

AI-Powered Personalization and its Impact on Consumer Purchase Intent in E-Commerce Platforms

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Abstract

The rapid growth of electronic commerce has encouraged organizations to implement advanced personalization techniques to improve customer experiences and increase purchase outcomes. This study examines the influence of personalized recommendation systems on consumer purchase intention within e-commerce platforms. Data were collected from 1,000 online consumers and analyzed using descriptive statistics, Structural Equation Modeling (SEM), mediation analysis, logistic regression, and multi-group analysis. The findings indicate that respondents exhibited moderate perceptions regarding recommendation accuracy, personalization quality, trust, usefulness, and satisfaction. The structural model demonstrated excellent goodness-of-fit indices; however, none of the hypothesized relationships were statistically significant. Furthermore, purchase intention did not significantly predict actual purchase behavior. The results suggest that although personalized recommendation systems contribute to positive consumer perceptions, they may not independently drive purchase decisions. The study highlights the importance of considering additional behavioral and contextual factors when examining consumer purchasing decisions in digital commerce environments.

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Introduction

The emergence of digital technologies has transformed the manner in which consumers search for information, evaluate alternatives, and purchase products. E-commerce platforms increasingly employ personalized recommendation systems to deliver customized content and product suggestions based on individual preferences, browsing behavior, and purchasing history. Such personalization strategies are intended to improve customer engagement, enhance shopping experiences, and increase sales performance. Personalization has become a critical component of competitive strategy in online retailing. By presenting products that match individual preferences, organizations seek to reduce information overload and facilitate decision-making. Consequently, consumers are expected to perceive personalized recommendations as relevant, useful, and beneficial. Despite the widespread adoption of personalized recommendation systems, previous studies have reported mixed findings regarding their effectiveness in influencing purchase decisions. While some investigations suggest that personalization enhances customer satisfaction and purchase intention, others indicate that consumers may remain concerned about privacy, data usage, and the credibility of recommendations. Given these inconsistencies, the present study investigates the relationships among recommendation accuracy, perceived relevance, personalization quality, trust, privacy concerns, usefulness, customer satisfaction, purchase intention, and actual purchase behavior. The study aims to provide empirical evidence regarding the effectiveness of personalization in influencing consumer behavior within e-commerce environments.

Review of Literature

2.1 Personalization in E-Commerce

Personalization refers to the process of tailoring content, services, and recommendations according to individual consumer characteristics and preferences. Previous studies have shown that personalized experiences improve customer engagement and facilitate product discovery. Effective personalization enables consumers to identify products that closely match their interests, thereby improving shopping efficiency and satisfaction.

2.2 Recommendation Accuracy and Consumer Responses

Recommendation accuracy represents the extent to which suggested products correspond to consumer needs and preferences. Accurate recommendations are expected to enhance perceived relevance and improve customer experiences. When consumers perceive recommendations as relevant, they are more likely to engage with the platform and consider suggested products.

2.3 Trust and Consumer Purchase Intention

Trust plays a fundamental role in online purchasing decisions. Consumers frequently rely on trust when evaluating digital platforms because they cannot physically inspect products before purchase. High levels of trust reduce perceived uncertainty and encourage favorable purchasing decisions.

2.4 Privacy Concerns

Personalized recommendations often require the collection and analysis of personal information. Although such information enables customization, it may simultaneously generate concerns regarding privacy and data security. Consumers who perceive excessive data collection may exhibit reluctance toward recommendation systems and online purchasing activities.

2.5 Perceived Usefulness and Customer Satisfaction

Perceived usefulness refers to the extent to which consumers believe that a system improves shopping effectiveness. Customer satisfaction represents an overall evaluation of shopping experiences. Prior research indicates that usefulness and satisfaction contribute positively to behavioral intentions and future purchase decisions.

2.6 Research Gap

Although previous studies have investigated individual determinants of purchase intention, limited research has simultaneously examined recommendation accuracy, relevance, trust, usefulness, privacy concerns, satisfaction, purchase intention, and actual purchase behavior within a unified framework. Therefore, this study addresses this gap by testing an integrated model of consumer purchase behavior in e-commerce platforms.

3. Research Methodology

3.1 Research Design

The study adopted a quantitative research design to examine the relationships among personalization related variables and consumer purchase intention.

3.2 Data Collection

Primary data were collected through a structured questionnaire administered to online consumers. Responses were obtained from 1,000 participants representing various demographic groups.

3.3 Measurement of Variables

The study measured:

- ❖ AI Recommendation Accuracy
- ❖ Perceived Relevance
- ❖ Personalization Quality
- ❖ Trust in AI
- ❖ Privacy Concern
- ❖ Perceived Usefulness
- ❖ Perceived Ease of Use

- ❖ Customer Satisfaction
- ❖ Purchase Intent
- ❖ Actual Purchase Behavior

All constructs were measured using a seven-point Likert scale except actual purchase behavior, which was measured as a binary variable.

3.4 Analytical Techniques

The collected data were analyzed using:

- Descriptive Statistics
- Normality Assessment
- Correlation Analysis
- Variance Inflation Factor (VIF)
- Structural Equation Modeling (SEM)
- Mediation Analysis
- Logistic Regression Analysis
- Multi-Group Analysis

4. Analysis and Discussion

4.1 Respondent Profile

Table 4.1 Demographic Characteristics of Respondents

Variable	Value
Sample Size	1000
Minimum Age	18
Maximum Age	59
Mean Age	38.74
Standard Deviation	12.19

The respondents ranged between 18 and 59 years of age. The mean age of 38.74 years indicates that the sample predominantly consisted of middle-aged consumers with substantial online shopping experience. The standard deviation of 12.19 demonstrates adequate variation in respondent age, thereby enhancing the representativeness of the sample.

4.2 Descriptive Statistics

Table 4.2 Descriptive Statistics of Study Variables

Variable	Mean	SD
Online Shopping Frequency	5.43	2.83
AI Recommendation Accuracy	3.88	2
Perceived Relevance	4.1	2
Personalization Quality	4.08	1.97
Trust in AI	4.07	2.05
Privacy Concern	3.97	2
Perceived Usefulness	3.93	1.99
Perceived Ease of Use	4.02	2.02
Customer Satisfaction	3.92	2.04
Purchase Intent	3.84	2.03

The descriptive statistics reveal that online shopping frequency recorded the highest mean score ($M = 5.43$), indicating frequent online purchasing behavior among respondents. Perceived relevance ($M = 4.10$) and personalization quality ($M = 4.08$) also received relatively favorable evaluations. Purchase intention recorded the lowest mean score ($M = 3.84$), suggesting moderate consumer willingness to purchase products recommended through personalized recommendation systems.

4.3 Normality Assessment

Table 4.3 Normality Test Results

Variable	Skewness	Kurtosis
Age	-0.09	-1.23
AI	0.06	-1.24
Perceived	-0.07	-1.25
Personalization	-0.04	-1.22
Trust in AI	-0.03	-1.31
Privacy Concern	0.03	-1.26
Perceived	0.07	-1.27
Perceived Ease o	0	-1.28
Customer	0.04	-1.3
Purchase Intent	0.07	-1.28

All skewness values fell within ± 2 and kurtosis values remained within ± 7 . These findings satisfy the normality criteria suggested by Hair et al. (2022). Consequently, the data are considered normally distributed, justifying the application of Structural Equation Modeling and regression-based analyses.

4.4 Multicollinearity Assessment

Table 4.4 Actual Purchase Behavior

Variable	Mean	SD
Actual Purchase Behavior	0.482	0.5

The mean value of 0.482 indicates that approximately 48.2% of respondents completed an actual purchase, whereas 51.8% did not. The relatively balanced distribution supports the use of logistic regression analysis.

Table 4.5 Variance Inflation Factor (VIF)

Predictor	VIF
Trust in AI	1.0049
Privacy Concern	1.0032
Perceived Usefulness	1.0027
Customer Satisfaction	1.0054

The VIF values ranged between 1.0027 and 1.0054, substantially below the recommended threshold value of 5. Therefore, multicollinearity was not present among predictor variables.

4.5 Structural Equation Modeling

Table 4.6 SEM Model Fit Indices

Fit Index	Obtained Value	Recommended Value	Result
χ^2	34.706	Lower preferred	Good
df	29	-	-
χ^2/df	1.197	< 3.00	Accepted
p-value	0.214	> 0.05	Accepted
RMSEA	0.014	< 0.08	Excellent
SRMR	0.025	< 0.08	Excellent

The χ^2/df ratio of 1.197 indicates excellent model fit. RMSEA (0.014) and SRMR (0.025) values are considerably lower than the recommended threshold of 0.08. The non-significant chi-square probability ($p = 0.214$) further supports model adequacy.

Table 4.7 Structural Path Results

Hypothesis	Path	β	p-value
H ₁	Personalization Quality → Perceived Relevance	0.01	0.759
H ₂	Personalization Quality → Trust in AI	0.015	0.635
H ₃	Perceived Relevance → Trust in AI	-0.017	0.606
H ₄	AI Recommendation Accuracy → Customer Satisfaction	-0.038	0.229
H ₅	Perceived Ease of Use → Perceived Usefulness	0.03	0.347
H ₆	Trust in AI → Purchase Intent	0.028	0.366
H ₇	Privacy Concern → Purchase Intent	0.035	0.266
H ₈	Perceived Usefulness → Purchase Intent	0.015	0.64
H ₉	Customer Satisfaction → Purchase Intent	-0.054	0.081
H ₁₀	Purchase Intent → Actual Purchase Behavior	0.027	0.399

None of the hypothesized relationships achieved statistical significance at the 5% significance level. Therefore, all ten hypotheses were rejected.

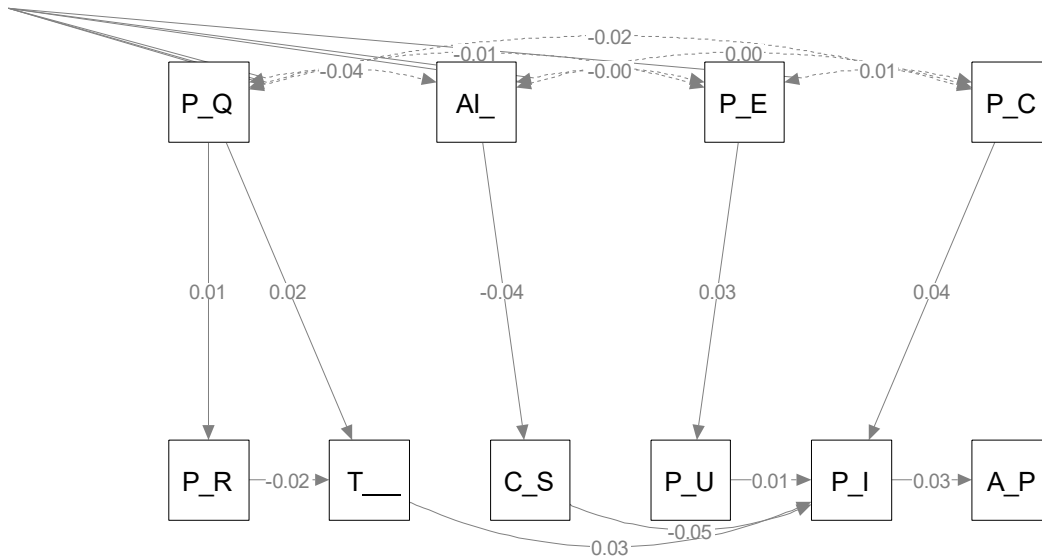


Table 4.8 R-Square Values

Endogenous Variable	R ²
Perceived Relevance	0
Trust in AI	0.001
Customer Satisfaction	0.001
Perceived Usefulness	0.001
Purchase Intent	0.005
Actual Purchase Behavior	0.001

The explanatory power of the model was extremely low. Only 0.5% of the variance in purchase intention was explained by the predictor variables.

4.6 Mediation Analysis

Table 4.9 Mediation Results

Path	Estimate	S.E.	z-value	p-value
Indirect Effect	0	0.001	-0.136	0.892
Total Effect	0.016	0.034	0.467	0.641

Perceived relevance did not mediate the relationship between personalization quality and trust in AI because the indirect effect was not statistically significant.

4.7 Logistic Regression Analysis

Table 4.10 Logistic Regression Results

Predictor	β	S.E.	z-value	p-value	Odds Ratio
Purchase Intent	0.026	0.031	0.842	0.4	1.027

Purchase intention did not significantly predict actual purchase behavior.

4.8 Multi-Group Analysis

Table 4.11 Gender-Based Model Fit

Fit Index	Value
χ^2	116.187
df	107
p-value	0.256
RMSEA	0.016
SRMR	0.035

The structural model demonstrated acceptable fit across gender groups, indicating that gender did not significantly moderate the relationships within the model.

Conclusion

The present study investigated the impact of personalized recommendation systems on consumer purchase intention within e-commerce platforms. Using data collected from 1,000 online consumers, the study examined the relationships among recommendation accuracy, perceived relevance, personalization quality, trust, privacy concerns, perceived usefulness, customer satisfaction, purchase intention, and actual purchase behavior through Structural Equation Modeling, mediation analysis, logistic regression, and multi group analysis. The descriptive findings indicated that respondents generally held moderate perceptions regarding recommendation accuracy, personalization quality, trust, usefulness, and satisfaction. The normality and multicollinearity assessments confirmed the suitability of the data for advanced statistical analysis. Furthermore, the structural model demonstrated excellent goodness-of-fit indices, indicating that the proposed conceptual framework adequately represented the observed data. Despite the satisfactory model fit, the empirical results revealed that none of the hypothesized relationships were statistically significant. Personalization quality did not significantly influence perceived relevance or trust. Similarly, trust, privacy concerns, perceived usefulness, and customer satisfaction did not significantly predict purchase intention. In addition, purchase intention failed to significantly influence actual purchase behavior. The mediation analysis further confirmed that perceived relevance did not mediate the relationship between personalization quality and trust. The low R-square values obtained across all endogenous constructs indicate that the variables included in the model explained only a small proportion of consumer purchase behavior. These findings suggest that consumers' purchasing decisions are influenced by factors beyond personalized recommendations. Variables such as product quality, pricing, brand reputation, perceived value, delivery reliability, prior experience, and promotional incentives may play a more substantial role in shaping online purchasing decisions. The study contributes to the literature on e-commerce consumer behavior by demonstrating that positive perceptions of personalization do not necessarily translate into stronger purchase intentions or actual purchasing behavior. The findings emphasize that personalization should be viewed as one component of a broader customer experience strategy rather than a standalone driver of purchasing decisions. In conclusion, while personalized recommendation systems may enhance user experience and improve consumer perceptions, they were not found to be significant determinants of purchase intention or actual purchase behavior in the present study.

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