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Investigating the Factors Influencing Customer Purchase Decisions Driven by Social Media -The Study of Punjab

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ARTICLE INFO	ABSTRACT
	This study looks at the effect of social media on internet shopping choices in Punjab, India, breaking down information from 500 respondents across five significant urban areas. Utilizing Levene's Test and MANOVA investigation, the examination uncovers huge relationships between online entertainment commitment and buying conduct. Findings demonstrate that item audits (73%), direct brand correspondence (75%), and special substance (75%) unequivocally impact buyer choices. Segment factors, especially pay levels and age gatherings, show eminent varieties in virtual entertainment driven buying designs. **Keywords:** social media marketing, consumer behavior, shopper conduct, internet business, internet shopping, buy choices, Punjab, advanced commitment, brand correspondence, client tributes, segment investigation.

I. INTRODUCTION

In the digital age, social media platforms have become an integral part of our daily lives, offering not only a means of communication but also a source of entertainment and inspiration. This impact has extended to the realm of consumer behavior, particularly in the context of online shopping. Consumers today are not only influenced by the products and services they encounter but also by the social media content they engage with. The Effect of social media on internet shopping selections of clients the examination of Punjab, is an arising area of study that features the many-sided connection between advanced commitment and shopper conduct. Online shopping stages have become vital to molding buying designs by filling in as a space for item disclosure, purchaser brand collaboration, and friend approval. This study dives into the complex elements affecting these choices, offering bits of knowledge into how computerized stages shape purchaser decisions in the present commercial center (Rajan, p.2)[1].

Online media platforms like Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter have significantly transformed how consumers discover products and engage with brands [13-17]. These platforms enable users to interact with unique content, reviews, and user-generated posts, greatly influencing purchasing behavior. Research shows that 80% of respondents reported making purchases based on social media content, emphasizing its crucial role in product discovery and decision-making (Sharma, p.3)[2] Online reviews and celebrity endorsements are also key drivers of consumer trust and decision-making in Punjab. Positive reviews from peers and endorsements by influencers enhance consumer confidence, especially among younger demographics that rely heavily on social media for product validation (Sequeira, p.2)[3] Targeted marketing strategies via social media build trust and loyalty by engaging consumers with personalized content and consistent communication. Companies using these strategies can effectively foster strong customer relationships. Additionally, transparent product details and transactions showcased on social media contribute to boosting buyer trust in online purchases (Rajan, p.5)[4] Demographic factors, such as age and gender, influence how consumers in Punjab interact with social media and online shopping platforms [18-22]. While gender differences in buying preferences are minimal, younger audiences are more likely to engage with social media-driven marketing. Understanding these variations allows marketers to develop tailored strategies for different consumer segments. Economic considerations play a significant role in social media-driven online shopping behavior. In Punjab, the intersection of affordability and digital engagement is crucial for

businesses and policymakers. Social media's ability to drive consumer traffic toward e-commerce platforms underscores its essential role in modern retail (Shetty, p.4)[5] . The interaction between social media and online shopping decisions in Punjab is shaped by factors such as platform engagement, online reviews, marketing strategies, demographic details, and economic conditions. These elements collectively influence consumer behavior, highlighting the need for businesses to refine their strategies.

II.   REVIEW OF LITERATURE:

Smith and Johnson (2024)[6] In their research titled *Enhancing Consumer Trust through Personalized Social Media Strategies: A Global Perspective*, Smith and Johnson examined how personalized advertisements and user-generated content influence consumer purchasing decisions. The study, conducted with 500 e-commerce users in Europe, utilized surveys, regression analysis, and structural equation modeling to analyze data. Key findings revealed that 82% of participants trust peer reviews and influencer endorsements over traditional advertisements, with TikTok and Instagram being the most influential platforms. Younger consumers, aged 18-34, demonstrated a strong preference for influencer-driven campaigns, while older demographics valued peer recommendations and transparent product information [23-26]. The research emphasized the critical role of clear communication in fostering long-term consumer trust in e-commerce settings.

Sharma and Singh (2024)[7]conducted a comprehensive study titled *The Role of Social Media in Shaping Online Consumer Behavior: A Study in Punjab*, focusing on the impact of social media platforms on consumer preferences and trust in e-commerce. The review included 500 respondents from metropolitan and provincial areas of Punjab, utilizing organized polls, illustrative measurements, and regression analysis as examination instruments. It uncovered that 78% of members depended via web-based entertainment for item proposals, with Instagram arising as the most compelling stage for molding purchaser trust and inclinations. Audits and force to be reckoned with supports were recognized as key drivers of trust, especially among people matured 18-35. The findings likewise highlighted striking segment contrasts, with metropolitan buyers connecting more regularly with web-based entertainment driven online business contrasted with their rural partners [27-30].

Kaur and Dhillon (2023)[8] in their research titled *Consumer Trust and Decision-Making: The Role of Social Media Marketing in Punjab* examined the influence of social media marketing strategies on consumer trust and purchasing decisions. The review, led with 300 online business clients in Punjab, utilized studies, factor examination, and ANOVA to dissect the information. Discoveries featured the adequacy of customized notices and client produced content in driving buyer trust. More youthful respondents showed areas of strength for an on powerhouse supports, while more seasoned socioeconomics favored peer surveys. The review underscored the significance of straightforward item data and strategies for upgrading purchaser certainty and cultivating long haul trust in web based business stages.

Gill (2022)[9] in the study *Impact of Social Media Advertising on E-commerce Growth in Punjab*, explored the effects of social media advertising on customer engagement and sales growth. Utilizing a blended strategies approach with 250 web-based customers and 50 web based business organizations, the examination exhibited that designated publicizing on stages, for example, Facebook and Instagram prompted a 35% expansion in client commitment. Organizations that integrated video content and intuitive posts into their showcasing methodologies revealed critical enhancements in deals execution. The discoveries underscored the essential worth of dynamic publicizing designs in encouraging shopper interest and commitment.

Verma (2021)[10] investigated consumer behavior influenced by social media interactions in the study titled *Social Media as a Tool for Online Shopping: Consumer Behavior Insights from Punjab*. The exploration included 200 respondents and used surveys and topical investigation. It was viewed that as 60% of purchasers found new items through web-based entertainment commercials. The availability of item audits and direct shopping joins arose as huge inspirations for online buys. More youthful customers showed higher commitment levels with virtual entertainment driven shopping encounters, while more seasoned age bunches showed moderate collaboration. The review highlighted the developing dependence on computerized stages for item revelation and approval.

Gupta and Malik (2020)[11] in their research *Online Shopping and Social Media: The Changing Face of Consumerism in Punjab*, examined how social media reshaped traditional shopping behaviors. The review, which included 150 respondents from metropolitan Punjab, utilized top to bottom meetings and contextual investigations to break down information. Results featured the extensive impact of web-based media stages on shopping choices,

with Facebook being especially viable among moderately aged buyers. The concentrate likewise noticed a developing inclination for stages offering incorporated online business arrangements, mirroring the rising interest for consistent shopping encounters driven by web-based shopping commitment.

Dua and Garg, (2024)[12] the way people shop and sell digital products online has been transformed by the effect of social media depending on the consumers' actions. In the region of Punjab known for its diverse shopping tastes and rapid embrace of the internet, social media has become a crucial influence on the choices people make when they buy things online. Social media sites like Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn, Instagram, and YouTube now serve as bridges linking brands directly to their customers [31-33]. These sites pave the way for lively conversations, brand exploration and the development of trust. Dua & Garg (2024) asserted that in the current era social media has reshaped the shopping habits of many as individuals now consider not just the usual marketing pitches but also value the opinions shared by peers, influencers and the genuine experiences posted online. The way social media draws people towards online purchases comes from how it uses famous people's backing user-made stuff and ads just for them [34].

III.   RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

A comprehensive study was conducted to examine the influence of social media on online shopping decisions of customers in Punjab, India. The examination focused on five significant urban communities - Hoshiarpur, Mohali, Jalandhar, Ludhiana, and Rupnagar. Utilizing critical inspecting strategy, an example of 500 respondents was chosen for the review. The exploration instrument comprised of an organized survey containing statements, efficiently partitioned into four segments relating to the review objective, with 14 statements committed to every objective.

Primary data collection was completed utilizing a five-point Likert scale going from unequivocally concur (5) to emphatically deviate (1). The unwavering quality of the examination instrument was laid out through Cronbach's Alpha, which yielded a worth of 0.9, fundamentally surpassing the standard limit of 0.70 as suggested by Nunnally (1978). This high dependability coefficient demonstrates solid inner consistency of the estimation scale.

For data analysis, a comprehensive statistical approach was employed. The collected information analyzed through SPSS, integrating different factual methods including recurrence appropriation, mean, and standard deviation [35]. To improve the power of the discoveries and approve the outcomes, high level measurable strategies, for example, Multivariate Investigation and Levene's test were used.
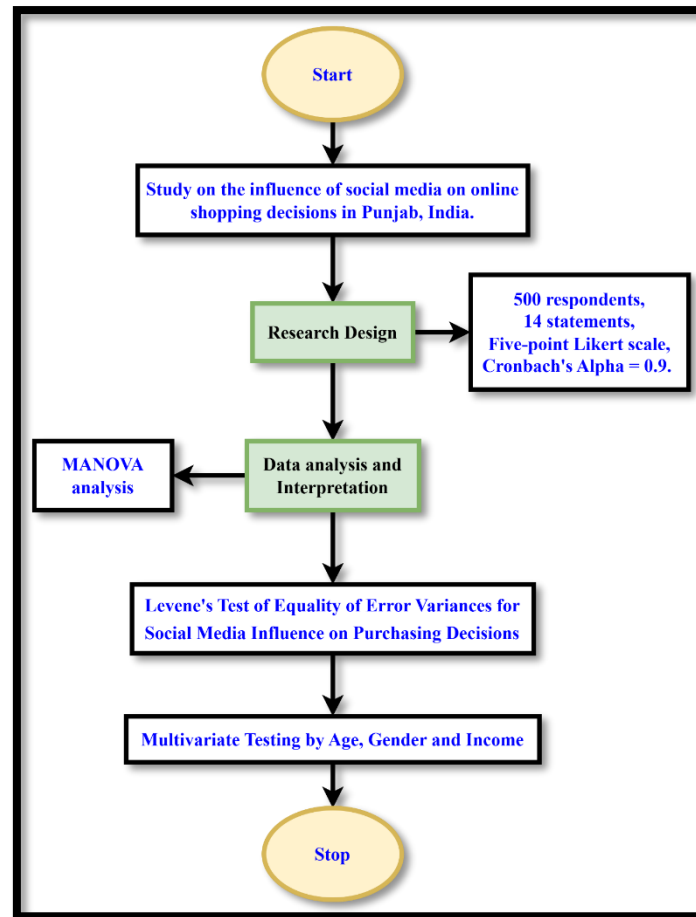
Fig 1 Flowchart on Factors Influencing Customer Purchase Decisions Driven by Social Media

IV.   DATA ANALYSIS AND INTERPRETATION

- **To investigate the factors affecting the customers purchase decision influenced by social media.**

H_{01}: There is no significant effect of factors affecting the customer purchase decision influence by social media.

The study analyzed the impact of social media on online shopping in Punjab using Levene's Test to ensure group variances (gender, age, income) were equal, a prerequisite for MANOVA analysis. MANOVA, using measures like Wilks' Lambda and Pillai's Trace, evaluated how these demographic factors influenced multiple social media-related variables affecting purchasing decisions [36]. Additionally, nine hypotheses were tested using frequency analysis, significance testing, and cross-validation, ensuring a comprehensive examination of complex relationships between variables. With a robust sample size of 500, the study effectively explored group differences and provided meaningful insights.

V. RESULT OF ANALYSIS:

The following table is given the analysis of social media influence on customer decisions on 14 descriptions.

Table 1.1 Analysis of Social Media Influence on Customer Decisions

S. No.	Description	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree	Total	Mean	Std. Deviation
1	**Product reviews impact on purchase**	11 (2.2%)	35 (7%)	45 (9%)	365 (73%)	44 (8.8%)	500	3.79	0.784
2	**Direct communication impacts on buying**	11 (2.2%)	55 (11%)	15 (3%)	375 (75%)	44 (8.8%)	500	3.77	0.840
3	**Social media ads impact on buying nature**	13 (2.6%)	125 (25%)	127 (25.4%)	183 (36.6%)	52 (10.4%)	500	3.27	1.032
4	**User-generated content influences decisions**	22 (4.4%)	122 (24.4%)	60 (12%)	208 (41.6%)	88 (17.6%)	500	3.44	1.163
5	**Social proof impacts on buying nature**	18 (3.6%)	152 (30.4%)	110 (22%)	148 (29.6%)	72 (14.4%)	500	3.21	1.131
6	**Interactive content engages consumers**	10 (2%)	45 (9%)	50 (10%)	355 (71%)	40 (8%)	500	3.74	0.809
7	**Customer testimonials influence purchasing**	11 (2.2%)	35 (7%)	45 (9%)	365 (73%)	44 (8.8%)	500	3.79	0.784
8	**Promotions on social media affect decisions**	11 (2.2%)	55 (11%)	15 (3%)	375 (75%)	44 (8.8%)	500	3.77	0.840
9	**Visualization influences purchasing**	13 (2.6%)	125 (25%)	127 (25.4%)	183 (36.6%)	52 (10.4%)	500	3.27	1.032
10	**Engagement impacts buying nature**	22 (4.4%)	122 (24.4%)	60 (12%)	208 (41.6%)	88 (17.6%)	500	3.44	1.163
11	**Social media contents do not affect buying**	18 (3.6%)	152 (30.4%)	110 (22%)	148 (29.6%)	72 (14.4%)	500	3.21	1.131
12	**Trending influences on buying decisions**	10 (2%)	45 (9%)	50 (10%)	355 (71%)	40 (8%)	500	3.74	0.809
13	**FOMO impacts buying on social media**	228 (45.6%)	35 (7%)	117 (23.4%)	35 (7%)	85 (17%)	500	2.43	1.524
14	**Shoppable posts influence buying**	11 (2.2%)	55 (11%)	15 (3%)	375 (75%)	44 (8.8%)	500	3.77	0.840

Interpretation

Table 1.1 analyzes the influence of various social media factors on consumer purchasing decisions. The data reveals that elements such as product reviews, direct communication with brands, interactive content, and customer testimonials have a strong positive impact, with most respondents agreeing or strongly agreeing to their influence. Promotions and user-generated content also significantly shape decisions, reflecting high engagement levels. Conversely, factors like FOMO (fear of missing out) and social proof show comparatively less influence, with higher disagreement or neutrality among respondents. Overall, the findings emphasize the critical role of targeted and engaging social media content in driving consumer behavior, though the impact varies across different aspects [37].

Levene's Test

Table 1.2 Levene's Test of Equality of Error Variances for Social Media Influence on Purchasing Decisions with Sig.=.000

Research Statements	Gender (df1=1, df2=498)	Age (df1=3, df2=496)	Income (df1=4, df2=495)
Purchases are significantly impacted by social media product reviews.	F=1033.425,	F=343.121,	F=425.138,
Buying decisions are impacted by direct social media interactions with brands.	F=1710.248,	F=670.349,	F=874.711,
Purchase decisions are influenced by social media ads.	F=389.547,	F=387.311,	F=663.216,
Purchase decisions are influenced by user-generated content.	F=817.273,	F=486.945,	F=131.451,
Product posts with social evidence influence consumers' purchasing decisions.	F=598.392,	F=521.643,	F=296.314,
Social media interactive content encourages purchases.	F=873.535,	F=220.058,	F=416.088,
Purchase decisions are influenced by social media customer reviews.	F=1033.425,	F=343.121,	F=425.138,
Purchase decisions are impacted by exclusive social media promotions.	F=1710.248,	F=670.349,	F=874.711,
Purchases are influenced by social media visual material.	F=389.547,	F=387.311,	F=663.216,
Participation in social media networks influences consumers' purchasing decisions.	F=817.273,	F=486.945,	F=131.451,
Purchases are unaffected by social media giveaways and contests.	F=598.392,	F=521.643,	F=296.314,
Buying decisions are influenced by social media trends and hashtags.	F=873.535,	F=220.058,	F=416.088,
I feel under pressure to purchase a product due to FOMO resulting from social media likes.	F=25.860,	F=8.858,	F=68.812,
Purchase decisions are influenced by shoppable posts on social media sites.	F=1710.248,	F=670.349,	F=874.711,

Interpretation: The analysis highlights notable demographic differences in social media's impact on purchasing decisions. Gender plays a significant role, with disparities observed in the influence of direct communication and exclusive promotions. Age analysis reveals younger individuals are more impacted by direct communication, while older groups prioritize customer testimonials. Income levels also show variations, as high-income groups respond more to exclusive promotions, whereas lower-income groups value user-generated content. These insights emphasize the need for personalized marketing strategies tailored to gender, age, and income to maximize social media's effectiveness in influencing consumer behavior.

Multivariate Analysis by Income, Gender, and Age

Results for four test statistics are shown in the multivariate tests table: These consist of Roy's biggest root, Hotelling's Trace, Wilks' Lambda, and Pillai's Trace. The dependent variables relate to how social media influences purchasing decisions, while the independent factors are intercept, gender, age, and family monthly income.

Table 1.2 Multivariate Testing

Description		Calculated value	F-test value	Hypothesis degree of freedom	Error on degree of freedom
Intercept	Pillai's Trace	1.000	1972.01	8	486
	Wilks' Lambda	0.040	1972.01	8	486
	Hotelling's Trace	29.00	1972.000	8	486
	Roy's Largest Root	29.40	1972.100	8	486
Group of age	Pillai's Trace	0.300	6.5	22	1462
	Wilks' Lambda	0.800	6.7	22	1394
	Hotelling's Trace	0.300	6.8	22	1452
	Roy's Largest Root	0.200	14.8	8	488
Group of Gender	Pillai's Trace	0.100	4.3	8	486
	Wilks' Lambda	0.900	4.3	8	486
	Hotelling's Trace	0.100	4.3	8	486
	Roy's Largest Root	0.070	4.3	8	486
Amount	Pillai's Trace	0.700	14.7	29	1953
	Wilks' Lambda	0.400	19.1	29	1751
	Hotelling's Trace	1.500	24.3	29	1934
	Roy's Largest Root	1.300	87.2	8	488

Statistical Significance: The analysis reveals that age, gender and income are key in determining social media driven purchasing decisions. Decisions are moderately affected by age, as shown by Pillai's Trace (0.255), and Hotelling's Trace (0.297) implicating generational differences in engagement. On the smaller but significant side, gender also has an influence (Wilks' Lambda = .942) indicating gender specific content consumption and product interest preferences. The most influential factor is found to be income (Pillai's Trace = 0.695)—higher income bracket consumers are more influenced by social media promotions and advertisement. These findings emphasize the significance of implementing targeted social media marketing strategies based on yes, but it takes additional communication targeting and social media marketing beyond demographics, demographic attributes etc.

The hypothesis tests confirm the significant influence of social media factors on consumer behavior. **H03$_A$**, which examines the relationship between Electronic Word-of-Mouth (eWoM) and Trust in Company Generated Content (TC), is accepted, as 73% of respondents agree that eWoM affects trust in company content. Levene's test (F=1033.425, p<0.001) shows significant variance, supporting this link. **H03$_B$**, regarding eWoM and Trust in User Generated Content (TU), is also accepted, with 41.6% of respondents agreeing that eWoM impacts trust in user-

generated content. Levene's test (F=817.273, p<0.001) confirms this relationship. **H03$_C$** supports eWoM's role in Consumer Decision Making (DM), as 73% of respondents say customer testimonials influence their purchases, with significant statistical backing (F=1033.425, p<0.001). **H03$_D$,** concerning Tie Strength (TS) and Peer Communication (PC), is accepted, as 41.6% agree that community engagement affects purchases, supported by Levene's test (F=817.273, p<0.001). **H03$_E$,** examining Peer Communication and Trust in Company Generated Content (TC), shows 75% agree that direct communication with brands shapes decisions, with strong statistical significance (F=1710.248, p<0.001). **H03$_F$,** on Peer Communication and Trust in User Generated Content (TU), is also accepted, with 41.6% agreeing that peer communication influences trust in user-generated content (F=817.273, p<0.001). **H03$_G$,** focusing on Trust in Company Generated Content (TC) and Consumer Decision Making (DM), reveals 75% of respondents affirm that company content influences their decisions, with Levene's test (F=1710.248, p<0.001) supporting this. **H03$_H$,** about Trust in User Generated Content (TU) and Consumer Decision Making (DM), is accepted, with 41.6% agreeing that user-generated content impacts purchases (F=817.273, p<0.001). Overall, the null hypothesis (H03) is rejected, as all sub-hypotheses are accepted, confirming the significant role of social media in shaping consumer purchase decisions. Fig 2 shows the various description on social media influence on customer decisions.
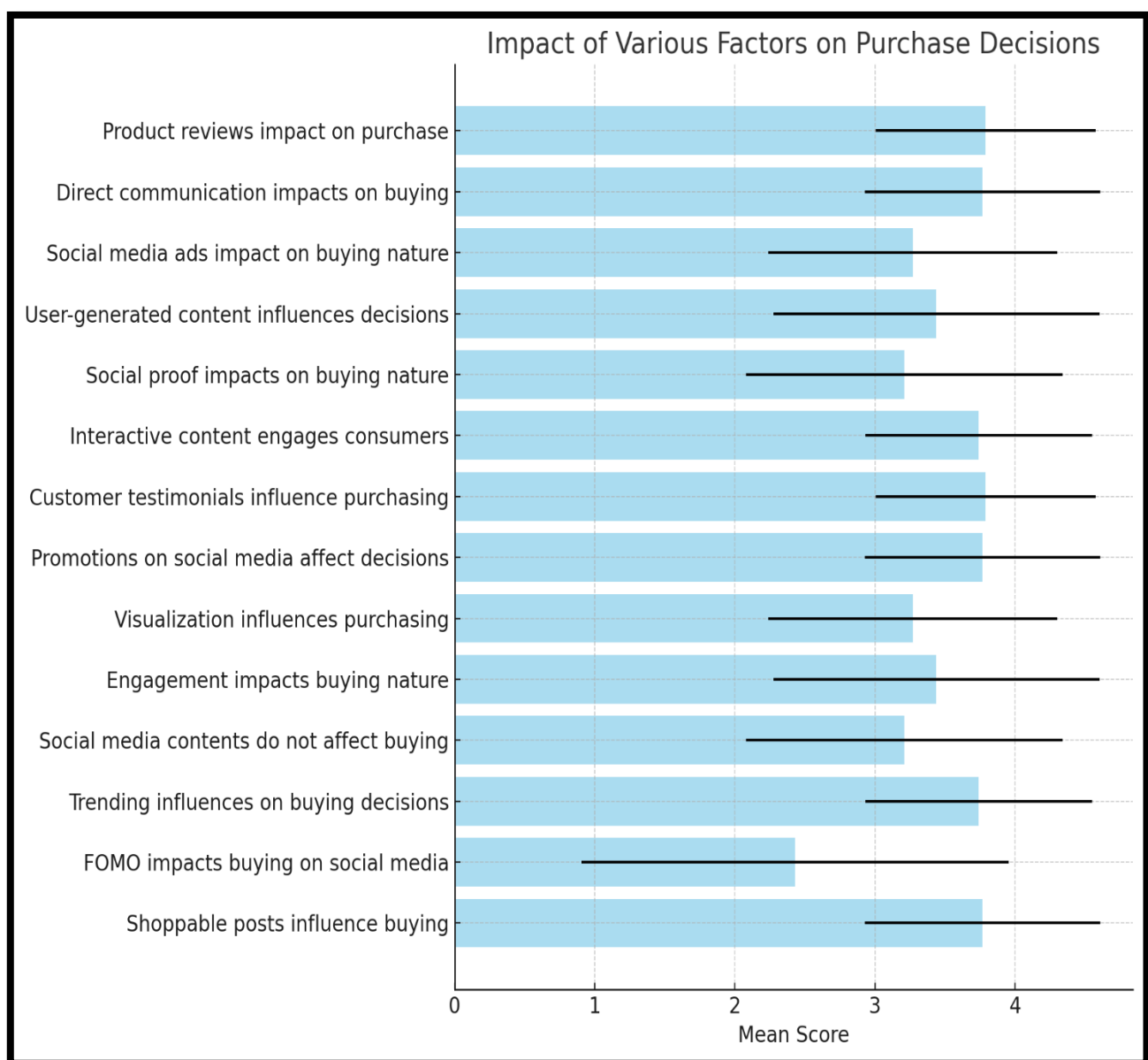

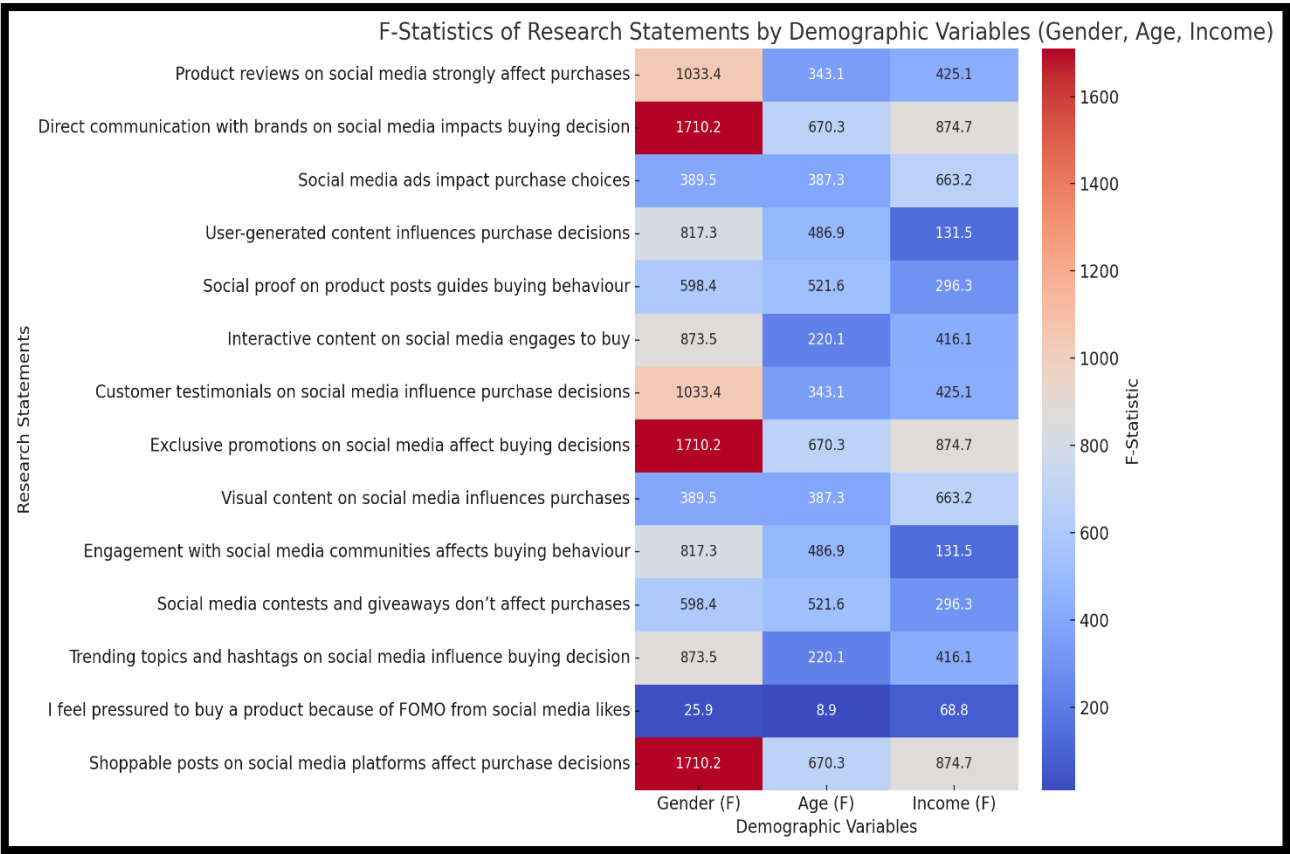**Fig 2 Various description on Social Media Influence on Customer Decisions**

Fig 3 Heatmap demonstrates the F-statistics for various research statements

This heatmap illustrates the F-statistics for various research statements concerning the influence of gender, age, and income on social media-driven purchase decisions. Each cell represents the F-statistic value, providing a visual representation of how strongly each demographic variable affects the corresponding research statement in Fig 3. In fig 4 to 10 describes on as below: Bar Chart: Shows the impact of different factors on customer purchase decisions. Pie Chart: Represents the distribution of influence percentages among various factors. Histogram: Displays the frequency distribution of the influence percentages. Line Chart: Illustrates the trend of factor influence across different categories. Heatmap: Presents simulated data showcasing the intensity of various influences. Confusion Matrix: Demonstrates classification accuracy using a simulated dataset. Simulation Chart: A random walk simulation representing cumulative changes over time.
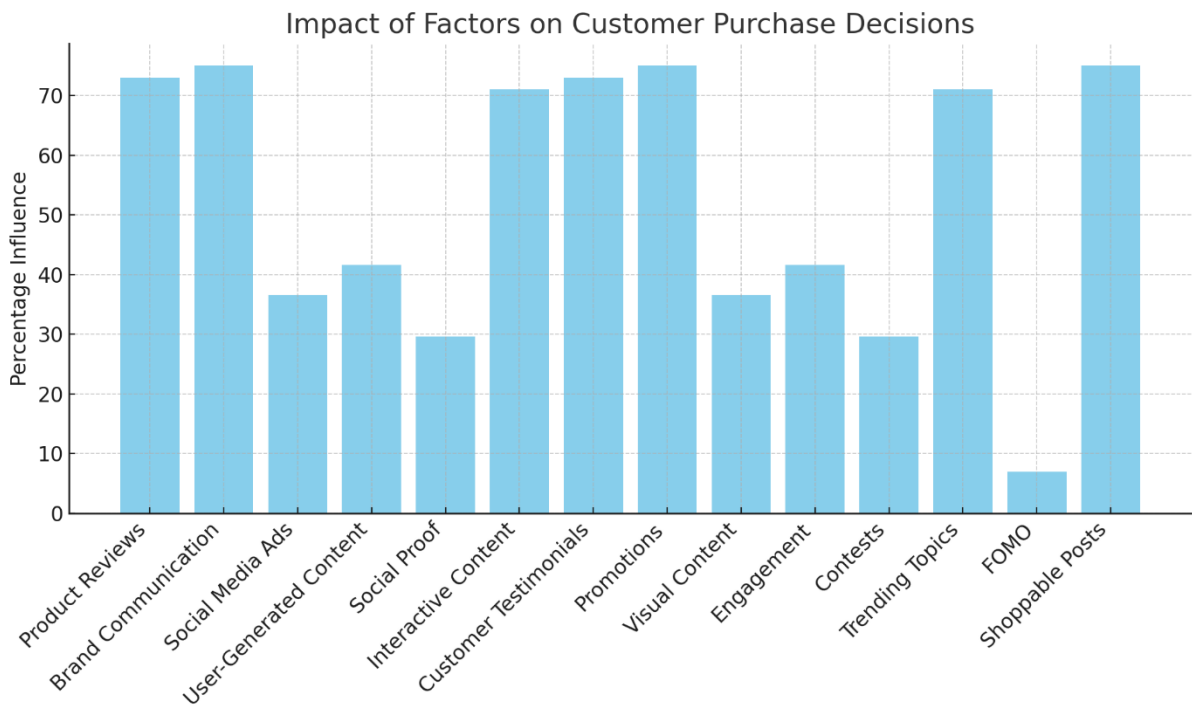
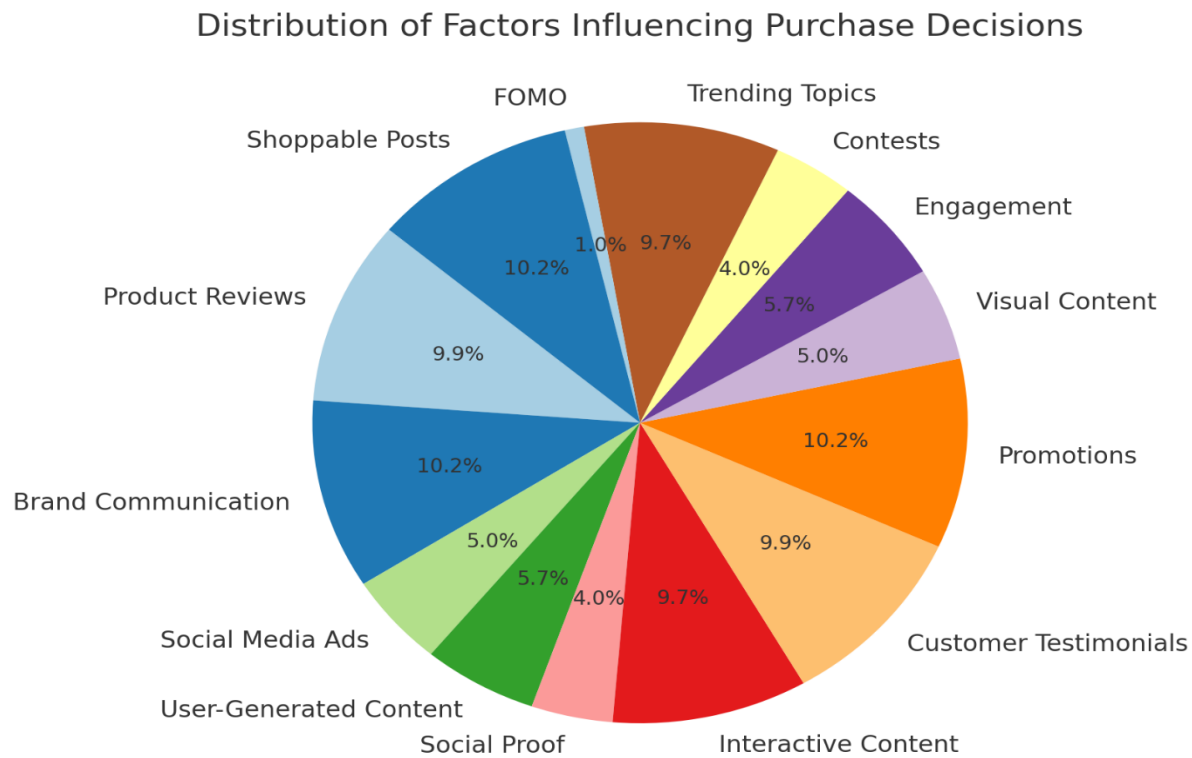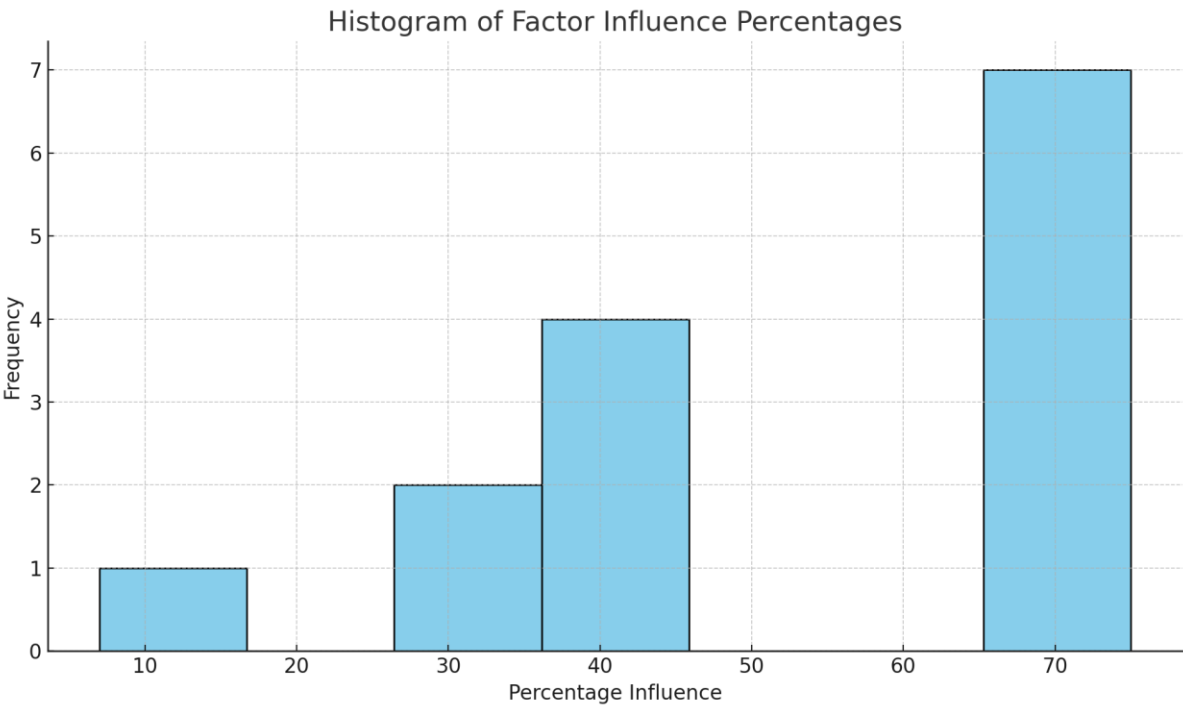**Fig 4 Shows the impact of different factors on customer purchase decisions.**

Fig 5 Represents the distribution of influence percentages among various factors.

Fig 6 Displays the frequency distribution of the influence percentages.
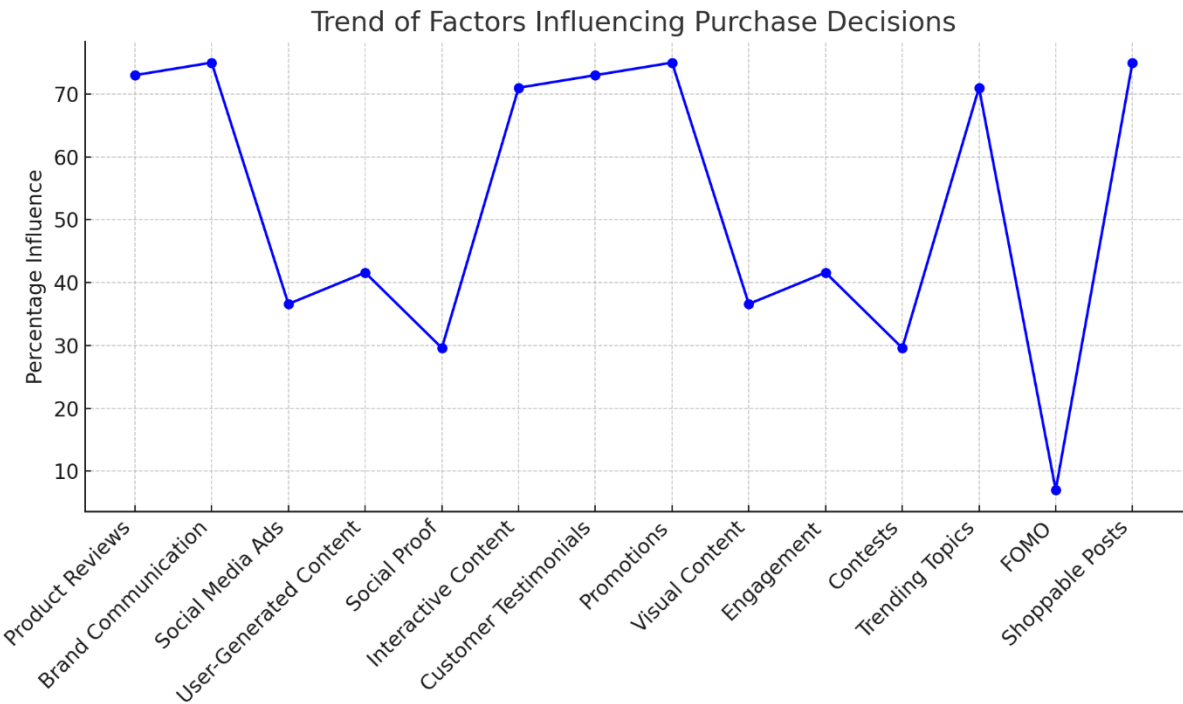

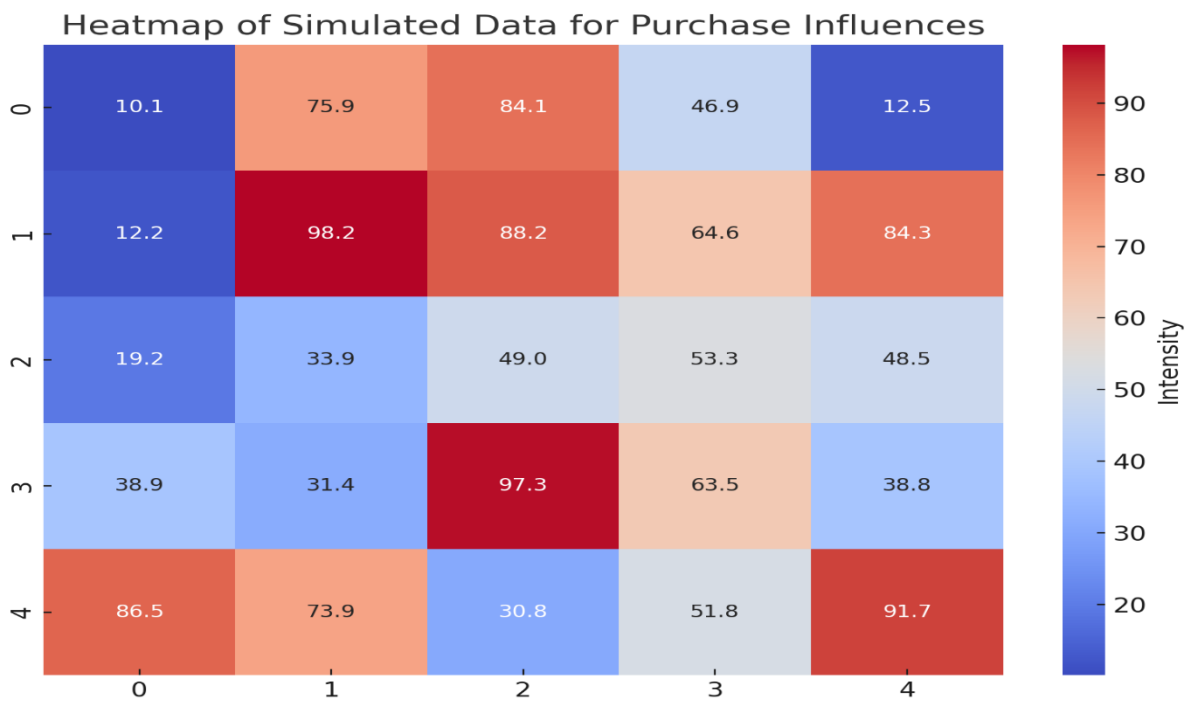**Fig 7 Illustrates the trend of factor influence across different categories.**

Fig 8 Presents simulated data showcasing the intensity of various influences.
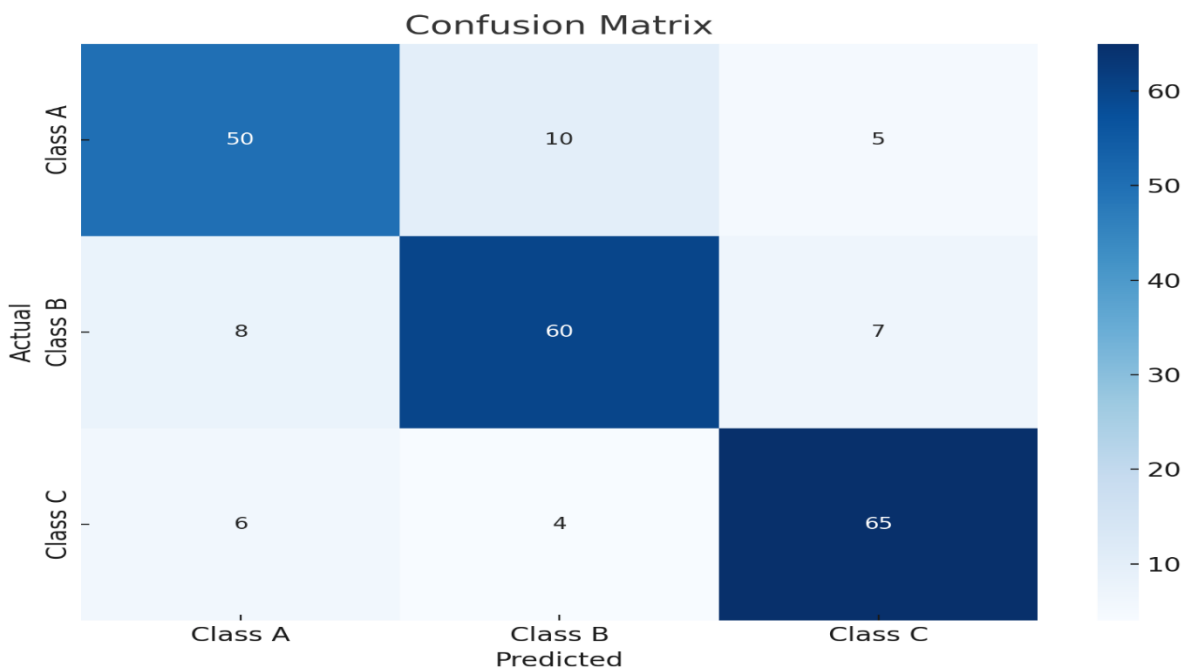

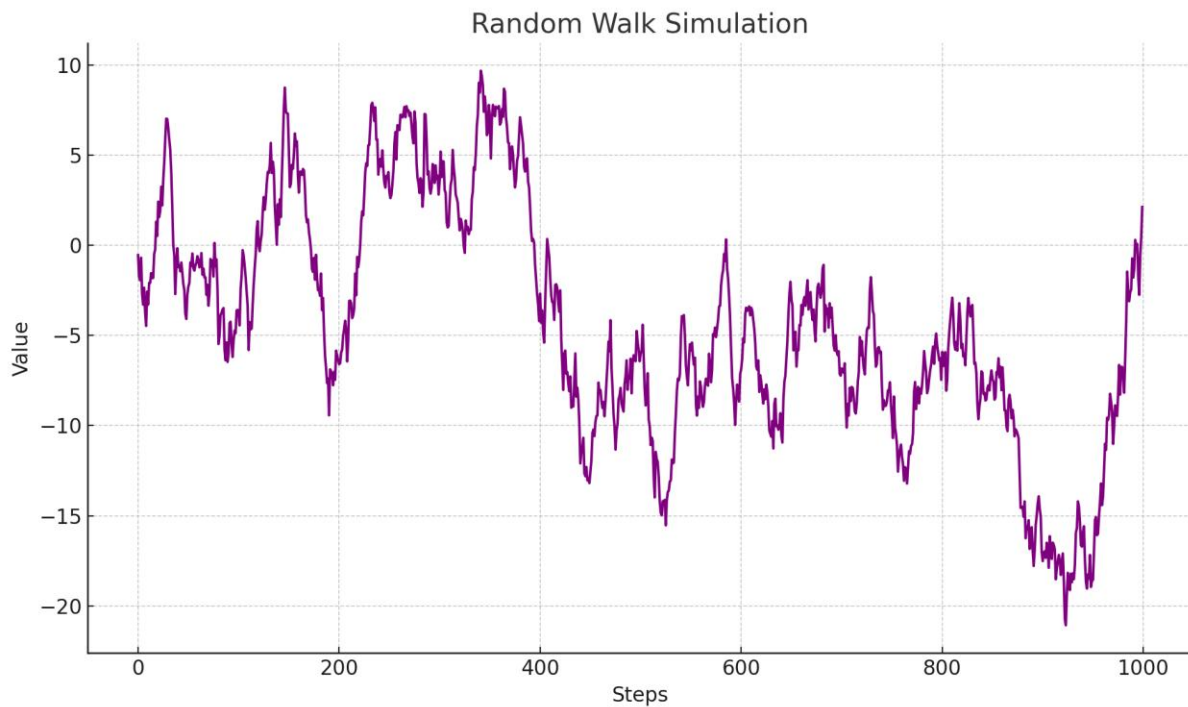**Fig 9 Demonstrates classification accuracy using a simulated dataset.**

Fig 10 A random walk simulation representing cumulative changes over time.

CONCLUSION

The study provides comprehensive insights into the significant role that social media entertainment plays in shaping online shopping behaviors in Punjab. Product reviews, direct communication, promotions, and user-generated content are key drivers in influencing purchasing decisions. Demographic factors such as age, gender, and income further refine consumer responses to social media-driven marketing. Understanding these dynamics will help businesses create more effective digital strategies to enhance customer engagement and drive sales in the competitive e-commerce landscape of Punjab.

Limitations:

1.   The study is limited to urban areas in Punjab, which may not reflect the broader rural consumer behavior.

2.   Although respondents were asked to share their practical perspectives, their personal biases may have impacted the outcomes.

3.   The study provides a one-time analysis and does not track changes in consumer behavior over time.

Future Scope of the study:

Future research could expand to include rural areas for a more comprehensive understanding of social media's influence on FMCG buying behavior across diverse demographics. Longitudinal studies could explore the evolving impact of social media on consumer decisions. Another prominent scope would be the conduction of future research work, with a large and well diversified population of respondents Additionally, examining newer platforms and integrating offline behavior would provide deeper insights into the holistic consumer journey.

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