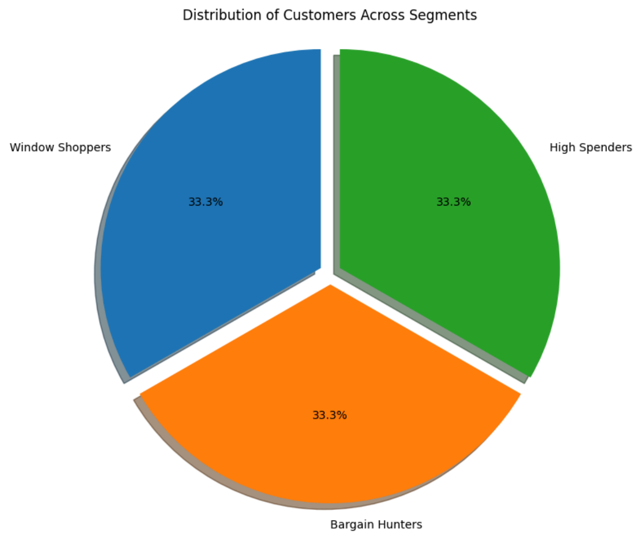
Customer Segmentation Analysis Report

Executive Summary

This analysis successfully identified three distinct customer segments in the e-commerce dataset: Bargain Hunters, High Spenders, and Window Shoppers. Using K-means clustering with a strong silhouette score of 0.6279, we found these segments are evenly distributed (33.3% each) across the customer base. Each segment displays unique behavioral patterns that can inform targeted marketing strategies.



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1. Introduction & Problem Statement

This analysis aimed to identify hidden patterns in customer behavior using machine learning techniques. The goal was to segment customers into three distinct groups based on their purchasing patterns, browsing behavior, and discount usage. By understanding these segments, the business can develop targeted marketing strategies and optimize the customer experience.

The dataset contains behavioral metrics for 999 customers, including purchase frequency, spending patterns, browsing behavior, and discount usage. The task was to identify the three hidden customer segments: Bargain Hunters, High Spenders, and Window Shoppers.

2. Data Overview & Preprocessing

2.1 Dataset Description

The dataset contains 999 customer records with six features:

- total_purchases: Number of purchases made
- avg_cart_value: Average value of shopping cart in dollars
- total_time_spent: Time spent on the website in minutes
- product_click: Number of products clicked
- discount_counts: Number of discounts used
- customer_id: Unique identifier for each customer

```
# Load the dataset
df = pd.read_csv("customer_behavior_analytcis.csv")
df.head()
```

[Insert Code Output: First 5 rows of the dataset]

2.2 Data Cleaning

Initial examination revealed missing values in several features:

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# Check for missing values
df.isnull().sum()

# Output
total_purchases     20
avg_cart_value      20
total_time_spent     0
product_click       20
discount_counts      0
customer_id          0
```

To handle these missing values, KNN imputation was applied rather than removing rows, preserving the dataset size and maintaining relationships between variables.

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```
# KNN imputation
from sklearn.impute import KNNImputer
imputer = KNNImputer(n_neighbors=5)
df_imputed = pd.DataFrame(
    imputer.fit_transform(df.drop('customer_id', axis=1)),
    columns=df.columns[df.columns != 'customer_id']
)
```

2.3 Feature Scaling

Since clustering algorithms are sensitive to the scale of features, StandardScaler was applied to normalize all features to have a mean of 0 and standard deviation of 1.

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# Scale the features
from sklearn.preprocessing import StandardScaler
scaler = StandardScaler()
df_scaled = pd.DataFrame(
    scaler.fit_transform(df_imputed),
    columns=df_imputed.columns
)
```

3. Exploratory Data Analysis

3.1 Feature Distributions

Each feature showed unique distribution patterns that helped understand the underlying customer behavior.

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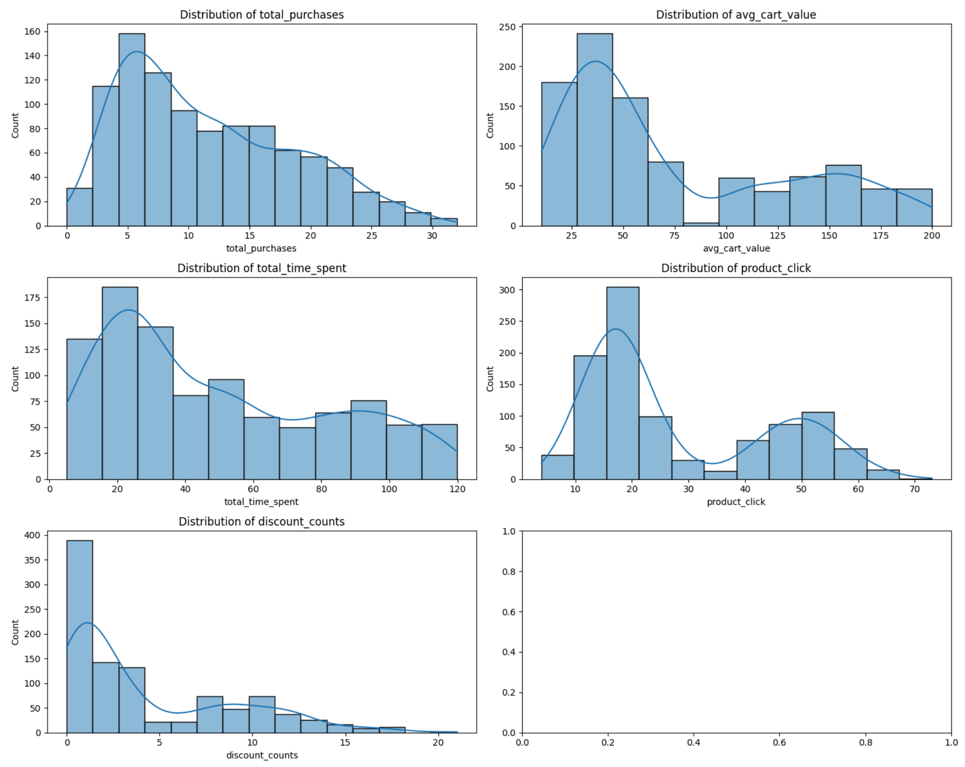
# Distribution of each feature
fig, axes = plt.subplots(3, 2, figsize=(15, 12))
axes = axes.flatten()

for i, col in enumerate(df_imputed.columns):
    if i < len(axes):
        sns.histplot(df_imputed[col], kde=True, ax=axes[i])
        axes[i].set_title(f'Distribution of {col}')

plt.tight_layout()
```



The distributions revealed:

- total_purchases: Varied from 0 to 32 purchases
- avg_cart_value: Ranged from approximately $10 to $200
- total_time_spent: Showed a wide range from 5 to 120 minutes
- product_click: Varied from 4 to 73 clicks
- discount_counts: Ranged from 0 to 21 discounts used

3.2 Correlation Analysis

The correlation analysis highlighted relationships between features that helped inform the clustering approach.

```
# Correlation heatmap
plt.figure(figsize=(10, 8))
sns.heatmap(df_imputed.corr(), annot=True, cmap='coolwarm')
plt.title('Correlation Between Customer Behavior Features')
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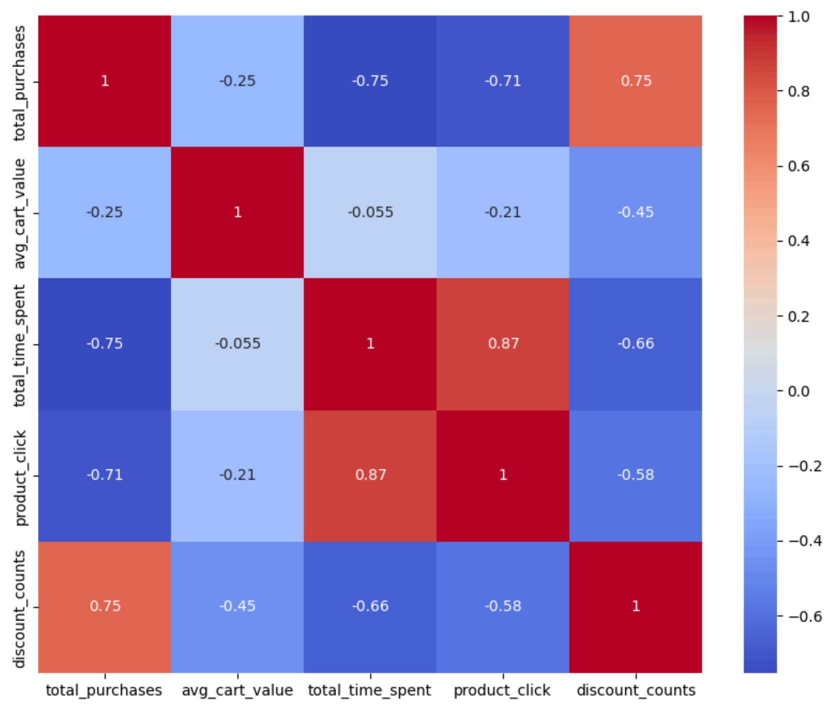

Notable correlations included:

- A negative correlation between avg_cart_value and discount_counts
- A positive correlation between total_time_spent and product_click
- A negative correlation between total_purchases and avg_cart_value

3.3 Pairwise Relationships

To identify potential natural groupings, pairwise relationships between features were examined.

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# Pairplot to visualize relationships between features
sns.pairplot(df_imputed)
plt.suptitle('Pairwise Relationships Between Features', y=1.02)
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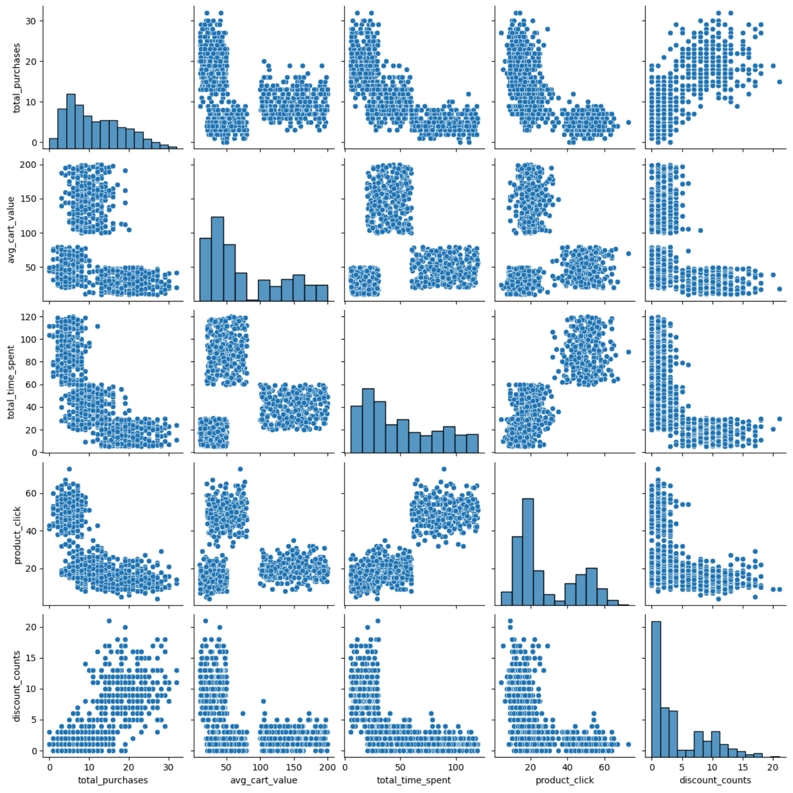

The pairplot revealed potential clusters forming naturally in the data, particularly in the relationships between:

- avg_cart_value and discount_counts
- total_time_spent and product_click
- total_purchases and avg_cart_value

4. Clustering Methodology

4.1 K-means Algorithm

K-means clustering was selected as the primary algorithm for this analysis due to its efficiency with medium-sized datasets and its ability to create well-defined clusters when the number of segments is known in advance.

The algorithm works by:

1. Initializing k centroids randomly
2. Assigning each data point to the nearest centroid
3. Recalculating centroids based on the mean of all points assigned to that cluster

4. Repeating steps 2-3 until convergence

```
from sklearn.cluster import KMeans

# Initialize and fit K-means with 3 clusters
kmeans = KMeans(n_clusters=3, random_state=42, n_init=10)
df_scaled['cluster'] = kmeans.fit_predict(df_scaled)
```

4.2 Determining Optimal Number of Clusters

While the task specified three customer segments, the optimal number of clusters was verified using:

```
# Elbow method
inertia = []
k_range = range(1, 10)

for k in k_range:
    kmeans = KMeans(n_clusters=k, random_state=42, n_init=10)
    kmeans.fit(df_scaled)
    inertia.append(kmeans.inertia_)

# Plot the elbow curve
plt.figure(figsize=(10, 6))
plt.plot(k_range, inertia, 'o-')
plt.xlabel('Number of clusters (k)')
plt.ylabel('Inertia')
plt.title('Elbow Method for Optimal k')
plt.grid(True)


# Silhouette analysis
from sklearn.metrics import silhouette_score

silhouette_scores = []
for k in range(2, 10):
    kmeans = KMeans(n_clusters=k, random_state=42, n_init=10)
    cluster_labels = kmeans.fit_predict(df_scaled)
    silhouette_scores.append(silhouette_score(df_scaled, cluster_labels))

# Plot silhouette scores
plt.figure(figsize=(10, 6))
plt.plot(range(2, 10), silhouette_scores, 'o-')
plt.xlabel('Number of clusters (k)')
plt.ylabel('Silhouette Score')
plt.title('Silhouette Method for Optimal k')
plt.grid(True)
```

Both methods confirmed that three clusters provided a good separation of the data, validating our approach.

4.3 Model Evaluation

The final K-means model with three clusters achieved a silhouette score of 0.6279, indicating strong cluster separation and cohesion.

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# Calculate the silhouette score for the final model
final_silhouette = silhouette_score(df_scaled.drop('cluster', axis=1),
df_scaled['cluster'])
print(f"Final Silhouette Score for k=3: {final_silhouette:.4f}")
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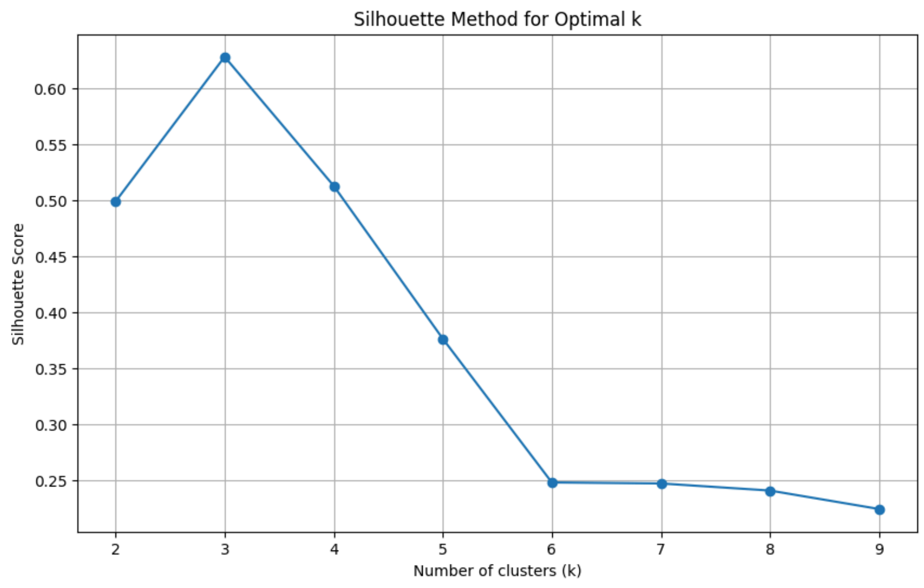

To visualize the clusters, PCA was used to reduce the dimensionality to 2D:

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# Apply PCA for visualization
pca = PCA(n_components=2)
principal_components = pca.fit_transform(df_scaled.drop('cluster', axis=1))

# Create dataframe with principal components
pca_df = pd.DataFrame(data=principal_components, columns=['PC1', 'PC2'])
pca_df['cluster'] = df_scaled['cluster']

# Plot the clusters
plt.figure(figsize=(10, 8))
for cluster in pca_df['cluster'].unique():
    plt.scatter(
        pca_df[pca_df['cluster'] == cluster]['PC1'],
        pca_df[pca_df['cluster'] == cluster]['PC2'],
        label=f'Cluster {cluster}'
    )
plt.title('Customer Segments Visualization using PCA')
plt.xlabel('Principal Component 1')
plt.ylabel('Principal Component 2')
plt.legend()
plt.grid(True, linestyle='--', alpha=0.7)
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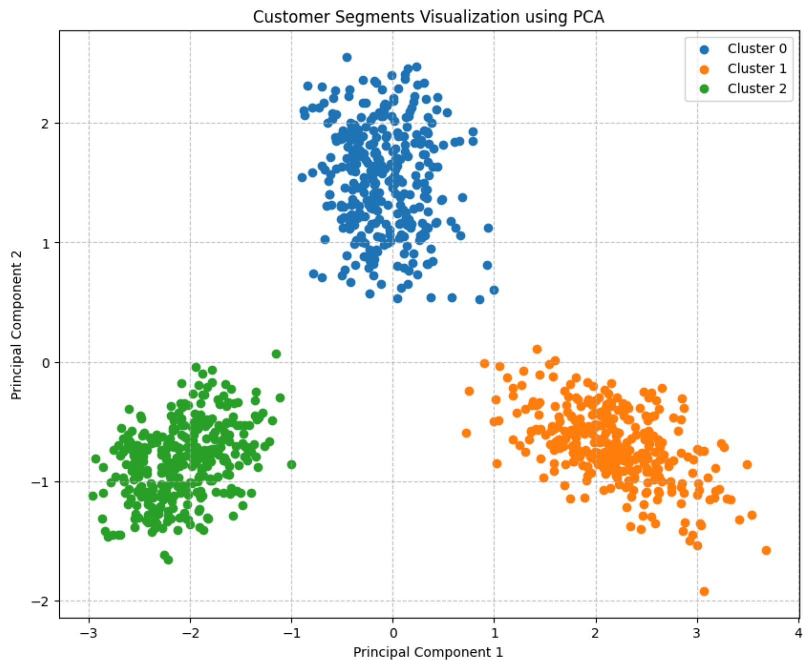

The PCA visualization shows clear separation between the three customer segments, confirming the high silhouette score.

5. Results & Cluster Analysis

5.1 Cluster Characteristics

The detailed cluster profiles revealed distinct patterns for each segment:

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# Add cluster labels to the original dataframe
df_imputed['cluster'] = df_scaled['cluster']

# Analyze cluster profiles
cluster_profiles = df_imputed.groupby('cluster').mean()
print("\nCluster Profiles:")
print(cluster_profiles)
```

[Insert Code Output: Cluster profiles table]

Cluster 0 (Window Shoppers):

- Moderate purchases (mean: 10.18, range: 3-20)
- High cart value (mean: $147.23, range: $100-$199.77)
- Moderate time spent (mean: 40.39 min, range: 20.01-59.88 min)
- Moderate product clicks (mean: 19.90, range: 8-35)
- Low discount usage (mean: 1.95, range: 0-8)

Cluster 1 (Bargain Hunters):

- High purchases (mean: 19.68, range: 7-32)
- Low cart value (mean: $30.46, range: $10.26-$49.92)
- Low time spent (mean: 17.51 min, range: 5.12-29.99 min)
- Low product clicks (mean: 14.95, range: 4-29)
- High discount usage (mean: 9.97, range: 2-21)

Cluster 2 (High Spenders):

- Low purchases (mean: 4.86, range: 0-12)
- Moderate cart value (mean: $49.06, range: $20.55-$79.76)
- High time spent (mean: 90.14 min, range: 60-119.82 min)
- High product clicks (mean: 49.74, range: 32-73)
- Low discount usage (mean: 1.02, range: 0-6)

5.2 Mapping Clusters to Customer Segments

Based on the cluster characteristics, the clusters were mapped to the three customer segments:

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# Map clusters to segments
segment_mapping = {
    0: 'Window Shoppers',   # High cart values but moderate purchases
    1: 'Bargain Hunters',   # High purchase frequency and high discount usage
    2: 'High Spenders'      # High browsing time and product engagement
}

# Add segment labels to the dataframe
df_imputed['customer_segment'] = df_imputed['cluster'].map(segment_mapping)
```

5.3 Segment Profiles and Distribution

The customer segments are evenly distributed across the dataset:

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# Count customers in each segment
segment_counts = df_imputed['customer_segment'].value_counts()
print("\nCustomer Segment Distribution:")
print(segment_counts)

# Visualize the distribution
plt.figure(figsize=(10, 6))
segment_counts.plot(kind='bar', color=['skyblue', 'lightgreen', 'salmon'])
plt.title('Distribution of Customer Segments')
plt.xlabel('Customer Segment')
plt.ylabel('Number of Customers')
plt.xticks(rotation=45)
plt.tight_layout()
```

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# Create a summary of each segment's characteristics
segment_profiles = df_imputed.groupby('customer_segment').mean()
print("\nCustomer Segment Profiles:")
print(segment_profiles)

# Visualize segment profiles
plt.figure(figsize=(14, 8))
segment_profiles.plot(kind='bar', figsize=(14, 8))
plt.title('Customer Segment Profiles')
plt.xlabel('Customer Segment')
plt.ylabel('Average Value')
plt.xticks(rotation=45)
plt.legend(bbox_to_anchor=(1.05, 1), loc='upper left')
plt.tight_layout()
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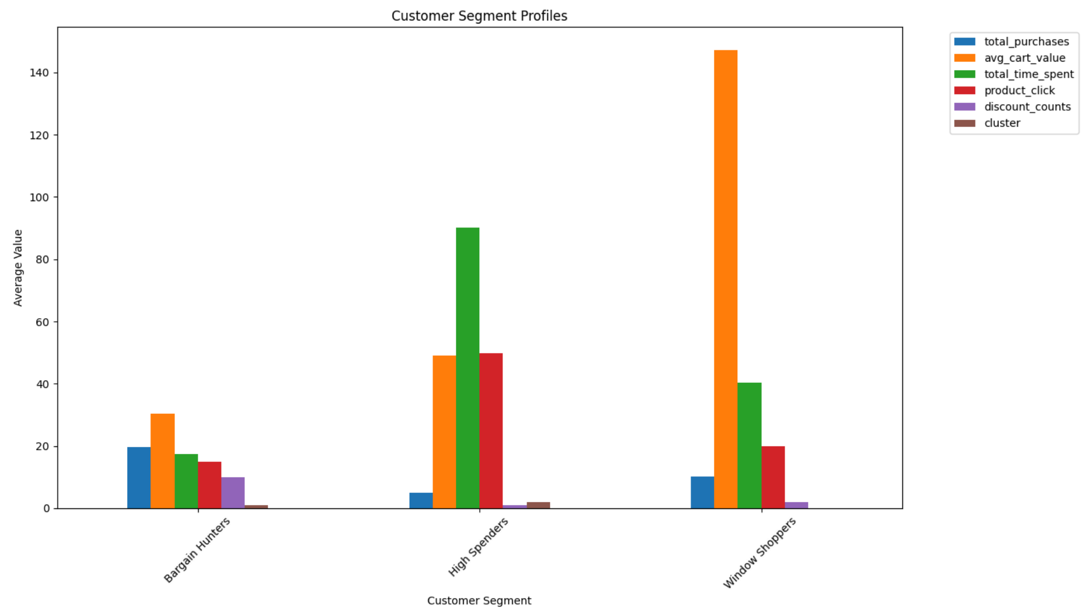

6. Conclusions & Insights

The customer segmentation analysis successfully identified three distinct customer segments with unique behavioral patterns:

6.1 Window Shoppers (33.3%)

- Characterized by high average cart value ($147.23) but moderate purchase frequency
- Spend moderate time browsing and have moderate product engagement
- Rarely use discounts
- These customers are likely adding expensive items to their carts but not completing purchases at the same rate as Bargain Hunters

6.2 Bargain Hunters (33.3%)

- Make frequent purchases (19.68 on average) but with low cart values ($30.46)
- Heavily utilize discounts (9.97 on average)
- Spend the least amount of time browsing
- These customers are price-sensitive and motivated by deals, making frequent but smaller purchases

6.3 High Spenders (33.3%)

- Despite the name, make infrequent purchases (4.86 on average)
- Spend the most time browsing (90.14 minutes) and have the highest product engagement
- Rarely use discounts

- These customers are thorough researchers who spend significant time exploring products before making decisions

6.4 Key Insights

1. The high silhouette score (0.6279) indicates that these segments are well-defined and distinct from each other
2. The even distribution of customers across segments (33.3% each) suggests a balanced customer base
3. Each segment shows a unique combination of behaviors that can be targeted with specific marketing strategies

7. Recommendations

7.1 For Window Shoppers

- Implement cart abandonment strategies to convert high-value carts into purchases
- Create urgency with limited-time offers on premium products
- Offer free shipping or small discounts on high-value purchases to encourage conversion

7.2 For Bargain Hunters

- Develop loyalty programs with cumulative discounts to reward frequent purchases
- Create bundle offers to increase average cart value
- Send targeted notifications about sales and promotions

7.3 For High Spenders

- Enhance product discovery features to support their extensive research
- Provide detailed product information and comparison tools
- Offer personalized recommendations based on browsing history

7.4 General Recommendations

- Develop personalized marketing campaigns for each segment
- Optimize website features based on segment behaviors
- Monitor segment evolution over time to adapt strategies

8. Technical Appendix

8.1 Implementation Details

The analysis was implemented in Python using scikit-learn's KMeans algorithm. Key libraries used include:

- pandas and numpy for data manipulation
- matplotlib and seaborn for visualization
- sklearn for preprocessing, clustering, and evaluation

python
```python
# Complete implementation code
import pandas as pd
import numpy as np
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
import seaborn as sns
from sklearn.preprocessing import StandardScaler
from sklearn.impute import KNNImputer
from sklearn.cluster import KMeans
from sklearn.metrics import silhouette_score
from sklearn.decomposition import PCA

# Load and examine data
df = pd.read_csv("customer_behavior_analytcis.csv")
print(df.isnull().sum())

# KNN imputation
imputer = KNNImputer(n_neighbors=5)
df_imputed = pd.DataFrame(
    imputer.fit_transform(df.drop('customer_id', axis=1)),
    columns=df.columns[df.columns != 'customer_id']
)

# Scale features
scaler = StandardScaler()
df_scaled = pd.DataFrame(
    scaler.fit_transform(df_imputed),
    columns=df_imputed.columns
)

# Apply K-means clustering
kmeans = KMeans(n_clusters=3, random_state=42, n_init=10)
df_scaled['cluster'] = kmeans.fit_predict(df_scaled)

# Evaluate with silhouette score
```

```python
final_silhouette = silhouette_score(df_scaled.drop('cluster', axis=1), 
df_scaled['cluster'])
print(f"Final Silhouette Score: {final_silhouette:.4f}")

# Map clusters to segments
segment_mapping = {
    0: 'Window Shoppers',
    1: 'Bargain Hunters',
    2: 'High Spenders'
}
df_imputed['cluster'] = df_scaled['cluster']
df_imputed['customer_segment'] = df_imputed['cluster'].map(segment_mapping)

# Analyze segment profiles
segment_profiles = df_imputed.groupby('customer_segment').mean()
print(segment_profiles)
```

8.2 Model Performance

The final model achieved a silhouette score of 0.6279, indicating high-quality clustering results. This score is particularly strong for customer segmentation tasks, where scores typically range from 0.3 to 0.6.

8.3 Limitations and Future Work

- The current analysis is based on a static snapshot of customer behavior
- Future work could include:
    - Temporal analysis to track how customers move between segments over time
    - Integration of additional data sources (e.g., demographic information)
    - Testing of alternative clustering algorithms (e.g., Hierarchical Clustering, DBSCAN)
    - Development of a predictive model to assign new customers to segments