aims to educate e-commerce platforms on the efficacy of AI-driven customization methods, providing helpful advice on increasing consumer engagement and establishing stronger consumer-brand connections in the digital era.

This study is significant not just for its contribution to academic literature, but also for its practical implications for the e-commerce business. It intends to deliver practical insights for e-commerce organizations by deconstructing the layers of consumer behavior in response to AI-driven content strategy. These insights can assist companies in better aligning their marketing efforts with consumer preferences and expectations, resulting in increased customer engagement and sales.

The approach of the study, centered on an organized survey, is intended to capture a broad range of customer opinions and behaviors. This method assures that the findings are solid and providing a multidimensional view. The use of linear regression analysis adds to the study's validity by allowing for an evaluation of the correlations between distinct customer perceptions and their future actions in the digital buying environment.

Finally, this dissertation provides a thorough examination of the influence of AI-driven customization on customer behavior in e-commerce. It aims to give a comprehensive picture of this dynamic subject

by integrating empirical research with theoretical ideas. The findings are intended to be useful for both academics and practitioners in the field of digital marketing, providing a basis for future study and practical applications in the ever-changing e-commerce sector.

### 1.1 Background of the Study

The integration of tailored and AI-driven recommendation systems has transformed digital marketing and had a major impact on both company strategy and consumer e-commerce purchasing behavior. These improvements go beyond basic segmentation and audience targeting and rely on big data and advanced analytics to provide more granular insight into customer preferences and habits.

Personalized e-commerce suggestions have been shown to increase user engagement, convert users into buyers, and build long-term customer relationships (Markellou et al., 2005). Machine learning technology in personalized e-commerce recommendation systems has a significant impact on purchase intent and influences customers' purchasing behavior (Liu, 2022). In e-commerce, AI recommendation systems impact customer preferences, including category and attribute preferences as well as the type of items purchased (Cha et al., 2019). The emergence of AI in marketing, especially intelligent suggestion features, has a significant impact on impulsive consumption, but can have a detrimental impact on platform reputation and reuse functionality (Huang & Wang, 2021). In addition, personalized recommendation technology in e-commerce helps customers navigate large amounts of product information, increasing accuracy and efficiency in product selection (Lou, 2022).

The purpose of this research is to examine the transformative impact of tailored and AI-driven suggestions on online purchasing habits, with a focus on decision making, engagement and customer loyalty. It examines how new technologies are changing the shopping experience and customer expectations in the digital economy.

### 1.2 Research Aim and Significance

The major goal of this study is to learn how personalized and AI-powered recommendation systems impact online shopping patterns. This involves looking into how these technologies affect customer decision-making, engagement, and loyalty. One important goal is to assess the benefits of customized suggestions and how personalized information influences consumer likely to purchase, hence influencing customer satisfaction and loyalty. The study also investigates the function the accuracy of these recommendations for buyers, as well as customer reactions to AI recommendations. Furthermore, the relationship between chatbot use and consumer purchasing behavior is investigated, with an emphasis on why customers trust these technologies and how they use AI-powered platforms. The growing relevance of specialized and AI-powered system in online purchasing emphasizes the significance of this research. Understanding how to use these technologies for client acquisition as well as preservation is critical for organizations looking to improve their digital marketing strategies in a highly competitive online market.

Existing research has given insight on AI's expanding involvement in digital marketing, including studies by Zaman (2022), Vignesh & Manoj (2022), and Klaus & Zaichkowsky (2020). However, there is still a major void in understanding the precise consequences of AI-driven customization and chatbot interactions in e-commerce, particularly in terms of customer trust in AI. While research by Srinivasan et al. (2002), Chung et al. (2020), and Elsholz et al. (2019) emphasize the relevance of chatbot conversations, they do not investigate other components of these interactions in depth. Similarly, research on AI tailored recommendations in e-commerce indicates favorable effects on customer happiness but falls short of delving into the aspect of consumer trust.

This study fills these gaps by concentrating on the precise effects of AI-driven tailoring on customer satisfaction, examination of consumer reactions to recommendations and trust in AI and it seeks to give a full grasp of how AI-driven digital marketing tactics may be enhanced for improved consumer engagement and loyalty.

The following research questions are recommended to fill this void:

*1. How do AI-powered customization methods in digital marketing effect customer e-commerce decision-making?*

*2. How do chatbot interactions affect consumer engagement and loyalty in online retail environments?*

*3. To what degree can individualized suggestions done by AI technology, boost customer happiness on e-commerce platforms?*

These questions seek to explain the complicated consequences of AI and customizing in digital marketing, providing insights that have been underrepresented in academic literature. The study's findings will contribute to educational discussion while also having practical consequences for organizations and marketers looking to optimize their digital marketing efforts.

To summarize, this study adds to the corpus of academic knowledge on digital marketing and has practical implications for establishing effective e-commerce strategies, assisting businesses in understanding, AI-powered personalized recommendation systems.

### 1.3 Structure of the Dissertation

This dissertation is prepared to provide an examination of the impact of AI and customization in digital marketing. It begins with an introduction that establishes the context and outlines the study subject, important questions, and objectives. The literature review that follows looks into important findings and theories in digital marketing, artificial intelligence, and consumer behavior. The methodology section describes the research strategy, including data gathering and analytic methodologies. The acquired data is presented and analyzed in the empirical investigation. These findings are evaluated against the context of current literature in the discussion section, which examines both theoretical and practical consequences. The dissertation finishes with a review of major findings and recommendations for further study. The references identify all mentioned sources, and the appendices provide supplemental information such as the survey.

## 2. Theoretical Background

This section presents the theoretical basis for comprehending AI-driven customization and its influence on e-commerce consumer behavior. It reviews current literature and theories critically, focusing on how digital marketing methods, namely AI, affect online customer decisions. The chapter's goal is to offer a thorough overview of key topics and past research, laying the groundwork for the investigation. It also indicates the academic gaps that this study fills, so supporting the dissertation's analysis and results.

### 2.1 Evolution of Digital Marketing and Consumer Behavior

The growth of digital marketing has profoundly altered consumer behavior, altering the landscape of customer contact with companies and products. This shift has been fueled by the rising usage of internet data, social media apps, and different digital technologies (Veni, 2020; Ovodenko et al., 2020). The influence of these shifts is substantial and diverse, changing how customers look for, choose, and acquire goods and services, resulting in the rise of omni-channel marketing strategies (Ovodenko et al., 2020).

One of the most important components of this transition is the impact of digital technologies such as social media, mobile, artificial intelligence, and big data. These technologies are not only changing customer tastes, but also influencing their behavior when it comes to online buying (Singh & Thirumoorthi, 2019). The broad use of digital media has resulted in the emergence of four unique consumer power sources: demand-based, information-based, network-based, and crowd-based power. This transition has shifted major power from marketers to customers, disrupting the market's conventional dynamics (Labrecque et al., 2013). Furthermore, the advent of digital technology, notably smartphones and social media, has resulted in changes in social domains, relationships, power structures, and user desires. These developments have had a direct impact on consumer behavior, affecting how customers engage with companies and make purchase decisions (Gupta, 2020). The interactive aspect of digital marketing broadens the techniques used to promote products and brands, allowing for a more relational type of marketing that utilizes data collecting to understand and anticipate customer behaviors (Cairns, 2013).

Another factor altering human contact and customer experience is the consumer Internet of Things (IoT). It demands new marketing methodologies and frameworks to accommodate changes in user experience, customer experience, and overall marketing strategy (Hoffman & Novak, 2015). Between 1980 and 2020, there was a considerable growth in research focusing on digital consumption and social media interaction, showing the rising relevance of these platforms in influencing consumer behavior (Ozanzoy, 2022). Notably, digital marketing, particularly social media marketing, has a significant influence on customer behavior. It influences decision-making, particularly during the evaluation stage, highlighting the necessity for businesses to understand people's motivations and generate appealing content and campaigns (Lamichhane, 2022; Kumar & Chhabra, 2022). IMCs (Integrated Marketing Communications) have also played an important part in shifting attitudes and widening customer horizons by reaching out to the people and influencing their decisions (Raghani, 2021).

In the age of globalization, digital marketing communication necessitates organizations adapting to the new realities of a worldwide Internet marketplace. To effectively influence customer behavior, businesses must understand their motives and generate appealing content and marketing (Bilkova, 2021). The efficacy of online advertising, for example, has been proven to considerably increase customers' intentions towards items and impact their purchasing habits (Dhore & Godbole, 2019).

Finally, the growth of digital marketing has resulted in a paradigm change in customer behavior. The use of digital technology into marketing tactics has not only enabled corporations to access a worldwide audience but has also provided them with better insights into customer preferences and habits. This transition needs a deliberate strategy by firms in order to adapt and survive in this ever-changing digital ecosystem.

### 2.2 Fundamentals of Personalization in E-Commerce

E-commerce personalization is a fast-growing industry that leverages data, technology, and consumer psychology to improve the online shopping experience. This technique is becoming increasingly complex as the latest trends emphasize highly personalized user experiences using modern technology and novel tactics.

Using customer data to modify the online shopping experience is one of the most important features of current e-commerce personalization. Goy et al, (2007) highlight the need to integrate user data into e-commerce apps to improve user experience. Recommendation systems and price comparison systems, as described by Adolphs and Winkelmann (2010), are used to develop highly tailored offers. One of the main ideas behind personalization in e-commerce is to produce goods that meet buyers' wants and needs. This requires a process framework with consistent material and measurement results and ensures that the technology can be used by more people (Kaptein & Parvinen, 2015).

Personalization also means providing better service and increasing customer loyalty, which is often facilitated by suggestion systems. Demographics-based, collaborative filtering-based, association-based, and content-based methods are some of the ways these systems develop product ideas that are right for each user. These systems tailor product suggestions to an individual user using strategies such as demographic-based, collaborative filtering-based, association-based, and content-based approaches (Wei et al., 2002).

The trend toward personalized e-commerce goes beyond product recommendations. Huang et al. (2019) describe next-generation e-commerce platforms that provide individualized portals for synchronizing

information, sharing offers, and next contact, making transactions more secure and engaging. Smith (2005) also examined how e-personalization approaches in services marketing can have a significant impact on online consumer behavior and potentially increase sales and customer satisfaction. Personalization tactics involve tailoring shopping experiences to customer tastes and behavior based on data collected by marketers (Dangi & Malik, 2017). New technologies such as machine learning and neural networks are also important for adapting e-commerce. According to Lou (2022), personalized recommendation technology is becoming increasingly popular in e-commerce, but current algorithms require improvements in accuracy and efficiency.

In summary, the latest personalization trends in e-commerce are focused on providing a personalized, data-driven and technologically enhanced purchasing experience. This strategy aims to improve not only user experience but also business performance by focusing on customer needs and requirements. The integration of modern technology and new personalization tactics represents a fundamental shift in the way e-commerce platforms interact with and serve their consumers.

### 2.3 Artificial Intelligence and Personalization in Digital Marketing

Artificial intelligence (AI) has transformed digital marketing by changing the way companies interact with and understand their customers. This technology has ushered in a new era of tailored marketing, where companies can deliver more specialized experiences and materials that are better aligned with specific customer interests. AI's potential to transform and personalize customer experiences is at the heart of its integration into digital marketing. Kumar et al., (2019) emphasize AI's ability to simplify and organize alternatives and information, allowing companies to design highly customized services. This level of customization goes beyond meeting current needs and also includes anticipating future customer behaviors and preferences.

AI has fundamentally changed advertising efficiency. According to Kuang (2022), AI significantly improves the conversion rate of tailored advertising by improving content ingenuity and aligning advertising more closely with consumers' consumption patterns, making advertising more efficient and tailored. It also improves the emotional connection between companies and their customers. According to Timokhovich and Bulycheva (2021), by processing and analyzing personal data, AI can lead to more successful brand messages tailored to consumers' moods and emotional states. This level of engagement is critical to building long-term consumer relationships. Furthermore, the predictive power of artificial intelligence in digital marketing cannot be emphasized. Using real-time data analytics, Bhatt (2021) highlights how AI helps effectively target the right audience with relevant material at the best time.

Kaponis and Maragoudakis (2022) emphasize the growing role of AI in predicting consumer behavior and ensuring that offers are not only relevant, but also anticipate customer needs.

In conclusion, artificial intelligence plays a crucial role in developing more tailored, efficient, and emotionally relevant marketing tactics. AI is an important tool in the ever-changing digital marketing environment because of its ability to assess, forecast, and engage with customers at a deeper level. As this field continues to evolve, AI remains at the forefront, paving the way to more targeted, responsive, and profitable marketing efforts.

### 2.4 Role and Impact of Chatbots in Digital Marketing

Chatbots, or software programs that replicate human communication, have become a crucial element in the digital marketing scene. These cutting-edge technologies are improving the way companies connect with their consumers and offering a range of benefits that are revolutionizing marketing strategy and customer engagement.

Chatbots play an important role in digital marketing by improving the quality of interactions between companies and digital customers. According to Kaczorowska-Spychalska (2019), chatbots provide a more dynamic and engaging experience, allowing marketers to engage with their audience in a conversational way. This better engagement often leads to a stronger bond between consumers and companies. Additionally, chatbots are important in digital sales because they add value through data mining techniques and predicting consumer behavior, as Kaponis and Maragoudakis (2022) note. This predictive ability is useful for tailoring marketing efforts to the needs and tastes of specific consumers. Chatbots also have a huge impact on lead generation. Platforms like ManyChat illustrate how chatbots in digital marketing can efficiently collect leads and thus enable sales for companies (Illescas-Manzano et al., 2021). Chatbots help at various stages of the sales funnel in B2B marketing and often outperform traditional salespeople in terms of efficiency and effectiveness in capturing customer preferences (Fauser et al., 2022). This is particularly important because it demonstrates the adaptability of chatbots in many corporate environments.

In addition to these practical tasks, chatbots help with relationship marketing. They enable companies to make better use of social networks and gain a competitive advantage in the digital environment (Araujo & Casais, 2019). A consumer's first impression of a brand can occur during their first interaction with a chatbot. Therefore, a well-designed, friendly chatbot message can significantly increase brand engagement (Kull et al., 2021). Chatbots impact many crucial aspects of digital marketing. They are

particularly successful when dealing with large customer bases, behaving like humans to deliver appropriate messages and improve customer service and response rates. This communication efficiency is critical to maintaining high levels of customer satisfaction (Nuameesri et al., 2019). For a human-chatbot conversation to be effective, trust must be built. A chatbot's ability to provide personalized and trustworthy services creates trust, which is crucial in digital marketing (Przegalinska et al., 2019). Chatbot marketing has a huge impact on interactions between customers and brands. Interaction, accessibility, entertainment, and customization are important factors in this dynamic (Cheng & Jiang, 2021). Furthermore, as Ovuakporaye 2022 points out, chatbots help companies maximize profits by providing human-like responses to consumer requests. Chatbot e-services that focus on communication credibility and problem solving could contribute to higher customer satisfaction in certain industries such as apparel purchasing (Jansom et al., 2022).

In summary, chatbots are reshaping digital marketing by improving customer interactions, anticipating consumer behavior, generating leads and building brand connections. Their ability to customize interactions and provide trusted service is critical to the success of digital marketing initiatives, making them important tools in today's digital marketing scene.

### 2.5 Review of Related Research in AI and Personalization in E-Commerce

According to the following findings, AI and personalization are having a significant impact on consumer behavior in e-commerce. AI-powered solutions such as image recognition enable more personalized experiences and increase customer satisfaction. Personalization impacts purchase intentions, with convenience being a key driver. Individualized evaluations can, for example, accelerate decision-making, improve the user experience, and even influence purchasing behavior.

Using AI for consumer satisfaction (Li et al., 2022): The study “Artificial intelligence-based human-computer interaction technology applied in consumer behavior analysis and experiential education” analyzed consumers' facial expressions for personalized product recommendations in E -Commerce using AI-based image recognition technology and deep neural networks. The survey found that 93.2% of consumers were satisfied, showing the success of AI in delivering customized experiences that users value. This high level of satisfaction highlights the ability of AI-based solutions to improve the online shopping experience by catering to specific consumer preferences and habits.

Personalization and Purchase Intentions of Indonesian Consumers (Sakina & Ali, 2021): Sakina and Ali's study entitled “Determining Factors of Purchase Intention in Personalized Website Context for

Indonesian Consumers" examined how personalization affects online shopping websites impact on Indonesian consumers. According to the survey, personalization has a positive impact on purchase intentions by increasing perceived ease of use, enjoyment, and trust. The study found that for these customers, utilitarian value (practical benefits) was more important than hedonic value (pleasure or enjoyment). This suggests that while fun is key, the practical benefits of tailored experiences are crucial to the purchasing decision.

Rating-based personalization in e-commerce (Balan & Mathew, 2020): According to the study "Personalize, Summarize, or Let them Read? A Study on Online Word of Mouth Strategies and Consumer Decision Process" examined how rating-based personalization in e-commerce influences customer decision making. According to their findings, tailored evaluations improve the effectiveness and efficiency of users' decision-making. This shows that providing consumers with personalized and relevant reviews helps simplify their decision-making process, potentially leading to faster and safer purchasing decisions.

Personalized e-Grocery Marketing (Sharko & Ivanova, 2022): In their study "Effect of Personalized Marketing Activities on Building Consumer Trust," Sharko and Ivanova examined the impact of tailored marketing tools in the e-Grocery sector on customer satisfaction and trust in the Russian market. According to the results of their survey, such individualized techniques increase customer loyalty. This shows that tailored marketing in e-grocery not only increases immediate pleasure but also plays an important role in building long-term trust and loyalty among customers.

The study "Hyper-Personalization – Fashion Sustainability through Digital Clienteling" examined the impact of hyper-personalization on customer behavior and purchase intentions in the fashion sector (Jain et al., 2018). According to the survey results, the perceived usefulness of tailored content had a greater association with purchase intent than other variables, highlighting the need to provide customers with value and relevant personalization in the fashion e-commerce industry.

Consumer Behavior Analytics Using Machine Learning (Shrirame et al., 2020): In their article "Consumer Behavior Analytics Using Machine Learning Algorithms," the authors used machine learning algorithms to evaluate user-generated information and provide tailored shopping experiences. According to the report, such analytics increase company profits by better understanding consumer demographics and attitudes. This study demonstrates the power of machine learning in extracting insights from massive amounts of customer data to customize the e-commerce experience.

Victor et al., (2019) examined consumer attitudes toward personalized pricing. The article "Consumer Attitude and Reaction Towards Personalized Pricing in the E-Commerce Sector" examines customers' attitudes towards tailored pricing based on the use of personal data. According to the report, although

consumers are concerned about their privacy, which leads to lower repurchase intentions and higher retaliation intentions, loyal customers respond positively to tailored pricing to some extent. This shows a varied customer response to tailored pricing techniques in e-commerce and highlights the importance of combining customization and privacy concerns.

Artificial Intelligence Enabled Chatbots and Online Shopping Behavior (Jain & Khurana, 2022): The paper "An Investigation of the Relationship Between AI-Enabled Chabot Interface and Online Shopping Behavior of Consumers in Delhi NCR Region" provides insights How AI-enabled chatbots work influence consumers' online purchasing behavior. According to their survey, these chatbots improve the shopping experience by providing support and appropriate information, leading to more informed purchasing decisions. This study highlights the beneficial role that AI-powered chatbots play in e-commerce, not only as a customer support tool but also as a facilitator of the purchasing process.

Consumer Responses to Text-Based E-Commerce Chatbots (Cheng et al., 2021): "Exploring Consumer Responses to Text-Based Chatbots in E-Commerce: the Moderating Role of Task Complexity and Chatbot Disclosure." ", the authors examine the elements that influence consumer trust in text-based chatbots in the e-commerce environment. According to the survey, customers' trust in chatbots increases when the chatbots show empathy and warmth. However, this trust decreases as the complexity of the work and the identity of the chatbot come to light. In the context of online shopping, this study highlights the complex relationship between chatbot characteristics, work difficulties and customer trust.

### 2.6 Hypotheses and Variables

This chapter describes the theoretical origins of the study's variables and shows how the development of the hypotheses was influenced by these theoretical bases. The factors were not selected at random; rather, they were based on accepted ideas and earlier findings from studies on consumer behavior and digital marketing.

Perception of AI-driven tools (PAI): In the article "Consumer Behavior Analytics Using Machine Learning Algorithms" by Shrirame et al. (2020), the function of machine learning in e-commerce is presented as transformative. According to the study, the role of AI in creating a tailored shopping journey is becoming increasingly important as machine learning becomes better at recognizing customer behavior patterns. This technological advancement has been linked to increased profitability for businesses and increased consumer enjoyment, showing that AI personalization is having a positive impact on the e-commerce ecosystem. This finding supports the idea that engagement with an e-

commerce platform increases when customers see marketing messages that match their tastes. (Shrirame et al., 2020).

Effectiveness of Ai-driven personalization and assistant tools (EAI): LoPinto and Ragsdale (2010) examine the importance of aligning suggestions with customer preferences in their work on efficiently modeling individual consumer preferences. It turns out that consumers increasingly perceive recommendations as relevant and helpful, which significantly improves the e-commerce experience.

Recommendation of online shopping platforms to others. (ROS): Kumar et al. (2019) conducted research exploring the complex implications of artificial intelligence in the engagement marketing space. According to the report, using AI to customize consumer interactions not only increases customer loyalty but also impacts their propensity to recommend the e-commerce platform to others. This crucial role of AI in improving user experience through personalization shows a strong connection between the level of platform customization and the likelihood of consumer recommendations. Hypothesis 1 (H1) suggests a direct link between the effectiveness of AI-driven personalization and the likelihood of consumers recommending an online shopping platform based on Kumar et al. (2019).

*H1: Consumers who experience high effectiveness of AI-driven personalization and assistance tools (EAI) are more likely to recommend the online shopping platform to others (ROS).*

Usage and satisfaction with chatbots (USC): Cheng and Jiang's (2020) study "How Do AI-driven Chatbots Impact User Experience?" examines the direct connection between chatbot interactions and user satisfaction. It shows that chatbots that provide appropriate satisfactions while maintaining privacy have higher customer satisfaction and loyalty, indicating that the design and use of chatbots in e-commerce are mature. Based on this study Hypotheses 2 (H2) explores the impact between the effectiveness of AI-driven personalization tools and user satisfaction with chatbots.

*H2: The effectiveness of AI-driven personalization tools (EAI) is positively associated with user satisfaction with chatbots (USC).*

Influence of Recommendations on Purchasing Decisions (IPD): It has been shown that AI's ability to provide accurate product recommendations can influence purchasing decisions. Research by Adwan and Aladwan (2022) on "Using artificial intelligence systems to predict consumer behavior" shows that AI not only attracts consumers' attention, but also reinforces hedonistic and utilitarian values and directly influences purchasing decisions.

Influence of Recommendations on Purchasing Decisions (IPD) and Awareness of personalization in online shopping platforms (AOP): The study by Sharko and Ivanova (2022) emphasizes the importance

of individualized marketing in the context of Russian e-grocery business. Their results show that individualized marketing approaches not only increase consumer enjoyment but also build trust, which drives customer loyalty. This dynamic implies that when customers become aware of and value personalized marketing efforts, they are more likely to engage with the platform in a way that matches their preference for tailored experiences. Hypothesis 3 (H3) connects directly to the findings of Sharko and Ivanova (2022) regarding the effectiveness of individualized marketing in the Russian e-grocery sector. This finding lead to forming Hypotheses 3 (H3):

*H3: Awareness of personalization in online shopping platforms (AOP) predicts the likelihood of making a purchase based on personalized recommendations (IPD).*

Perceived trust in online recommendations (TST) and Recommendation of online shopping platforms to others (ROS): The cornerstone of successful e-commerce, trust in online recommendations, is examined in Pavlou's (2003) article "Consumer Acceptance of Electronic Commerce: Integrating Trust and Risk with the Technology Acceptance Model." It explains how platform trustworthiness improves customer loyalty and acceptance of online suggestions; an opinion that is increasing as AI technologies become more important. Based on Pavlous research in 2003 Hypotheses 4 (H4) sets a direct link between costumer's trust and recommendation to other customers.

*H4: Perceived trust in online recommendations (TST) influences the likelihood of recommending online shopping platforms to others (ROS).*

Online Shopping Frequency (OSF): According to the study by Tibrewal (2022) on the influence of e-marketing, the trend towards higher online shopping frequency is on the rise. Consumers are responding with increasing engagement as digital marketing becomes more sophisticated, indicating successful integration of e-marketing methods into everyday purchasing behavior.

Usage and satisfaction with chatbots (USC) and Perception of AI-Driven Tools (PAI): Several research papers support the concept that satisfaction with chatbots is positively connected to perception of AI-driven technologies. Borsci et al. (2021) created the BUS-15 Chatbot Usability Scale, which shows that happiness with chatbots is connected to perception of AI-driven technologies. Similarly, Chen et al. (2023) discovered that the quality of AI chatbot services influences customer loyalty via perceived worth, trust, and satisfaction, emphasizing the relevance of chatbot satisfaction in shaping views of AI. Furthermore, Cheng and Jiang (2020) discovered that multiple benefits increase happiness with AI-powered chatbots, but perceived privacy risk reduces satisfaction. This shows that there is a complicated

link between chatbot happiness and general impression of AI technologies. Based on the research Hypotheses 5 (H5) was formed:

*H5: Satisfaction with chatbots (USC) is positively related to the perception of AI-driven tools (PAI).*

Chatbot Interaction and Familiarity (CIF): The study "Artificial Intelligence-Based Human-Computer Interaction Technology Applied in Consumer Behavior Analysis and Experiential Education" by Li et al. (2022) highlights the growing familiarity and satisfaction with chatbot interactions. This study found high levels of satisfaction among customers interacting with chatbots, suggesting that the function of chatbots is evolving from transactional agents to critical components of the customer service ecosystem. These studies lead to forming Hypotheses 6 (H6):

*H6: Familiarity with chatbots (CIF) is positively associated with the perception of the effectiveness of AI-driven personalization (EAI).*

Post-Interaction Behavior (PIB): Kian (2021) emphasized the importance of AI-based systems, such as chatbots, in boosting e-commerce performance. These tools are more than simply technological breakthroughs; they are crucial in attracting client attention and increasing sales. This connection highlights the impact of AI on customer involvement and purchase decisions. Wang and Yu (2017) investigated the dynamics of social interaction-based consumer decision-making models inside social commerce to help with this point of view. According to their findings, variables like word of mouth and observational learning, which are likely increased by AI involvement, greatly influence customers' intents and actual purchase behaviors. These studies lead to forming Hypotheses 7 (H7).

*H7: The perception of AI-driven tools (PAI) impacts post-interaction behavior with the e-commerce platform (PIB).*

## 3. Methodology

The research method of this dissertation is based on a quantitative framework, with surveys serving as the main data collection tool. The aim of this methodological option is to record and evaluate customer opinions and actions regarding the use of AI-controlled individualization tools in e-commerce. Surveys are chosen for their usefulness in reaching large numbers of people and generating quantitative data that can be studied statistically. The quantitative aspect of this approach allows for a comprehensive examination of the correlations between variables and provides a systematic channel for evaluating research hypotheses.

The methodology chapter provides an overview of the entire strategy, including the reason for using a survey, the survey design process, participant recruitment strategies, data collection methods, and analytical tools used. This foundation forms the basis for the detailed discussions in the next parts, which explore the specifics of study design, survey implementation, and the intricacies of data interpretation. The ultimate purpose of this methodology is to provide a clear and methodologically sound approach to empirical discoveries that could confirm or challenge current ideas in the field of digital marketing and consumer behavior. The aim is to expand the body of knowledge by generating insights that are not only statistically valid but also applicable to current industrial practices and future academic research.

### 3.1 Research Design

The study strategy of this dissertation was carefully designed to statistically capture customer responses to AI-driven customizations within e-commerce platforms. The study will use a survey approach to examine the relationship between customer engagement in online shopping tools and purchasing behavior. This design is useful to achieve the study objectives that focus on the influence of tailored marketing and chatbot interactions on customers' decision making in the digital market.

The survey consists of 17 statements and three demographic questions, each specifically designed to examine different aspects of customer behavior and perception. The first set of questions establishes a demographic base and classifies respondents by age, gender, and education level. These demographic questions are followed by a series of statements rated on a linear scale of 1(strongly disagree) to 5 (strongly agree) that aim to determine the frequency of online shopping activities, the level of awareness and perceived effectiveness of personalization efforts, and the nature of interactions with AI-driven tools such as chatbots. Each statement is assigned to a variable and each variable has an abbreviation to measure hypotheses in further research. Each variable and statements are based on existing literature which are listed in the following table. (Except demographic questions)

*Table 1: Variables, Statements & Literature*

| Variable | Statement | Literature |
|---|---|---|
| 1.Demographic Questions | 1. How old are you?<br>2. Gender<br>3. What is your highest level of school or university education? | |
| 2.Perception of AI-Driven Tools. (PAI) | 4. Personalized marketing messages and offers catch my attention more than generic ones. | Shrirame et al., (2020). |
| 3.Recommendation of online shopping platforms to others. (ROS) | 5. I am more likely to recommend an online shopping platform to others if it uses effective AI-driven personalization and assistance tools. | Yin and Qiu, (2021) |

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 4.Awareness of Personalization. (AOP) | 6. When shopping online, I notice product recommendations that seem personalized to my interests.<br><br>7. The online shopping platforms I use have a product recommendation system. | Sharko and Ivanova, (2022). |
| 5. Influence of Recommendations on Purchasing Decisions. (IPD) | 8. I have already made a purchase based on a personalized product recommendation.<br>9. I would make a purchase based on the product recommendations provided to me.<br>10. The product recommendations are influential on my decision to make a purchase. | Adwan and Aladwan, (2022). |
| 6. Post-Interaction Behavior. (PIB) | 11. After interacting with a chatbot, I would continue browsing or shopping on the platform. | Kumar et al., (2019). |
| 7. Online Shopping Frequency. (OSF) | 12. I frequently shop online. | Tibrewal (2022). |
| 8. Chatbot Interaction and Familiarity. (CIF) | 13. I am familiar with what a chatbot is.<br>14. I have interacted with a chatbot on an e-commerce (online shopping) platform. | Li et al., (2022). |
| 9. Effectiveness of Ai-driven personalization and assistant tools. (EAI) | 15. The product recommendations always align with my interests or previous searches.<br>16. Overall, I feel that AI-driven tools (like chatbots and product recommendations) make my online shopping more efficient.<br>17. The accuracy of personalized product recommendations is reflecting my actual preferences. | LoPinto and Ragsdale, (2010). |
| 10. Trust in Online Recommendations. (TST) | 18. I trust the recommendations provided to me during online shopping. | Pavlou, P. (2003). |
| 11.Usage and satisfaction with chatbots. (USC) | 19. I use chatbots for assistance while shopping online.<br>20. I am satisfied with the responses and assistance provided by the chatbot. | Cheng and Jiang, (2020). |

The surveys were administered via Google Forms and conducted in both German and English, ensuring a wide reach and variety of responses. The convenience sampling and online distribution method was chosen due to its simplicity, accessibility, and ability to maintain respondent anonymity, which is an important concern for ethical research procedures. The survey was open for completion from November 10,2023 to December 15,2023, a time frame designed to allow for sufficient participant interaction.

A total of 182 people took part in the study, with the majority between the ages of 18 and 26, indicating a tech-savvy generation that is likely to use e-commerce platforms on a daily basis. The gender distribution was predominantly female, with a small but significant male presence and some responses opting for non-disclosure. Respondents' educational backgrounds ranged from high school diplomas to

master's degrees, providing a diverse range of educational experiences that can influence e-commerce behavior.

The integrity of the survey data was maintained throughout the collection process and there were no instances of incomplete responses. This ensured a stable data set for later analysis and eliminated the need for data cleaning techniques to handle missing numbers or detect outliers. The clean data set reflects the clarity of the survey items as well as the efficiency of the data collection process.

To analyze the survey data in this study, linear regression analyses is used, which fits the linear character of the linear scale replies, which span from 1 (strongly disagree) to 5 (strongly agree). This statistical technique is well-suited to dealing with continuous and ordered replies, allowing for a detailed examination of customer sentiments about AI-driven customization in e-commerce.

This strategy enables an in-depth knowledge of the intricacies in customer responses, which is critical for evaluating the performance of AI-driven products and tactics in the digital marketplace. The research using linear regression analyses useful insights into how varied degrees of customer agreement or disagreement with survey responses correspond with their online buying behavior and preferences. As a result, this analytical approach is critical in gaining a full knowledge of the influence of AI customization on customer behavior in e-commerce.

The reliability and validity principles are based on findings of previous research which are listed in section 2.6, with an emphasis on developing a reproducible and transparent technique. With this method, the data can be analyzed, and the conclusions reached have greater impact on the digital marketing strategy. The study aims to contribute to the current literature by empirically demonstrating the influence of AI-controlled individualization on customer behavior in general personalization in digital market using modern data analysis tools. The results of this study are expected to be particularly useful for e-commerce platforms that want to leverage AI techniques to improve customer loyalty and sales efficiency.

## 4. Results

The section that follows provides a summary of the demographic data and descriptive statistics for the study's primary variables of interest. This data offers the framework for understanding the participant makeup and replies to survey questions about their experiences with AI-powered technologies in an e-commerce scenario.

*Table 2: Demographic Data*

| Variables | Frequency |
|---|---|
| **Gender:** | |
| *Female* | 120 respondents (65.93%) |
| *Male* | 60 respondents (32.97%) |
| *Prefer not to say:* | 2 respondents (1.10%) |
| **Age** | |
| *18-26 years:* | 96 respondents (52.75%) |
| *27-42 years:* | 62 respondents (34.07%) |
| *43-58 years:* | 20 respondents (10.99%) |
| *59 and above:* | 4 respondents (2.20%) |
| **Education level** | |
| *Bachelor's degree:* | 66 respondents (36.26%) |
| *High school diploma or equivalent:* | 63 respondents (34.62%) |
| *Master's degree:* | 37 respondents (20.33%) |
| *Lower school certificate:* | 16 respondents (8.79%) |

The demographic distribution of the survey participants is characterized by a large female respondent's rate, representing approximately 65.93% (120 individuals) of the sample. Male respondents were around 32.97% (60 individuals), while a small fraction, 1.10% (2 individuals), preferred not to disclose their gender.

Age distribution among the participants revealed that the majority were within the 18-26 years range, accounting for 52.75% (96 individuals) of the respondents. The next substantial age group was 27-42 years, comprising 34.07% (62 individuals) of the sample. Those in the 43-58 years age gap represented

10.99% (20 individuals), and the 59 and above age group was the smallest, with 2.20% (4 individuals) of the participants.

In terms of educational status, participants with a bachelor's degree formed the largest group, with 36.26% (66 individuals), followed closely by those with a high school diploma or equivalent at 34.62% (63 individuals). Respondents with a master's degree accounted for 20.33% (37 individuals), while those with a lower school certificate comprised 8.79% (16 individuals) of the sample.

Table 3 gives an overview of the survey results for the variables, including their mean and standard deviation. The mean score is the average response given by participants for each variable, demonstrating the general tendency in replies. The standard deviation is presented to demonstrate how much the participants' replies differ from the average, showing whether they largely agree or have a diverse variety of concepts. These two statistics, when combined, provide a general summary of the survey data.

*Table 3: Mean and Standard Deviation*

| Variables | Mean | Standard Deviation |
|---|---|---|
| PAI | 3.25 | 1.18 |
| ROS | 2.96 | 1.27 |
| IPD | 3.41 | 0.930 |
| PIB | 2.91 | 1.29 |
| OSF | 4.05 | 1.14 |
| CIF | 3.67 | 1.18 |
| EAI | 3.27 | 0.770 |
| TST | 2.73 | 1.12 |
| UCS | 2.21 | 1.07 |
| AOP | 4.11 | 0.658 |

The Perception of AI-Driven Tools (PAI) has a mean score of 3.25 with a standard deviation of 1.18. This indicates the average rating and variability around that average for how participants perceive AI-driven tools. For the Recommendation of Online Shopping Platforms to Others (ROS), the mean score is 2.96 with a standard deviation of 1.27, depicting the central tendency and spread of scores for recommending online shopping platforms.

The Influence of Recommendations on Purchasing Decisions (IPD) shows a mean score of 3.41, with a standard deviation of 0.930, offering insights into the average influence of recommendations on purchasing and the consistency of these influences across responses. Post-Interaction Behavior (PIB) is captured with a mean score of 2.91 and a standard deviation of 1.29, indicating the average level of post-

interaction engagement and the range of behaviors post-interaction. Online Shopping Frequency (OSF) has a mean score of 4.05 with a standard deviation of 1.14, reflecting how frequently participants shop online and the variation in their responses. Chatbot Interaction and Familiarity (CIF) holds a mean score of 3.67 with a standard deviation of 1.18, showing the average interaction with and knowledge of chatbots among respondents.

The Effectiveness of AI-driven Personalization and Assistant Tools (EAI) is reported with a mean score of 3.27 and a standard deviation of 0.770, detailing the perceived effectiveness of these tools. Trust in Online Recommendations (TST) has a mean score of 2.73, accompanied by a standard deviation of 1.12, which conveys the level of trust in the recommendations received online. Usage and Satisfaction with

Chatbots (USC) presents a mean score of 2.21 and a standard deviation of 1.07, indicating the average satisfaction with chatbots. Lastly, Awareness of Personalization (AOP) records a mean score of 4.11 with a standard deviation of 0.658, highlighting the degree of awareness of personalization efforts among the participants.

The following section provides a thorough examination of the impacts between important factors gathered from a survey of customer interactions with AI-driven tools in online purchasing. The poll used a linear scale to measure respondents' level of agreement or disagreement with a series of assertions about online buying behavior, the use of chatbots, and the impact of tailored suggestions.

Initially, responses from participants were systematically assigned to certain variables that represent various elements of customer engagement with technology in an e-commerce scenario. For example, responses to statements concerning the attention devoted to tailored marketing messages informed the variable 'Perception of AI-Driven Tools' (PAI), whereas responses to the frequency of online buying informed the variable 'Online buying Frequency' (OSF).

A detailed correlation study using Spearman's rho was used to validate the study of customer interactions with AI and personalization in the e-commerce context. This non-parametric measure of rank correlation is a statistical tool for determining monotonic correlations between ranking variables without assuming that the data is normally distributed. The correlation matrix provides a systematic examination of the correlations between several variables of consumer behavior and perception as revealed by survey data.

## Correlation Matrix

Correlation Matrix

| | | IPD | TST | CIF | EAI | USC | AOP | PAI | ROS | PIB | OSF |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| IPD | Spearman's rho | — | | | | | | | | | |
| | df | — | | | | | | | | | |
| | p-value | — | | | | | | | | | |
| TST | Spearman's rho | 0.530*** | — | | | | | | | | |
| | df | 180 | — | | | | | | | | |
| | p-value | <.001 | — | | | | | | | | |
| CIF | Spearman's rho | 0.172* | 0.129 | — | | | | | | | |
| | df | 180 | 180 | — | | | | | | | |
| | p-value | 0.021 | 0.082 | — | | | | | | | |
| EAI | Spearman's rho | 0.543*** | 0.479*** | 0.208** | — | | | | | | |
| | df | 180 | 180 | 180 | — | | | | | | |
| | p-value | <.001 | <.001 | 0.005 | — | | | | | | |
| USC | Spearman's rho | 0.323*** | 0.339*** | 0.459*** | 0.449*** | — | | | | | |
| | df | 180 | 180 | 180 | 180 | — | | | | | |
| | p-value | <.001 | <.001 | <.001 | <.001 | — | | | | | |
| AOP | Spearman's rho | 0.418*** | 0.149* | 0.194** | 0.364*** | 0.137 | — | | | | |
| | df | 180 | 180 | 180 | 180 | 180 | — | | | | |
| | p-value | <.001 | 0.045 | 0.009 | <.001 | 0.066 | — | | | | |
| PAI | Spearman's rho | 0.474*** | 0.417*** | 0.209** | 0.558*** | 0.281*** | 0.237** | — | | | |
| | df | 180 | 180 | 180 | 180 | 180 | 180 | — | | | |
| | p-value | <.001 | <.001 | 0.005 | <.001 | <.001 | 0.001 | — | | | |
| ROS | Spearman's rho | 0.300*** | 0.300*** | 0.231** | 0.553*** | 0.398*** | 0.122 | 0.493*** | — | | |
| | df | 180 | 180 | 180 | 180 | 180 | 180 | 180 | — | | |
| | p-value | <.001 | <.001 | 0.002 | <.001 | <.001 | 0.101 | <.001 | — | | |
| PIB | Spearman's rho | 0.296*** | 0.336*** | 0.340*** | 0.480*** | 0.638*** | 0.241** | 0.264*** | 0.366*** | — | |
| | df | 180 | 180 | 180 | 180 | 180 | 180 | 180 | 180 | — | |
| | p-value | <.001 | <.001 | <.001 | <.001 | <.001 | 0.001 | <.001 | <.001 | — | |
| OSF | Spearman's rho | 0.326*** | 0.324*** | 0.221** | 0.184* | 0.083 | 0.313*** | 0.102 | 0.166* | 0.147* | — |
| | df | 180 | 180 | 180 | 180 | 180 | 180 | 180 | 180 | 180 | — |
| | p-value | <.001 | <.001 | 0.003 | 0.013 | 0.264 | <.001 | 0.172 | 0.025 | 0.047 | — |

*Note.* * p < .05, ** p < .01, *** p < .001

*Figure 1: Correlation Matrix*

Spearman's rho, represented as, offers information about the strength and direction of the relationships between variables. There was a significant positive correlation between the Influence of Recommendations on Purchasing Decisions (IPD) and Trust in Online Recommendations (TST), with = 0.530 (p<.001). This implies that customers' faith in online recommendations is directly related to the effect these suggestions have on their purchase decisions. The p-value reveals the statistical significance of this association, which reinforces its dependability.

The perception of AI-driven tools (PAI) is significantly correlated with the effectiveness of AI-driven personalization and assistant tools (EAI), indicated by a Spearman's rho of 0.558 and a p-value less than 0.001. This strong positive correlation suggests that as users perceive AI tools to be more effective, their overall perception of these tools improves. Trust in online recommendations (TST) also shares a robust positive correlation with (PAI), with a rho of 0.417 and a p-value less than 0.001, signifying that an

enhanced perception of AI tools could be associated with a higher degree of trust in online recommendations. The influence of recommendations on purchasing decisions (IPD) shows a significant correlation with the awareness of personalization (AOP), bearing a rho of 0.418 and a p-value less than 0.001. This relationship indicates that the more users are aware of personalization efforts by online platforms, the more likely they are to be influenced by recommendations in their purchasing behavior. Furthermore, the recommendation of online shopping platforms to others (ROS) correlates strongly with post-interaction behavior (PIB), as indicated by a rho of 0.366 and a p-value less than 0.001. This suggests that positive interactions on online shopping platforms may lead to an increased likelihood of recommending these platforms to others.

The online shopping frequency (OSF) also correlates positively with (IPD), with a rho of 0.326 and a p-value less than 0.001. This could imply that frequent online shoppers may be more susceptible to the influence of recommendations on their purchasing decisions. A positive correlation is observed between (OSF) and the effectiveness of AI-driven tools (EAI) as well, with a rho of 0.184 and a p-value less than 0.05, but this correlation is weaker compared to others. Examining the role of chatbots, chatbot interaction and familiarity (CIF) shows a very strong positive correlation with user satisfaction (USC), denoted by a rho of 0.459 and a p-value less than 0.001. This implies that familiarity with and the quality of interaction with chatbots are likely to enhance user satisfaction significantly.

Each of these correlations, denoted by Spearman's rho, is accompanied by a p-value that assesses the statistical significance of the relationship. The use of asterisks (*, **, ***) in the matrix indicates varying levels of significance, with a higher number of asterisks indicating a stronger statistical significance. This detailed matrix of correlations serves as a guide to understanding the nature of user experience, perception, and behavior in the context of AI-driven online shopping environments. Each stated connection is significant at the 0.05 level ($p<.05$), confirming the dependability of these impacts. While the range of correlations from moderate to high provides a comprehensive perspective of customer behavior, the variation explained by these interactions remains low, as evidenced by the squared correlation coefficients. This shows that, while substantial, other unexplored elements may also play an important role in molding customer behavior and views of AI-driven e-commerce platforms. As a result, the correlation matrix provides a baseline for understanding the dynamics of customer engagement with AI-driven technologies in online buying. It shows impact consumer behavior as well as the direct interactions. This analytical stage is critical for directing later predictive modeling, such as regression analysis, to better understand the causal ways and relative influence of these factors on customer behaviors and attitudes in digital markets. The interpretations produced from this matrix will be useful in the ongoing investigation of the influence of AI-driven customization on e-commerce customer

behavior, adding to theoretical knowledge as well as practical implementations in digital marketing strategies.

### 4.1 Hypotheses test

*H1: Consumers who experience high effectiveness of AI-driven personalization and assistance tools (EAI) are more likely to recommend the online shopping platform to others (ROS).*

In this study, the linear regression model was used to evaluate the impact of the efficacy of AI-driven customization and support tools (EAI) on the chance of customers suggesting an online shopping platform (ROS). The hypothesis investigated proposed that a higher perceived efficacy of AI tools would be associated with a higher chance of platform recommendation.

**Linear Regression**

Model Fit Measures

| Model | R | $R^2$ |
|---|---|---|
| 1 | 0.538 | 0.289 |

Model Coefficients - ROS

| Predictor | Estimate | SE | t | p |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Intercept | 0.0666 | 0.347 | 0.192 | 0.848 |
| EAI | 0.8843 | 0.103 | 8.563 | <.001 |

*Figure 2: Linear Regression Analyses H1*

The analysis yielded an R-squared ($R^2$) value of 0.289, indicating that EAI could explain 28.9% of the variation in ROS. The correlation coefficient (R) was 0.538, indicating that these variables have a moderately favorable association.

EAI's regression coefficient was 0.8843, with a standard error (SE) of 0.103. The t-statistic for this predictor was 8.563, and the p-value was less than 0.001. This statistically significant result supports the hypothesis, which states that a higher perceived efficacy of AI-driven solutions relates to a greater proclivity to suggest the shopping platform.

These data confirm the hypothesis that the efficacy of AI tools has a favorable impact on customer recommendations. The significance of the EAI coefficient emphasizes the importance of AI-driven

customization in the customer decision-making process in e-commerce contexts. The findings help to explain how AI personalization methods may impact customer advocacy behaviors in digital markets.

*H2: The effectiveness of AI-driven personalization tools (EAI) is positively associated with user satisfaction with chatbots (USC).*

**Linear Regression**

Model Fit Measures

| Model | R | $R^2$ |
|---|---|---|
| 1 | 0.507 | 0.257 |

Model Coefficients - USC

| Predictor | Estimate | SE | t | p |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Intercept | –0.0940 | 0.3004 | –0.313 | 0.755 |
| EAI | 0.7065 | 0.0895 | 7.892 | <.001 |

*Figure 3: Linear Regression Analyses H2*

The linear regression model was used to evaluate the hypothesis that the efficacy of AI-driven customization tools (EAI) influences user satisfaction with chatbots (USC). The model's R-squared ($R^2$) value is 0.257, indicating that the success of AI-driven customization tools can explain roughly 25.7% of the variance in user satisfaction with chatbots.

EAI has a regression coefficient (Estimate) of 0.7065 and a standard error (SE) of 0.0895. The t-value of 7.892 and p-value of less than 0.001 suggest that this coefficient is substantially different from zero. This implies that there is a statistically significant positive association between the effectiveness of AI-driven customization tools and chatbot user pleasure. In conclusion, the findings corroborate Hypothesis 2, indicating that as the perceived usefulness of AI-driven customization tools grows, so does user pleasure with chatbots.

*H3: Awareness of personalization in online shopping platforms (AOP) predicts the likelihood of making a purchase based on personalized recommendations (IPD).*

The regression analysis was carried out in order to investigate the predictive capacity of awareness of personalization (AOP) on the chance of making a purchase based on customized suggestions (IPD). The linear regression model produced the following results:

**Linear Regression**

Model Fit Measures

| Model | R | $R^2$ |
|---|---|---|
| 1 | 0.401 | 0.161 |

Model Coefficients - IPD

| Predictor | Estimate | SE | t | p |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Intercept | 1.077 | 0.4015 | 2.68 | 0.008 |
| AOP | 0.567 | 0.0964 | 5.88 | <.001 |

*Figure 4: Linear Regression Analyses H3*

The R value of the model is 0.401, demonstrating a moderate association between AOP and IPD. The R-squared ($R^2$) score is 0.161, indicating that knowledge of personalization may explain approximately 16.1% of the variance in the likelihood of making purchases based on tailored suggestions.

The regression coefficient for AOP, the predictor in this model, is estimated to be 0.567. For each one-unit rise in AOP, this estimate indicates the projected change in IPD score. The standard error (SE) for this coefficient is 0.0964. The t-value for AOP is 5.88, and the p-value is less than 0.001, showing that there is a statistically significant association between knowledge of customization and the chance of making a purchase based on tailored suggestions.

Finally, the data supports the prediction that being aware of customization on online shopping platforms is a substantial predictor of the chance of making purchases based on individualized suggestions. The predictor's statistical significance, together with the modest R-squared value, highlights the importance of personalized awareness in customer purchasing behavior in e-commerce environments.

*H4: Perceived trust in online recommendations (TST) influences the likelihood of recommending online shopping platforms to others (ROS).*

**Linear Regression**

Model Fit Measures

| Model | R | $R^2$ |
|---|---|---|
| 1 | 0.312 | 0.0972 |

Model Coefficients - ROS

| Predictor | Estimate | SE | t | p |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Intercept | 1.995 | 0.2359 | 8.45 | <.001 |
| TST | 0.353 | 0.0801 | 4.40 | <.001 |

*Figure 5: Linear Regression Analyses H4*

The linear regression analysis was used to examine the impact between perceived trust in online recommendations (TST) and the likelihood of suggesting online shopping platforms to others (ROS).

The R value of the model is 0.312, demonstrating a positive but modest impact between (TST) and (ROS). The R-squared ($R^2$) value is 0.0972, indicating that the degree of trust in online recommendations explains roughly 9.72% of the variability in the likelihood of suggesting online purchasing platforms. Based on the model coefficients, the (TST) estimate is 0.353 with a standard error (SE) of 0.0801. The t-value for this coefficient is 4.40, which, when combined with a p-value less than 0.001, demonstrates that (TST) has a statistically significant beneficial influence on (ROS).

These data indicate a substantial positive association between consumers' trust in online recommendations and their readiness to promote a platform, which confirms the tested hypothesis. The relatively low R-squared value, on the other hand, implies that, while TST is a significant predictor, there are other characteristics not included in the model that influence the chance of suggesting online shopping platforms.

*H5: Satisfaction with chatbots (USC) is positively related to the perception of AI-driven tools (PAI).*

The presented linear regression result investigates the impact between chatbot user satisfaction (USC) and perception of AI-driven technologies (PAI). The study sought to explore the premise that happiness with chatbots is connected to perceptions of AI-driven technologies.

**Linear Regression**

Model Fit Measures

| Model | R | $R^2$ |
|---|---|---|
| 1 | 0.299 | 0.0891 |

Model Coefficients - PAI

| Predictor | Estimate | SE | t | p |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Intercept | 2.528 | 0.1919 | 13.18 | <.001 |
| USC | 0.327 | 0.0780 | 4.20 | <.001 |

*Figure 6: Linear Regression Analyses H5*

The model's R-squared ($R^2$) value is 0.0891, showing that user satisfaction with chatbots accounts for approximately 8.91% of the variance in perception of AI-driven technologies. The R value is 0.299, indicating that there is a positive but modest impact between USC and PAI.

USC as a predictor has a regression coefficient of 0.327 and a standard error (SE) of 0.0780, demonstrating the amount of change in perception of AI-driven technologies for each unit increase in happiness with chatbots. The associated t-value is 4.20, and the p-value is less than 0.001. This statistically significant result supports the hypothesis by indicating a positive link between the two variables. These findings support the existence of a statistically significant positive correlation between user satisfaction with chatbots and their view of AI-powered technologies. However, given the model's low R-squared value, other factors not included in the model are likely to influence how people perceive AI-driven technologies.

*H6: Familiarity with chatbots (CIF) is positively associated with the perception of the effectiveness of AI-driven personalization (EAI).*

The linear regression model was used to assess the impact between chatbot familiarity (CIF) and perceptions of the efficacy of AI-driven customization (EAI). The model has a R value of 0.217, indicating a low degree of correlation between CIF and EAI, according to the data. The R-squared ($R^2$) value of 0.0472 implies that familiarity with chatbots accounts for just 4.72% of the diversity in the impression of the success of AI-driven customization.

**Linear Regression**

Model Fit Measures

| Model | R | $R^2$ |
|---|---|---|
| 1 | 0.217 | 0.0472 |

Model Coefficients - EAI

| Predictor | Estimate | SE | t | p |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Intercept | 2.750 | 0.1821 | 15.10 | <.001 |
| CIF | 0.141 | 0.0473 | 2.98 | 0.003 |

*Figure 7: Linear Regression Analyses H6*

According to the model coefficients, the estimate for (CIF) is 0.141 with a standard error (SE) of 0.0473. The associated t-value is 2.98, and the accompanying p-value is 0.003. This p-value is smaller than the commonly used alpha threshold of 0.05, indicating that there is a statistically significant relationship between chatbot familiarity and perception of the success of AI-driven customization. A t-value of 15.10 and a p-value less than 0.001 imply that it is statistically significant. This implies that the baseline level of perceived efficacy of AI-driven customization is positive (when CIF is zero).

These findings confirm the hypothesis that familiarity with chatbots is related to a good opinion of the efficacy of AI-driven customization. Given the low R-squared value, other factors not included in the model are likely to have a substantial influence in creating this view.

*H7: The perception of AI-driven tools (PAI) impacts post-interaction behavior with the e-commerce platform (PIB).*

The linear regression model looked at how customers' perceptions of AI-driven tools (PAI) influenced their post-interaction behavior (PIB) with e-commerce platforms. This study sought to ascertain if users' perceptions of the efficacy and usefulness of AI technologies would impact their subsequent activities on the platform following an encounter.

**Linear Regression**

Model Fit Measures

| Model | R | $R^2$ |
|---|---|---|
| 1 | 0.254 | 0.0648 |

Model Coefficients - PIB

| Predictor | Estimate | SE | t | p |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Intercept | 2.002 | 0.2740 | 7.31 | <.001 |
| PAI | 0.280 | 0.0792 | 3.53 | <.001 |

*Figure 8: Linear Regression Analyses H7*

The model produced a R value of 0.254, indicating a weak positive association between perception of AI-powered tools and post-interaction behavior. The R-squared ($R^2$) value was 0.0648, indicating that the impression of AI-driven tools accounts for 6.48% of the variance seen in post-interaction behavior with the e-commerce platform. This shows that the model has a low degree of explanatory power, with a significant amount of variance in (PIB) remaining unexplained by PAI alone. The coefficient for (PAI) in the regression equation is 0.280, with a standard error of 0.0792. This predictor's t-value is 3.53, suggesting a statistically significant link with a p-value less than 0.001. This demonstrates that the data show a strong positive correlation between (PAI) and (PIB).

These statistical findings show that people's perceptions of AI-powered technologies have a large and favorable influence on their post-interaction behavior with e-commerce platforms. However, the comparatively low R-squared value implies that, in addition to the perceived success of AI technologies, other factors are likely to impact post-interaction behavior.

# 5. Discussion

This chapter intends to investigate the research's connections, highlighting how the findings contribute to a better understanding of AI-driven customization in e-commerce and its influence on customer behavior. The study's practical effects for digital marketing and e-commerce techniques are also discussed. It ends on a discussion on how the findings agree or conflict with previous research, providing a full examination of the study's effects and relevance.

## 5.1 Interpretation

*H1: Consumers who experience high effectiveness of AI-driven personalization and assistance tools (EAI) are more likely to recommend the online shopping platform to others (ROS).*

The study's findings on Hypothesis 1 (H1) show a substantial association between the efficacy of AI-driven customization and support tools (EAI) and the likelihood of consumers suggesting an online shopping platform to others (ROS). The linear regression analysis revealed a moderate positive correlation between these variables, with a remarkable R-squared value of 0.289, indicating that (EAI) may explain 28.9% of the variation in (ROS). This conclusion is corroborated by an important regression coefficient for EAI, indicating that AI-driven customization has a considerable effect on customer recommendation behavior.

Based on previous research, these findings are consistent with a larger knowledge of AI's influence in e-commerce. According to studies, AI-driven customization has a substantial impact on customer preferences and decision-making processes. AI recommendation systems, for example, have been shown to affect customer preference structures, changing the likelihood of platform suggestion (Cha et al., 2019). Furthermore, the function of artificial intelligence (AI) in anticipating customer behavior and customizing the purchasing experience is widely documented, with implications for enhancing conversion rates and customer happiness (Sharma, 2023).

These external findings support the study's conclusions, indicating that the efficiency of AI technologies in customizing the online shopping experience is a crucial component in increasing the likelihood of consumer referrals. The study's strong (EAI) regression coefficient emphasizes the relevance of AI-driven solutions in affecting customer behavior, particularly in the context of e-commerce. This is

consistent with the wider narrative in current literature, which emphasizes AI's revolutionary role in influencing consumer behaviors, particularly tailored suggestions, and overall happiness in digital markets. The findings of the study add to the expanding body of research on AI-driven customization in e-commerce, validating the notion that effective AI personalization approaches have a significant impact on customer advocacy behaviors. This demonstrates the potential of AI technologies to improve not just the user experience but also to encourage good customer behaviors such as platform recommendation.

*H2: The effectiveness of AI-driven personalization tools (EAI) is positively associated with user satisfaction with chatbots (USC).*

According to the study's findings on Hypothesis 2 (H2), there is a statistically significant positive impact between the effectiveness of AI-driven customization tools (EAI) and user satisfaction with chatbots (USC) in e-commerce. The linear regression model yielded an R-squared value of 0.257, indicating that (EAI) accounts for roughly 25.7% of the variation in USC. The regression coefficient for (EAI) was 0.7065, with a low standard error and a substantial t-value, highlighting the impact's robustness.

Existing research supports this association, AI-driven customization tools have been connected to enhanced customer happiness, notably in the context of chatbot buying (Kasilingam, 2020). Furthermore, AI-enabled chatbots have been shown to have a favorable influence on consumer purchasing behavior by improving online shopping experiences and supporting customers in making educated purchase decisions (Jain & Khurana, 2022). These findings are noteworthy because they imply that the success of AI-driven customization tools in e-commerce is not limited to giving personalized product suggestions but also to improving user interaction and happiness with chatbot services. According to the study's findings, the high level of consumer satisfaction with chatbots is largely attributable to the customized and efficient service these AI technologies give.

Furthermore, research has shown that AI-powered chatbots predict user pleasure, which in turn predicts future usage intention and customer loyalty (Cheng & Jiang, 2020). This is consistent with the study's findings, which indicate that successful AI personalization not only delights users in the moment, but also generates long-term loyalty and engagement with the platform.

Finally, the results of Hypothesis 2 demonstrate that AI-driven customization tools have an impact on customer happiness with chatbots in e-commerce. This impact emphasizes the relevance of AI in improving the customer experience, offering personalized interactions, and encouraging user pleasure and loyalty. The findings help to clarify the role of AI in boosting user experiences in digital markets, notably through sophisticated chatbot interactions.

*H3: Awareness of personalization in online shopping platforms (AOP) predicts the likelihood of making a purchase based on personalized recommendations (IPD).*

The analysis of Hypothesis 3 (H3) in the study shows a connection between knowledge of customization in online shopping platforms (AOP) and the chance of making a purchase based on personalized suggestions (IPD). The linear regression model demonstrates a moderate correlation (R = 0.401) and that AOP may explain approximately 16.1% of the variation in IPD (R2 = 0.161). The substantial regression coefficient for AOP implies an impact between personalized awareness and purchase behavior.

This conclusion is consistent with previous research on the influence of tailored suggestions on consumer behavior in e-commerce. Personalized suggestions have been demonstrated to significantly affect customer purchase intentions, especially when they are seen to be useful and relevant (Gu et al., 2019). The quality and relevancy of tailored suggestions in online buying is significantly connected to their acceptability (Baier & Stüber, 2010). Furthermore, tailoring shopping tools to a consumer's product category expertise can boost decision confidence, which is a critical predictor of purchase likelihood (Kamis & Davern, 2004). This shows that when customers become more aware of customization initiatives, they grow more confidence in their purchasing decisions, increasing the chance of completing a purchase. The research has shown that tailored suggestions allow customers to spend less time searching and make more purchases while spending less time overall (Song, 2021). This shopping process speed, improved by customization awareness, most certainly adds to an increased chance of making purchases based on tailored suggestions.

In conclusion, the findings of the H3 study are consistent with the larger knowledge that awareness of customization in online shopping platforms is a key predictor of purchase behavior. The favorable impact of individualized suggestions on customer decision-making and purchase confidence underpins this connection. The study emphasizes the relevance of personalized awareness in e-commerce contexts, implying that when customers are aware of and perceive the value of personalization efforts, they are more inclined to make purchases based on these tailored recommendations.

*H4: Perceived trust in online recommendations (TST) influences the likelihood of recommending online shopping platforms to others (ROS).*

According to the results of the study's examination of Hypothesis 4 (H4), perceived trust in online recommendations (TST) has a positive but modest link with the likelihood of suggesting online shopping platforms to others (ROS). The linear regression model yielded an R-squared value of 0.0972, indicating

that (TST) accounts for about 9.72% of the variability in (ROS). The statistically significant regression coefficient for (TST) implies that confidence in online recommendations has a positive impact on the inclination to advocate online purchasing platforms.

These findings are consistent with previous research that emphasizes the significance of perceived trust in online recommendation systems. Trust in these systems has been identified as a significant element impacting the possibility of recommending online buying platforms (Cabrera-Sanchez et al., 2020). Furthermore, trust has been demonstrated to mediate the link between perceived service quality, website quality and reputation, and online purchase intentions (Qalati et al., 2021). Further study backs up the impact of perceived confidence in online recommendations on the likelihood of platform endorsement (Lăzăroiu et al., 2020). Consumers' intents to purchase from a website are also known to be influenced by trust in product recommendations, increasing their possibility to suggest the items and the platform itself (Hsiao et al., 2010).

In summary, the H4 findings of the study demonstrate a significant positive impact between consumers' trust in online recommendations and their willingness to advocate a shopping platform. However, the comparatively low R-squared value shows that there are additional factors that impact the chance of suggesting online shopping platforms that are not represented by this model. This highlights the complexities of customer behavior in the e-commerce world, where trust is important but not the only factor determining recommended behaviors.

*H5: Satisfaction with chatbots (USC) is positively related to the perception of AI-driven tools (PAI).*

The examination of Hypothesis 5 (H5) in the study demonstrates a statistically significant positive association between chatbot satisfaction (USC) and perception of AI-driven tools (PAI) in online platforms. The linear regression model has a low R-squared value of 0.0891, indicating that (USC) accounts for roughly 8.91% of the variation in (PAI). The regression coefficient for (USC) confirms this positive link, while the low R-squared value implies that other variables influence opinions of AI-driven technology.

Existing research has demonstrated that user pleasure with AI-driven chatbots is positively related to their continuing use intention and customer loyalty, while perceived privacy risk might reduce this satisfaction (Cheng & Jiang, 2020). Furthermore, research show that the quality of interaction and information in AI chatbots enhances user trust and purchase intent, with perceived utility moderating this link (Zhu et al., 2023). According to studies, AI chatbots with strong emotional and social support can improve user happiness, affective attachment, and purchase intention (Lee et al., 2021). This implies

that the efficacy and quality of chatbot interactions are critical in developing favorable opinions of AI-powered solutions.

Finally, the H5 findings of the study suggest an impact between user happiness with chatbots and their impression of AI-driven technology. While the low R-squared value demonstrates the effect of other factors, the findings are consistent with other studies, emphasizing the relevance of chatbot happiness in molding users' perceptions of AI tools in online platforms. This link emphasizes the need of good and user-friendly AI chatbot implementations in e-commerce and other online settings to drive positive impressions and adoption of AI technology.

*H6: Familiarity with chatbots (CIF) is positively associated with the perception of the effectiveness of AI-driven personalization (EAI).*

The study's investigation of Hypothesis 6 (H6) finds a statistically significant, if minor, positive impact between chatbot familiarity (CIF) and perception of the success of AI-driven customization (EAI). According to the linear regression model, (CIF) accounts for roughly 4.72% of the variation in (EAI) perception, as shown by an R-squared value of 0.0472. Although the positive regression coefficient for (CIF) and its significant p-value imply a substantial association between these two variables, the low R-squared value suggests that other factors also contribute to perceptions of AI-driven customization.

Existing research has demonstrated that experience with AI technologies, particularly chatbots, can impact users' trust and opinions of their utility, which is consistent with this conclusion. According to one research, strong product familiarity promotes trust in AI chatbots, with perceived utility acting as a moderator in the link between interaction, information quality, and consumer trust (Zhu et al., 2023). Similarly, AI-enabled chatbots have been shown to improve customer purchasing behavior by improving online shopping experiences and aiding in informed purchase decisions (Jain & Khurana, 2022). Furthermore, studies show that AI-based educational chatbots boost learners' emotional confidence and self-efficacy for skill development, implying that familiarity with these tools improves their perceived effectiveness (Zhang et al., 2022).

The H6 findings of the study confirm the prediction that familiarity with chatbots is connected with a good opinion of the success of AI-driven customization. While this association is statistically significant, the relatively low R-squared value suggests that other factors outside of the model impact views of AI-driven customization. This demonstrates the complexities of the elements that influence consumer views of AI technology in online platforms.

*H7: The perception of AI-driven tools (PAI) impacts post-interaction behavior with the e-commerce platform (PIB).*

Hypothesis 7 (H7) of the study suggests a modest positive link between perception of AI-driven tools (PAI) and post-interaction behavior (PIB) with e-commerce platforms. The linear regression model yielded an R-squared value of 0.0648, implying that (PAI) accounts for around 6.48% of the variation in (PIB). This low level of explanatory power means that, while there is a statistically significant association, other factors also play a role in affecting post-interaction behavior.

This conclusion is consistent with previous studies highlighting the impact of AI-driven technologies on customer behavior in e-commerce. AI-based systems, like as chatbots, have been demonstrated in studies to greatly draw consumer attention and enhance sales by combining diverse capabilities, consequently altering post-interaction behavior (Kian, 2021). Furthermore, AI technologies in e-commerce have been shown to benefit customers by encouraging them to voluntarily disclose personal information with platforms in exchange for rewards, which can influence their subsequent interactions and decisions (Wang et al., 2021). AI-enabled chatbots have been found as improving consumers' online purchasing experiences and supporting them in making educated purchase decisions, which impacts their post-interaction behavior (Jain & Khurana, 2022). Information quality, user interface quality, and security perceptions in AI-powered e-commerce platforms have also been found to influence consumer purchasing behavior (Park & Kim, 2003).

In conclusion, the H7 results of the study indicate that, while perception of AI-driven technologies influences post-interaction behavior with e-commerce platforms, this association is quite weak. The presence of additional relevant elements in affecting customer post-interaction behavior is shown by the low R-squared value. This demonstrates the multidimensional nature of customer behavior in the digital marketplace, where AI-driven tools are just one of numerous factors influencing consumer behaviors and decisions after an engagement.

## 6. Conclusion

The complicated dynamics of AI-driven customization in digital marketing and its significant influence on customer behavior in the e-commerce environment have been investigated in this dissertation. The findings provide a comprehensive knowledge of how artificial intelligence effects customer happiness, trust, and decision-making processes when used to personalize consumer experiences. These findings show AI's complex role in determining the future of digital consumer interactions.

The evaluation of several consumer-oriented factors such as the perception of AI-driven tools (PAI), the effect of customized suggestions on purchase decisions (IPD), and post-interaction behaviors (PIB) was central to the research. The study used a methodological approach, including both Spearman's rho for correlation analysis and linear regression models to look into these factors. The findings highlighted the critical role of AI in improving the digital purchasing experience, as seen by better levels of customer engagement and trust.

The demographic analysis indicated a strong female presence in the responder group, as well as a younger age group dominance. Because these categories are frequently significant drivers of online buying trends, this demographic distribution provided a contemporary viewpoint on digital consumer behavior. Furthermore, participants' educational backgrounds ranged from high school diplomas to master's degrees, providing various insights on consumer views and interactions with AI-driven personalization.

The study's key findings revealed a positive relationship between the efficacy of AI personalization tools and user satisfaction with chatbots (USC), implying that increased AI capabilities directly improve user experience. Similarly, (AOP) was shown to predict the likelihood of customers completing purchases based on customized suggestions (IPD), underscoring the crucial importance of consumer awareness in the efficacy of AI customization techniques. The correlation studies in this dissertation, particularly those involving AI-driven personalization and user pleasure with chatbots, as well as knowledge of personalization in online shopping platforms, highlight the relevance of AI in improving the online shopping experience. These findings help to understand the impact of AI-driven customization in e-commerce, namely how customers perceive and interact with these technologies.

Based on the study’s findings the three research questions which are formed in the beginning of the study can now be answered:

*1. How do AI-powered customization methods in digital marketing effect customer e-commerce decision-making?*

The study demonstrates how client e-commerce decision-making is greatly impacted by AI-powered personalization techniques used in digital marketing. The view of AI-Driven Tools (PAI) survey indicates a largely good view among participants, as seen by its mean score of 3.25. The (PAI) and (IPD) have a strong correlation that emphasizes the significant influence of AI customization on decision-making.

This correlation implies that a major factor influencing consumer decisions when they purchase online is AI-driven customization, which customizes experiences and suggestions based on specific tastes and habits. When customers believe AI technologies are useful and pertinent to their requirements, they are more likely to be swayed by recommendations. The improved decision-making process is probably the result of AI-powered tools that offer more timely, relevant, and tailored product suggestions that take into account each customer's unique interests and past purchasing patterns. The study's conclusions highlight the significance of AI in digital marketing plans for online retailers by demonstrating how successful AI personalization may result in more informed and involved consumers, which is likely to raise conversion rates and boost customer satisfaction.

Sharma (2023) confirms this by explaining that artificial intelligence has played an essential part in e-commerce by forecasting user behavior and customizing the purchasing experience. It has been shown via literature reviews and case studies that AI increases the precision of consumer behavior prediction and boosts conversion rates through tailored suggestions. But it's important to carefully address the ethical and privacy issues of using AI in e-commerce (Sharma, 2023).

*2. How do chatbot interactions affect consumer engagement and loyalty in online retail environments?*

In online retail settings, chatbot interactions have a big influence on customer engagement and loyalty. A correlation indicates a substantial positive link between Chatbot Interaction and Familiarity (CIF) and User Satisfaction with Chatbots (USC). This association implies that customers' happiness with these AI-driven interactions rises as they get to know and use chatbots more regularly. The high mean (CIF) score of 3.67 suggests that respondents' encounters with chatbots were largely favorable. Effective chatbot interactions greatly add to total customer happiness, as demonstrated by (USC) positive impact (mean score of 2.21). This is probably due to chatbots' round-the-clock availability and instant, tailored

help, which improves the shopping experience by offering prompt responses to questions, individual product suggestions, and seamless support during the whole transaction.

Furthermore, improved customer satisfaction from successful chatbot exchanges probably results in higher customer engagement since happy consumers are more likely to use the platform more frequently, investigate items in-depth, and make further purchases there. As a result of the increased engagement that chatbot exchanges provide, customers may become more devoted to the online retailer as they grow to trust and rely on it. As a result, the study emphasizes how important chatbots are in contemporary e-commerce settings, where their successful implementation may increase client engagement and loyalty and support online retail platforms' long-term viability.

Artificial intelligence has revolutionized online shopping by increasing client engagement and loyalty using chatbots. According to recent studies, chatbots are essential for creating a satisfying user experience, which in turn increases customer retention and satisfaction. Jansom et al. (2022) state that chatbots that offer customized and interactive services lead to a greater perceived communication legitimacy and boost consumer happiness in clothing commerce, therefore affecting the likelihood of repeat purchases. Also, Liu et al. (2022) mention that customers' relating to chatbots increases their likelihood of becoming brand supporters, according to research on the functional human interactions between chatbots and consumers.

*3. To what degree can individualized suggestions done by AI technology, boost customer happiness on e-commerce platforms?*

The results of the study show that personalized recommendations made by AI technology may significantly increase consumer satisfaction on e-commerce platforms. The primary indicator of this influence is the robust connection, with a Spearman's rho of 0.418 ($p<.001$), between the Influence of Recommendations on Purchasing Decisions (IPD) and the Awareness of Personalization (AOP). Participants are highly aware of and responsive to customization attempts in their online purchasing experiences, as evidenced by the high mean (AOP) score of 4.11. The relationship between (AOP) and (IPD) indicates that personalized recommendations driven by AI have a major positive impact on e-commerce platform consumer happiness. These AI-powered personalized suggestions make purchasing easier and more tailored to the requirements and interests of each individual customer. Customers are therefore happier and more satisfied since they view the purchasing process to be more pleasurable, effective, and relevant to their particular interests. Additionally, the efficacy of AI-driven customization and assistant tools (EAI), with a mean score of 3.27, highlights the favorable opinion of AI's contribution to improving the e-commerce experience. This impression probably adds to the general happiness that

comes from personalized recommendations powered by AI. In conclusion, the study shows that a major factor in increasing consumer satisfaction on e-commerce platforms is AI technology's capacity to provide tailored recommendations. Personalized shopping experiences that address individual customer preferences lead to higher levels of satisfaction and make the buying process more pleasurable.

Research that looked at the influence of these systems on customer behavior discovered a positive relationship between individualized product suggestions and user happiness, showing that such personalization leads to increased consumer contentment (Patnaik, 2022). Personalization powered by AI not only improves the user experience but also drives repeat purchases by instilling confidence and perceived value. This trust is developed by making accurate forecasts of consumer preferences and offering suitable product recommendations, which in turn have a considerable impact on consumers' perceived values (Adwan & Aladwan, 2022). The use of AI for customized marketing has been demonstrated to have a direct impact on customer trust on e-commerce platforms, with individualized campaigns and suggestions linked with individual requirements and interests leading to greater consumer satisfaction and trust (Sharko & Ivanova, 2022).

To summarize, AI's capacity to give personalized recommendations has been a key component in increasing consumer happiness on e-commerce platforms. By adapting to each customer's individual likes and requirements, AI-powered customization creates a more delightful and efficient purchasing experience, enhancing consumer satisfaction.

### 6.1 Theoretical and Practical Implications

The research on the influence of customization and AI-powered content strategies in e-commerce provides significant theoretical and practical insights into customer behavior. It adds to the current body of knowledge in consumer behavior and e-commerce tactics from a theoretical approach.

To begin, the findings emphasize the importance of AI in improving predictive models of consumer behavior. There is a breakthrough in understanding and anticipating customer activities with AI's capacity to give individualized suggestions (Sharma, 2023). This not only improves theoretical models of consumer behavior, but it also emphasizes the changing dynamic between customers and AI technology. The study also confirms the major influence of successful AI-driven customization on consumer advocacy and loyalty (Kumar et al., 2019). This is consistent with theoretical conceptions highlighting the value of customization in increasing customer engagement and altering their interactions with e-commerce platforms.

The insights collected can be critical in improving e-commerce strategy, particularly when it comes to using advanced AI techniques for a more customized purchasing experience. Such integration not only promises improved consumer happiness, but also strengthens brand loyalty and may increase sales. E-commerce platforms may optimize their AI strategy by evaluating the links between the performance of AI technologies and important customer behaviors such as platform suggestion and purchase choices. This optimization attempts to increase client loyalty and engagement, allowing the company to maintain a competitive edge in the digital marketplace. Furthermore, the study offers practical insights for targeted marketing and branding campaigns. These insights may be used by e-commerce platforms to develop marketing strategies that are not just AI-driven but also focused on customers, with an emphasis on tailoring and customer pleasure. This technique may lead to more successful targeting of potential consumers, as well as the development of a strong brand identity focused on client demands and preferences.

Finally, this study provides a thorough examination of the relationship between AI-driven customization and customer behavior in the digital marketplace. It emphasizes the importance of businesses adopting and integrating advanced AI tools not only to improve the shopping experience but also to deepen consumer engagement, thereby significantly contributing to both theoretical frameworks and practical applications in the field of digital marketing and e-commerce strategy.

### 6.2 Future Research and Limitations

Expanding the spectrum of future research is essential in order to gain a deeper understanding of the ways in which AI-driven personalization affects digital marketing across a range of demographics, particularly those that were not fully explored in this study. Examining how consumers of various ages, ethnicities, and locations interact with AI customization may provide new insights on the diverse tastes and behaviors of consumers. Furthermore, long-term studies could provide insightful information on how consumer attitudes change over time in response to advances in AI technology. Given cultural differences, cross-cultural research may provide an international viewpoint on the efficiency of AI-driven personalization. Investigating how more recent AI technologies, such complex machine learning algorithms and powerful predictive analytics, affect customer behavior in digital marketing is another field of study. It's also critical to discuss the privacy issues and ethical ramifications of AI-driven personalization. Future research ought to examine the ways in which these elements affect customer involvement and trust.

There is a number of things to take into account while evaluating the limits of recent research. The focus placed on the supposed benefits of AI technology, like as chatbots and customization algorithms, could overshadow the significance of other important elements impacting consumer choices, such as price tactics, product diversity, and the level of customer care. Furthermore, these studies frequently cover a narrow geographic and demographic range, which may limit the applicability of the results to other communities and cultural situations. Rapid advances in AI technology also present a difficulty since it can be challenging to make long-term conclusions about the efficacy of these technologies and how consumers will respond because findings can soon become out of date. Concerns about consumer privacy are another important but frequently ignored topic in study. Even though AI customization has many benefits, it is important to strike a balance between personalization and privacy. Finally, these studies may not properly represent the diverse views and reasons behind consumer behavior due to their dependence on quantitative data. Deeper understanding of the individualized experiences that customers have when dealing with AI systems may be achieved by using qualitative methodologies.

Understanding the changing area of AI-driven personalization in digital marketing requires considering these issues for future study and acknowledging its limitations. They emphasize the necessity for more thorough, varied, and ongoing study to completely understand how AI-driven personalization affects customer preferences and behavior in the context of online buying.

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# 8. Appendices

## 8.1 Questionaire

# The impact of personalized and AI-driven recommendations on online shopping behavior

Hello my name is Julia and this survey is part of a research project for my master's dissertation, which examines the impact of personalized and AI-driven recommendations on online shopping behavior. Your participation is crucial and will contribute to this study. The survey is brief and confidential, and your responses will be used for academic purposes only. Thank you for your time !

1. How old are you? *

- ○ 18-26
- ○ 27-42
- ○ 43-58
- ○ 59 and above

2. Gender *

- ○ Female
- ○ Male
- ○ Prefer not to say

3. What is your highest level of school or university education? *

- ○ Lower school certificate
- ○ High school diploma or equivalent
- ○ Bachelor's degree
- ○ Master's degree

4. I frequently shop online. *

| | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Strongly Disagree | ○ | ○ | ○ | ○ | ○ | Strongly Agree |

5. When shopping online, I notice product recommendations that seem personalized to my interests. *

| | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Strongly Disagree | ○ | ○ | ○ | ○ | ○ | Strongly Agree |

6. The online shopping platforms I use have a product recommendation system. *

| | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Strongly Disagree | ○ | ○ | ○ | ○ | ○ | Strongly Agree |

7. The product recommendations always align with my interests or previous searches. *

| | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Strongly Disagree | ○ | ○ | ○ | ○ | ○ | Strongly Agree |

8. I have already made a purchase based on a personalized product recommendation. *

| | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Strongly Disagree | ○ | ○ | ○ | ○ | ○ | Strongly Agree |

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9. I would make a purchase based on the product recommendations provided to me. *

| | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Strongly Disagree | ○ | ○ | ○ | ○ | ○ | Strongly Agree |

10. The product recommendations are influential on my decision to make a purchase. *

| | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Strongly Disagree | ○ | ○ | ○ | ○ | ○ | Strongly Agree |

11. I trust the recommendations provided to me during online shopping. *

| | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Strongly Disagree | ○ | ○ | ○ | ○ | ○ | Strongly Agree |

12. I am familiar with what a chatbot is. *

| | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Strongly Disagree | ○ | ○ | ○ | ○ | ○ | Strongly Agree |

13. I have interacted with a chatbot on an e-commerce (online shopping) platform. *

| | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Strongly Disagree | ○ | ○ | ○ | ○ | ○ | Strongly Agree |

14. I use chatbots for assistance while shopping online *

| | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Strongly Disagree | ○ | ○ | ○ | ○ | ○ | Strongly Agree |

15. I am satisfied with the responses and assistance provided by the chatbot. *

| | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Strongly Disagree | ○ | ○ | ○ | ○ | ○ | Strongly Agree |

16. After interacting with a chatbot, I would continue browsing or shopping on the platform. *

| | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Strongly Disagree | ○ | ○ | ○ | ○ | ○ | Strongly Agree |

17. The accuracy of personalized product recommendations is reflecting my actual preferences. *

| | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Strongly Disagree | ○ | ○ | ○ | ○ | ○ | Strongly Agree |

18. Personalized marketing messages and offers catch my attention more than generic ones. *

| | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Strongly Disagree | ○ | ○ | ○ | ○ | ○ | Strongly Agree |

19. I am more likely to recommend an online shopping platform to others if it uses effective AI-driven personalization and assistance tools. *

| | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Strongly Disagree | ○ | ○ | ○ | ○ | ○ | Strongly Agree |

20. Overall, I feel that AI-driven tools (like chatbots and product recommendations) make my online shopping more efficient. *

| | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Strongly Disagree | ○ | ○ | ○ | ○ | ○ | Strongly Agree |