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Leveraging AI for Predictive Analytics in Customer Loyalty Program

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Abstract: Using data to improve customer experiences and inform strategic choices has become essential in today's corporate environment. A crucial part of sophisticated data is predictive analytics (PA), which provides organizations looking to increase client loyalty and spur growth with an effective tool [1]. This analysis examines how organizations can leverage AI for predictive analytics to comprehend consumer behavior, foresee their requirements, and provide tailored experiences that encourage growth and customer loyalty. It entails looking at past data to find trends that can predict actions and results in the future. Businesses may obtain essential insights into the preferences and purchase patterns of their customers by incorporating predictive models into customer relationship management (CRM) systems. Such data helps businesses target promotions that are relevant to specific customers, enhance customer interactions, and customize their marketing campaigns. Organizations should leverage AI engine (AI) is paired with modern technologies like as ML. Businesses should carefully integrate AI - powered customer support, placing a focus on effectiveness and client happiness. They must prioritize customer - centric design in AI solutions in order to match technology with client preferences and demands.

Keywords: Customer Loyalty, Customer Relationship Management (CRM), Customer Segmentation, Customer Behavior Prediction, Data Analytics, Machine Learning (ML), Predictive Analytics (PA), Operational Cost Reduction, AI - driven Value Co - creation.

1. Introduction

AI has a wide range of applications and implications for predictive analytics. AI may categorize clients into groups based on their traits and actions, for instance, "firmographics, psychographics, geographics, and demographics". At the same time, marketers may customize their offers and messages to each group thanks to this segmentation, which raises the possibility of conversion. Figure 2 shows a list of the most valuable information when using AI. Using AI - powered PA, such as customer services, may significantly reduce operational costs by automating repetitive tasks. Because of this cost - effectiveness, companies can manage resources and invest in enhancing total customer satisfaction. Integrating AI - powered solutions into PA has become a game - changer in the quickly changing customer service industry.



Figure 1: Leveraging AI intelligently [1].

This study explores the complex relationships between AI powered Customer Service and its significant effects on customer loyalty, concentrating on the mediating roles played by perceived efficiency and customer satisfaction. AI is good for predictive analytics since it is capable of analyzing consumer data to forecast future actions, including product preferences, buying trends, and possible churn. This knowledge aids companies in customizing their marketing plans, raising customer satisfaction levels, and improving the consumer experience all around.



Figure 2: The most valuable data [1].

2. Scope

This study has two goals. First, it goes over the many uses of AI in business. Then, it uses datasets from different sources and companies worldwide to conduct an empirical test to see if these uses foster customer loyalty. The datasets comprise the integration outcomes from distinct AI features, such as NLP integration, AI - powered personalized messaging, predictive modeling, and AI - powered customer support. The binary customer loyalty metric is the goal. The study demonstrates how firms may utilize AI to evaluate data and produce insights that are important for automating operations and informing corporate goals. Therefore, companies should use them if they want to maintain their competitiveness and boost client loyalty.

3. Literature Review

"Predictive analytics is a subfield of advanced analytics that uses historical data along with statistical modeling, data mining, and machine learning to forecast future events." [3, p.550]. **Figure 3** depicts an advanced customer analysis framework. Conversational software agents, or chat - bots, are becoming a popular replacement for human chat service operators in the modern day. (AI) techniques are frequently utilized by these agents. Employing chat - bots has shown to

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be beneficial for businesses, primarily when it is associated with a positive customer experience. The ability of chat - bots to fix client difficulties and the relevance of their replies are the main factors that determine their efficacy in customer care. Positive results, such as customer happiness, increased probability of chat - bot usage in the future, product purchases, and product suggestions, are usually the result of these characteristics. When it comes to simple jobs, customers believe AI can solve problems better than human customer service representatives. As a result, they demonstrate a stronger propensity to employ AI.



Figure 3: Advanced customer analysis framework [3].

Conversely, customers value human customer service higher than artificial intelligence (AI) when dealing with challenging activities. However, a lack of consumer trust prevents AI - based chat - bots from being widely used. Still, systematically acquired design information about user confidence in these agents is not readily available. AI has a lot of promise to increase competitiveness, but there are also a lot of potential drawbacks [3]. Convenience, customization, and humanization are examples of features that may help make the value co - creation process more transparent. The negative aspects of technology include anxiety, concerns about privacy, a loss of control, and a decline in interpersonal relationships, all of which diminish the value of shared value. AI - driven value co - creation approaches need proper integration while addressing any issues related to value co destruction. Customer satisfaction affects consumers' desire to repurchase, and trust is crucial for customers.

Businesses may analyze data to find new insights to automate processes and advance business projects by combining AI with predictive analytics. Thus, businesses must adopt these strategies if they hope to stay competitive and increase customer loyalty. Studies demonstrate that staff service quality and artificial intelligence (AI) both strongly influence the assessment of total service quality, customer satisfaction, and customer loyalty. **Figure 4** shows A. I based an interactive dashboard for a sales department. Compared to their human counterparts, clients have a more markedly negative opinion regarding customer assistance given by AI. Customers' main worries about AI customer service are related to its limited capacity for problem - solving.





Figure 4: Interactive dashboard for a sales department

Staff service quality and AI both strongly influence overall assessment. Compared to their human counterparts, clients are shown to have a more markedly negative opinion regarding customer assistance given by AI. Customers' worrying about AI customer service causes poor capacity for problem - solving. Customers are also unhappy about the lack of a personal touch and the delayed response. Positive feedback from consumers is primarily dependent on voice characteristics and service attitudes.

Information sources and data warehouses cannot be connected directly by organizations. They have to employ ETL tools in three stages: data extraction, transformation, and loading (**Figure 5**). The satisfaction and quality of the leading AI chat - bot service have a substantial influence on the chat - bot users' loyalty. The perceived worth, reasoning confidence, emotional trust, and fulfillment with AI chat - bot services have a positive effect on customer loyalty. AI - initiated communication is the proactive strategy used by AI systems to anticipate customer needs and provide answers or assistance before customers proactively request it. Acquiring a thorough comprehension of the implications linked to proactive communication in the context of AI - powered customer support may yield significant knowledge for improving customer relations and increasing brand loyalty.



Figure 5: The ETL pipeline.

4. Problem Statement

Different representations of AI's introduction into the marketing environment resulted in variations in how businesses and consumers engage with various marketing approaches. "Every transaction leaves its footprint on the network; turning that into Smart data (**Figure 6**) allows carriers to answer the questions: Who? What? Where? When?" [1. p.23]. Predictive analytics, which involved using machine learning algorithms generated from massive volumes of data to deliver outcomes relating to future consumer behavior, marked the foundation of A. I in

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marketing. For instance, the use of AI in the analysis of consumer data pertaining to purchasing inclinations, various demographics, and trends that are directly associated with client preferences, in addition to the patterns of online surfing habits and the patterns related to customers' decisions to buy items.



Figure 6: Smart Data [1].

Finding clients to supply a good or service that meets demand is one of the most challenging but most important jobs for any business. However, maintaining current clientele is just as crucial. Loyal consumers are beneficial to companies not just financially but also in terms of word - of - mouth marketing to their social circle. Since it originates from a third party who is impartial and unbiased regarding a product or service, positive word - of - mouth marketing is the most significant kind of advertising. There are several approaches to ensuring clients are satisfied. In fact, even before AI was used for anything, people were putting a lot of effort into solving this problem.

The secret to comprehending artificial intelligence is to consider human reactions to circumstances. Thus, it is always done in a manner that is adaptable to the issue at hand and its circumstances. All machines, including artificial intelligence systems, are designed to do the same task in response to an "input" or create an "output" that is either identical to or comparable to human behavior. "Smart Data is the fuel for Smarter Analytics (**Figure 7**) that addresses business needs across the carrier organization from providing real - time assurance visibility for Network Operations" [1, p.23]. As a result, AI can do better than humans in some activities. The machine learning system may be trained to provide predictions with very high precision by identifying distinct characteristics of these instances.



Figure 7: Smarter Analytics [1].

Artificial intelligence may surpass human performance based on a comparison of hundreds of thousands of consumer activities [2]. Predictive analytics is a type of AI application that is gaining popularity in the commercial sector. Customer relations, loyalty, and retention have already from gain from the use of AI and machine intelligence. With the ease with which data collecting has become possible, machine learning algorithms may be trained to provide clients with individualized experiences by displaying just the things that pique their interest. Generally, utilizing AI to personalize websites means giving each user personalized content that is based on their past behavior and interests. AI can be helpful in this situation as it can monitor an individual's online activity and automatically generate a customized experience for them.

5. Solution

With years of experience in the administrative, engineering, marketing, and medical domains, AI offers a wide range of forecasting services through several applications. The primary marketing segments of AI initiatives are in **Figure 8**. High predictive capabilities in many AI applications are advantageous for data analytics. First, it fosters an effortless user experience, which increases customer satisfaction and loyalty. Using AI instead of a human agent to solve problems can result in substantially faster problem - solving. The goal is to guide customers through the support system in a way that makes each step simple and quick and helps them get closer to addressing their issue. They can provide answers very rapidly if they can train a machine - learning system to infer a customer's problem from their activity.



Figure 8: The primary marketing segments of AI initiatives

While humans are not replaced in this process, artificial intelligence (AI) is capable of making hundreds of attempts to solve issues and provide creative creations. However, this is unable to distinguish between novel and strange ideas; this is up to humans. AI lacks creativity by nature. It just makes people more creative. Thus, it may be a tool to help traverse a range of challenges to improve the user experience if people stay informed. How quickly a firm responds to issues is a critical component of user experience. An AI chat - bot may be helpful to not only answer inquiries from clients but also to refer them to a human worker who is knowledgeable about their issue. AI's capacity to handle extensive gives the company insights and forecasts that enhance the decision making process, increasing customer loyalty.

6. Impact

AI's impact on marketing provides the foundation for its use in sales and production. First, it provides scalability. This feature relates to AI's capacity to handle data from various sources and sizes. It has a great lot of flexibility to grow or shrink according to the demands of the business and the type

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of data that comes in. "The use of cloud - based machine learning technology, such as "BigQuery ML, " is an illustration of scalability in AI". Fig.9 illustrates forms of AI employed to fulfill several targeted purposes for addressing the marketing challenges. Furthermore, scalability gives marketers access to a multitude of insights and ideas derived from big data, enabling them to make a variety of decisions about their campaigns and marketing strategies that benefit the company and boost customer satisfaction by drawing on data from a broad range of sources.



Figure 9: Forms of AI [6].

Second, A. I fosters adaptability in organizations. (AI) data analytics solutions are distinguished by their capacity to anticipate and adjust to prospective shifts in the market. This capability facilitates organizational adaptation to changes and aids in the modification of plans by decision - makers to align with evolving consumer preferences, feedback and market conditions. With the help of this tool, marketers may remain on top of industry developments and adapt the organization's strategy to suit changing demands.

Third, leveraging A. I for predictive analytics increases accuracy. By using multi - source big data, AI analytics may achieve high levels of accuracy and provide forecasts that accurately convey indications and hints about shifting markets and competitive situations. With the help of these precise procedures, customers will be able to depend on the results of AI and its analyses to make correct and dependable judgments, therefore identifying the opportunities and difficulties that the company will encounter throughout the marketing campaign.

Also, leveraging A. I (figure 10) for predictive analytics fosters automation in organizations. AI technology and analytics may automate the organization's daily operations and tasks to provide marketers more time to conduct complex jobs like creating public policies and selecting the best tactics. Furthermore, streamlining operations and cutting expenses, processes, and regular job automation allow the company to be more creative and make better decisions based on quicker and more accurate client service. Such as implementing predictive analytics tools, which can handle a lot of repetitive marketing work.



One of the most significant results of AI and its predictive analytics is the concept of interactivity. Because interaction is one of AI's features and methods, the company may avoid using human labor to guarantee client engagement and obtain the necessary feedback. Furthermore, it is vital to recognize the proactive role that AI plays in engagement and its capacity to offer decision - makers a range of recommendations, including how to respond to consumers, risks, difficulties, and necessary development points.

7. Uses

Businesses may improve their marketing tactics, get a deeper understanding of their consumers, and spur development and profitability by utilizing AI in predictive analytics. Predictive analytics in B2B marketing can grade leads according to how likely they are to become clients [4]. Sales teams subsequently give high - scoring prospects priority for more targeted marketing. To be sure, sales teams have always done lead scoring, but conventional lead scoring is often viewed as being excessively arbitrary and reliant on intuition. After configuring data transfer from selected sources, a warehouse must be established (Figure 11). For decades, businesses have battled to make lead follow - up a priority. Salespeople are frequently left on their own, deciding who gets called first based only on their best judgment. AI - based predictive lead scoring makes predictions by analyzing data from current prospects and previous customers using algorithms. Predictive analytics determine which current prospects best suit the ideal customer profile based on historical purchasing behavior. It makes predictions based only on actual facts, eliminating the chance of bias or human mistakes.



Figure 11: Data warehouse structure.

The quality of predictive models is dependent on skills and infrastructure. For forecasts to be dependable, data quality and accuracy must be available. AI - based predictive analytics require the ethical collection and use of client data in accordance with data privacy laws. Customers' privacy

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must be a top priority for businesses, and data usage requires express authorization. Furthermore, some AI algorithms may need to be simplified and easier to understand. "As a result, marketers must find a balance between interpretability and model accuracy for their forecasts to be trusted. " A reliable outside partner can assist with this procedure) It is important to periodically update and retrain predictive models in order to accommodate evolving market dynamics and client behavior. The administration must think of it as ongoing education. AI - powered customer services are essential for fostering customer loyalty because they offer personalized experiences, boost service efficacy, and promote a better comprehension of consumer needs and preferences.

8. Conclusion

Upon conducting a comprehensive examination of these interrelated factors, it is evident that the proficient deployment of artificial intelligence (AI) - powered customer support platform may significantly influence customer attitudes and actions. The first perceived efficiency driver is a critical factor in shaping how customers view the AI system's ability to fulfill their needs in a timely and correct manner. The AI system's perceived speed, effectiveness, and accessibility all add up to a higher overall impression of efficiency. The concept of efficiency, therefore, has a cascade impact on client happiness, influencing customers' impressions of the service, brand, and overall experience. The development of consumer loyalty is dependent on client happiness, highlighting its importance. Understanding the mediating role between perceived efficacy and customer satisfaction is crucial for businesses looking to maximize the impact of their AI - powered customer service initiatives. Further investigation into the fundamental mechanics of AI is vital as the technology develops and its use in customer service tactics gains traction. This will produce insightful data that companies can use to improve their methods and create plans that make the most of AI's potential to build enduring client loyalty.

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