# Customer Segments for Sun Country and Increasing Ufly Membership - Technical Document

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## 0.1 Suncountry Airlines Customer Segmentation Technical Document

In this team project, we are acting as consultants to a Minneapolis based airline, Sun Country. Our goal is to give them a better understaning of the people who fly Sun Country. We also want to make sure that online booking channels meet the expectations of twenty-first century travelers.

By doing so, Sun country could drag more customer and drive enrollment in Ufly Rewards, therefore help Sun Country to refine and market that program. we settled on clustering based customer segmentation to help us determine the spending patterns of customers and segment them into meaningful groups.

```
[]: import pandas as pd
from matplotlib import pyplot as plt
%matplotlib inline
#nbagg
from sklearn.impute import KNNImputer
import numpy as np
import seaborn as sns
from sklearn.cluster import KMeans
from sklearn.metrics import silhouette_score
from sklearn.neighbors import NearestNeighbors
from sklearn.cluster import DBSCAN
from sklearn.preprocessing import MinMaxScaler
from sklearn.decomposition import PCA
from sklearn.preprocessing import StandardScaler
```

```
[]: # Ignore warnings
import warnings
warnings.filterwarnings('ignore')
```

### 0.2 Data Cleaning

The data set provided by Sun Country airline contains 3 years of flights data, over 3M+ records. We first clean the data and aggregate data per flights to customer level. We remove any outliers in

data, for example, customers whose age is negative or greater than 100. This is important as we do not want our clustering analysis to be skewed by these data points, as we know most clustering algorithms are sensitive to outliers.

We found that the dataset was made up of booking information from many airlines. So we filtered out irrelevant information and left data that belonged to Suncountry Airlines. Then we processed the data set and used 'EncryptedName', 'GenderCode' and 'birthdateid 'to determine unique customers. In order to improve the quality of customerbase data, we remove the outliers of customer age and gender. We also explored the booking channel and removed information about customers who booked at the airport, that's only 1% of our dataset. At the same time, we subdivide the booking channels into two major booking channels, SCA booking and outside booking. We create a new column called earlybook day to better analyze days gap between service start date and ticket booking date.

```
[]: #clean data first, remove outliers and fill na values
     def base(data df):
         #filter unuseful data
        data_df = data_df[data_df['MarketingAirlineCode'] == 'SY']
        data_df = data_df[~data_df['GenderCode'].isna()]
        data_df = data_df[(data_df['Age'] >=0) & (data_df['Age']<=100)]</pre>
         #transfer string to date type
        data_df['PNRCreateDate'] = pd.to_datetime(data_df['PNRCreateDate'])
        data_df['ServiceStartDate'] = pd.to_datetime(data_df['ServiceStartDate'])
        data df['EnrollDate'] = pd.to datetime(data df['EnrollDate'])
        data df['year'] = data df['PNRCreateDate'].dt.year
        data_df['month'] = data_df['PNRCreateDate'].dt.month
         #fill 0 to null value and transfer cardholder to onehot-encoding
        data_df['CardHolder'] = data_df['CardHolder'].fillna(False)
        data_df['CardHolder'] = data_df['CardHolder'].astype(int)
         #put discount code
        data_df['dicount_code'] = (~data_df['BookedProduct'].isna()).astype(int)
         #book channel
        sca = ['SCA Website Booking','SY Vacation']
        data_df['SCA'] = data_df['BookingChannel'].isin(sca).astype(int)
        data_df['outside'] = (~data_df['BookingChannel'].isin(sca)).astype(int)
         channel = ['Outside Booking', 'SCA Website Booking', 'Reservations Booking',
                    'SY Vacation', 'Tour Operator Portal']
        data_df.loc[~data_df['BookingChannel'].isin(channel), 'BookingChannel'] = __
      data_df = data_df.merge(pd.get_dummies(data_df['BookingChannel']),
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left_index=True, right_index=True)

#flights in each quarter
  data_df['Q1'] = data_df['ServiceStartDate'].dt.month.between(1,3).

astype(int)
  data_df['Q2'] = data_df['ServiceStartDate'].dt.month.between(4,6).

astype(int)
  data_df['Q3'] = data_df['ServiceStartDate'].dt.month.between(7,9).

astype(int)
  data_df['Q4'] = data_df['ServiceStartDate'].dt.month.between(10,12).

astype(int)
  return data_df

# customer level information
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[]: # customer level information
     def cutomer_data(data_df):
         #early book
         data_df['earlybook'] = (data_df['ServiceStartDate'] -__

→data_df['PNRCreateDate']).dt.days
         #class get dummy
         data_df = data_df.merge(pd.get_dummies(data_df['BkdClassOfService']),
                                        left index=True, right index=True)
         #upgrade or not
         f_class = {'Coach':1,'First Class':3, 'Discount First Class':2 }
         data_df["BkdClassOfService_scale"] = data_df["BkdClassOfService"].
      →replace(f_class)
         data_df["TrvldClassOfService scale"] = data_df["TrvldClassOfService"].
      →replace(f_class)
         data_df['upgrade'] = (data_df['BkdClassOfService_scale']
                               data_df['TrvldClassOfService_scale']).astype(int)
         #member dummy
         data_df['Standard'] = (data_df['UflyMemberStatus'] == 'Standard').
      →astype(int)
         data df['Elite'] = (data df['UflyMemberStatus'] == 'Elite').astype(int)
         data_df['Gender'] = (data_df['GenderCode'] == 'M').astype(int)
         #aggregate data
         data = data_df.groupby(['EncryptedName', 'GenderCode', 'birthdateid']).agg(
          age = ('Age', 'mean'),
          gender = ('Gender', 'mean'),
          total_flights = ('Age', 'size'),
          total_bookings = ('TicketNum', 'nunique'),
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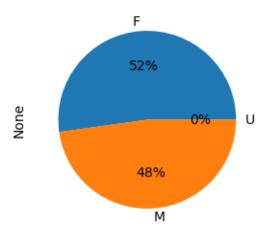
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first_flight = ('PNRCreateDate', 'min'),
   avg_earlybook = ('earlybook', 'mean'),
   avg_coach = ('Coach', 'mean'),
   total_coach = ('Coach', 'sum'),
   avg_discount_first_class = ('Discount First Class', 'mean'),
   total_discount_first_class = ('Discount First Class', 'sum'),
   avg_first_class = ('First Class', 'mean'),
   total_first_class = ('First Class','sum'),
   avg_upgrade = ('upgrade', 'mean'),
   total_upgrade = ('upgrade', 'sum'),
   avg_basefareamt = ('BaseFareAmt', 'mean'),
   total_basefareamt = ('BaseFareAmt','sum'),
   avg_docamt = ('TotalDocAmt', 'mean'),
   total_docamt = ('TotalDocAmt', 'sum'),
   standard = ('Standard', 'max'),
   elite = ('Elite', 'max'),
   enrolldate = ('EnrollDate', 'min'),
   cardholder = ('CardHolder','max'),
   avg_discount = ('dicount_code', 'mean'),
   total_discount = ('dicount_code', 'sum'),
   outside = ('outside', 'mean'),
   total outside = ('outside', 'sum'),
   sca_booking = ('SCA', 'mean'),
   total sca booking = ('SCA', 'sum'),
   q2 = ('Q2', 'mean'),
   q3 = ('Q3', 'mean'),
   q4 = ('Q4', 'mean'),
   q1_total = ('Q1', 'sum'),
   q2\_total = ('Q2', 'sum'),
   q3\_total = ('Q3', 'sum'),
   q4_total = ('Q4','sum'),)
  data = data.reset_index()
  data['member'] = (~data['enrolldate'].isna()).astype(int)
  #flights before enroll date
  new df = pd.
-merge(data_df[['EncryptedName','GenderCode','birthdateid','PNRCreateDate']],
odata[['EncryptedName', 'GenderCode', 'birthdateid', 'enrolldate', 'standard', 'elite']],
                     how = 'left',
                     left_on = ['EncryptedName', 'GenderCode', 'birthdateid'],
                     right_on = ['EncryptedName', 'GenderCode', 'birthdateid'])
  new_df = new_df[~new_df['enrolldate'].isna()]
```

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[]:  # import raw dataset suncountry_df = base(pd.read_csv('Dataset/SunCountry_data/SunCountry.csv'))
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[]:  # create customer based data suncountry_customer = cutomer_data(suncountry_df)
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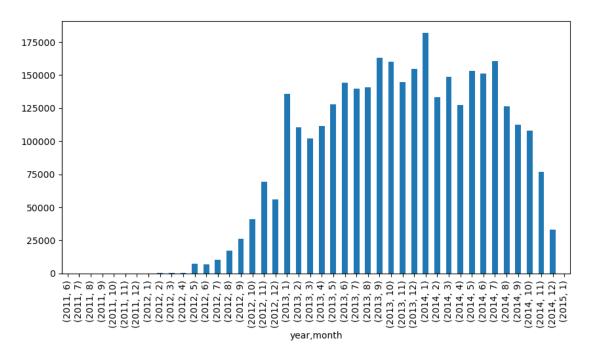
# 0.3 Explore customer based data

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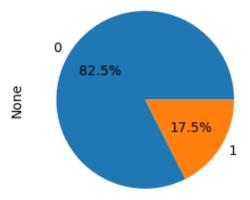


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[]: suncountry_df.groupby(['year','month']).size().plot(
kind = 'bar',figsize = (10,5))
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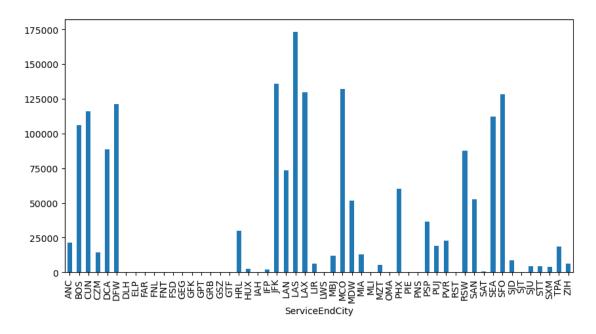
[]: <AxesSubplot:xlabel='year,month'>



[]: <AxesSubplot:ylabel='None'>



### []: <AxesSubplot:xlabel='ServiceEndCity'>



```
ServiceStartCity
[]:
                           customer_id proportion
     31
                     MSP
                               1278931
                                         83.741105
     22
                                155272
                                         10.166810
                     LAS
     20
                     JFK
                                117882
                                          7.718609
     27
                     MCO
                                115781
                                          7.581041
     23
                     LAX
                                113177
                                          7.410538
```

```
[]:
        ServiceEndCity
                         customer_id proportion
     33
                    MSP
                             1275870
                                        83.540679
     24
                    LAS
                              155082
                                        10.154370
     29
                    MCO
                              117207
                                         7.674412
     22
                    JFK
                              115327
                                         7.551315
     25
                    LAX
                              112871
                                         7.390502
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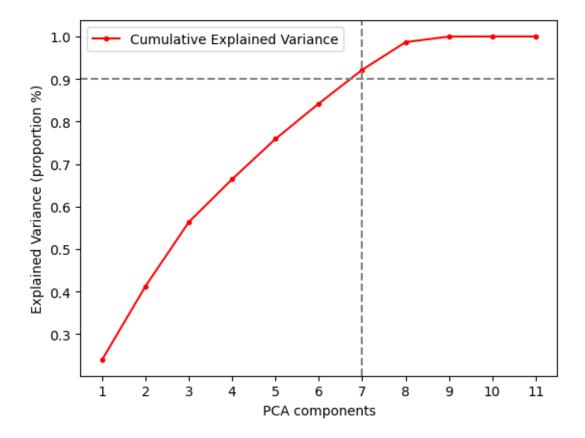
#### 0.4 Clustering

To reduce noises and improve computation effeciency, we choose to implement PCA fisrt.

Before that, the data first needed to be normalized to account for the different magnitudes in ranges. We normalized the columns using standardized normalization.

```
[]:
             total_flights avg_earlybook avg_coach avg_first_class \
     0
       33.0
                           1
                                        7.0
                                                    1.0
                                                                      0.0
     1 24.0
                           1
                                       50.0
                                                    1.0
                                                                      0.0
     2 54.0
                           1
                                        0.0
                                                    1.0
                                                                      0.0
     3 52.0
                           2
                                       12.5
                                                    1.0
                                                                      0.0
     4 29.0
                           2
                                       10.0
                                                                      0.0
                                                    1.0
        avg_upgrade avg_basefareamt
                                       avg_discount avg_docamt
                                                                  outside
     0
                0.0
                               151.63
                                                 0.0
                                                           174.0
                                                                       0.0
     1
                1.0
                               205.58
                                                 0.0
                                                           231.9
                                                                       1.0
                                                 0.0
                                                           294.9
     2
                0.0
                               264.19
                                                                       1.0
                0.0
                                 0.00
                                                 1.0
                                                             0.0
     3
                                                                       1.0
                               432.56
     4
                1.0
                                                 0.0
                                                           486.8
                                                                       1.0
```

```
sca_booking
     0
                1.0
               0.0
     1
                0.0
     3
                0.0
                0.0
[]: # implementing PCA
     # standardization
     df_standard = StandardScaler().fit_transform(df)
     pca_initial = PCA().fit(df_standard)
     pca_initial.explained_variance_ratio_
[]: array([2.40163325e-01, 1.72727435e-01, 1.50834870e-01, 1.00780955e-01,
            9.46369566e-02, 8.32395511e-02, 7.92159694e-02, 6.49702173e-02,
            1.31262277e-02, 3.04492183e-04, 1.13028534e-30])
[]: exp_var = pca_initial.explained_variance_ratio_
     # cumulative sum of variance explained
     exp_var_cumsum = np.cumsum(exp_var)
     plt.plot(range(1, len(exp_var)+1),
             exp var cumsum,'r.-',label='Cumulative Explained Variance')
     plt.legend()
     ax = plt.gca()
     ax.set_xticks(range(1, len(exp_var)+1))
     ax.set_xlabel('PCA components')
     ax.set_ylabel('Explained Variance (proportion %)')
     # which shows that the first two PCs accounts for more than 90% of the variance_
     ⇔of the data.
     plt.axhline(0.9,linestyle='--',color='grey')
     plt.axvline(7,linestyle='--',color='grey')
     print(exp_var_cumsum)
    [0.24016332 0.41289076 0.56372563 0.66450659 0.75914354 0.84238309
     0.92159906 0.98656928 0.99969551 1.
                                                 1.
                                                            ]
```



To keep the most information while has the lowest noise and dimensions, we choose the number of components that capture 90% of the variance. (n=7)

```
[ ]: pca = PCA(n_components=7)
df_reduced_dim = pca.fit_transform(df_standard)
```

We choose Kmeans because it can be used for all of the data. Also, it is very simple and powerful method.

To get an idea of how many groups to cluster the data into, we decided to employ both quantitative as well as visual techniques to choose the ideal number of clusters. For the quantitative approach we analyzed the sum-of-squared-errors (SSE) and draw the elbow curve.

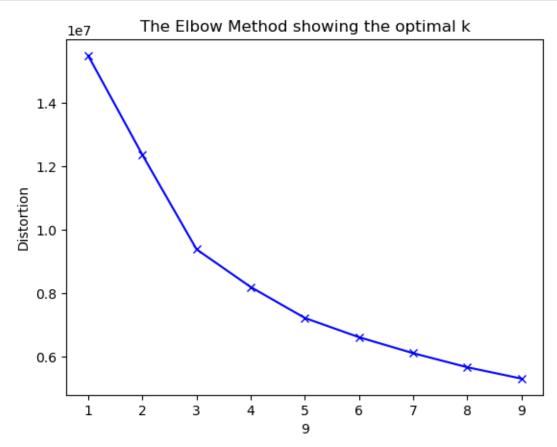
```
[]: distortions = []

#score = []

K = range(1,10)

for k in K:
    kmeanModel = KMeans(n_clusters=k)
    kmeanModel.fit(df_reduced_dim)
    distortions.append(kmeanModel.inertia_)
    #score.append(silhouette_score(X_normalized, kmeans.labels_))
```

```
[]: plt.plot(K, distortions, 'bx-')
  plt.xlabel(k)
  plt.ylabel('Distortion')
  ax = plt.gca()
  ax.set_xticks(range(1,k+1))
  plt.title('The Elbow Method showing the optimal k')
  plt.show()
```



For the above plot, there is no sharp elbow in this curve that clearly identifies a single best clustering solution. The elbow in the curve is anywhere from three to five clusters. In order to target customer more precisely, we use k=5 to cluster the customer level dataset.

```
[]: # Choose cluster = 5
kmeans = KMeans(n_clusters = 5, random_state = 1)
kmeans.fit(df_reduced_dim)
```

[]: KMeans(n\_clusters=5, random\_state=1)

# 0.5 Analyze Cluster

With our clustering solution set, next we analyzed and interpreted the five groups starting with the centroids of the normalized data.

```
[]: analysis_df = suncountry_customer.copy()
analysis_df['label'] = kmeans.labels_
```

```
[]: # Rename each cluster
analysis_df['label'] = analysis_df['label'].replace(0,'SCA bookers')
analysis_df['label'] = analysis_df['label'].replace(1,'FICF')
analysis_df['label'] = analysis_df['label'].replace(2,'OTLS')
analysis_df['label'] = analysis_df['label'].replace(3,'Upgraders')
analysis_df['label'] = analysis_df['label'].replace(4,'Outside Bookers')
```

```
[]: # Explore each cluster analysis_df.groupby('label').mean().round(decimals=2).T
```

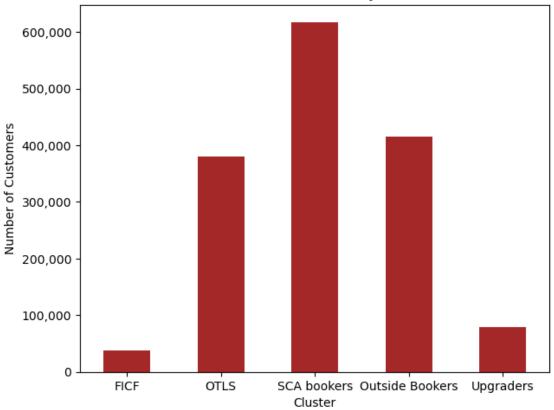
[]:	label	FICF	OTLS	Outside Bookers	SCA bookers	\
	birthdateid	41374.63	46013.69	45647.94	44931.70	
	age	49.95	37.24	38.22	40.20	
	gender	0.55	0.48	0.49	0.46	
	total_flights	2.47	1.87	2.48	2.19	
	total_bookings	1.53	1.11	1.21	1.26	
	avg_earlybook	55.55	40.36	64.80	63.89	
	avg_coach	0.09	1.00	1.00	1.00	
	total_coach	0.30	1.87	2.48	2.18	
	avg_discount_first_class	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
	total_discount_first_class	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
	avg_first_class	0.91	0.00	0.00	0.00	
	total_first_class	2.16	0.00	0.00	0.01	
	avg_upgrade	0.02	0.01	0.00	0.00	
	total_upgrade	0.10	0.01	0.02	0.01	
	avg_basefareamt	582.78	134.93	365.21	272.96	
	total_basefareamt	1502.38	252.76	900.48	619.27	
	avg_docamt	622.37	107.49	410.11	316.00	
	total_docamt	1606.84	189.73	1010.73	716.46	
	standard	0.37	0.07	0.11	0.25	
	elite	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00	
	cardholder	0.02	0.00	0.00	0.01	
	avg_discount	0.87	0.48	0.10	0.37	
	total_discount	2.10	1.04	0.37	0.81	
	outside	0.30	0.99	0.98	0.01	
	total_outside	0.70	1.84	2.39	0.05	
	sca_booking	0.70	0.01	0.02	0.99	
	total_sca_booking	1.77	0.03	0.10	2.14	
	q2	0.23	0.25	0.24	0.22	
	q3	0.22	0.25	0.29	0.24	

q4	0.27	0.23	0.23	0.27
q1_total	0.71	0.54	0.61	0.59
q2_total	0.55	0.45	0.59	0.49
q3_total	0.53	0.46	0.70	0.52
$ ext{q4\_total}$	0.68	0.43	0.58	0.59
member	0.38	0.07	0.11	0.25
flights_before_enroll	0.14	0.05	0.11	0.10

label	Upgraders
birthdateid	42524.19
age	46.74
gender	0.52
total_flights	2.57
total_bookings	1.42
avg_earlybook	56.32
avg_coach	0.99
total_coach	2.50
${\tt avg\_discount\_first\_class}$	0.00
total_discount_first_class	0.00
avg_first_class	0.01
total_first_class	0.06
avg_upgrade	0.74
total_upgrade	1.81
avg_basefareamt	300.67
total_basefareamt	791.96
avg_docamt	326.82
total_docamt	865.82
standard	0.31
elite	0.01
cardholder	0.02
avg_discount	0.29
total_discount	0.78
outside	0.49
total_outside	1.15
sca_booking	0.51
total_sca_booking	1.42
q2	0.24
q3	0.26
q4	0.24
q1_total	0.67
q2_total	0.61
q3_total	0.65
q4_total	0.63
member	0.31
flights_before_enroll	0.16

Visualizations and plot required for Slide deck and Executive Summary

### Number of Customers by Cluster

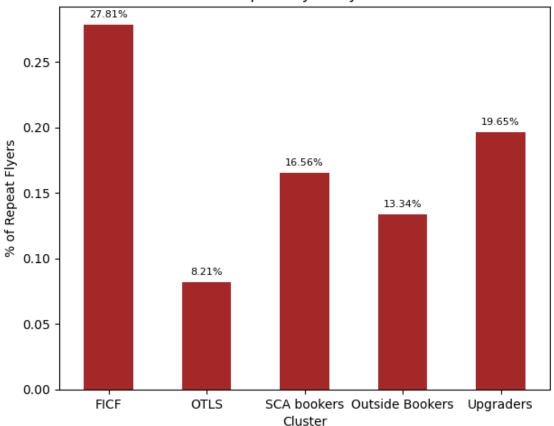


```
[]: # repeated customer
    df_repeat = analysis_df.groupby('label')['age'].count()
    df_repeat = df_repeat.reset_index()
    df_repeat['repeat'] = analysis_df[analysis_df.total_bookings > 1].

¬groupby('label')['age'].count().values
    df_repeat['proportion'] = df_repeat['repeat'] / df_repeat['age']
    plots = df_repeat.set_index('label') \
                 .loc[['FICF', 'OTLS', 'SCA bookers', 'Outside Bookers', L
      .plot(y = 'proportion',kind = 'bar', rot = 0,
                                 color = '#A52828',
                                 ylabel = '% of Repeat Flyers',
                                 xlabel = "Cluster",
                                 title = '% of Repeat Flyers by Cluster',
                                 figsize = (7,5.5), fontsize=10,
                                 legend = False)
    for bar in plots.patches:
        plots.annotate(format(bar.get_height(), '.2%'),
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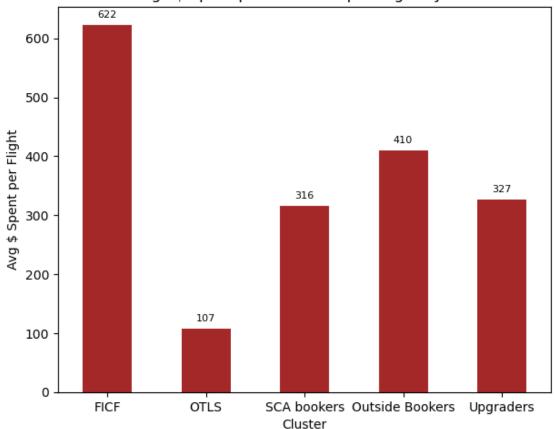
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(bar.get_x() + bar.get_width() / 2,
  bar.get_height()), ha='center', va='center',
  size=8, xytext=(0, 8),
  textcoords='offset points')
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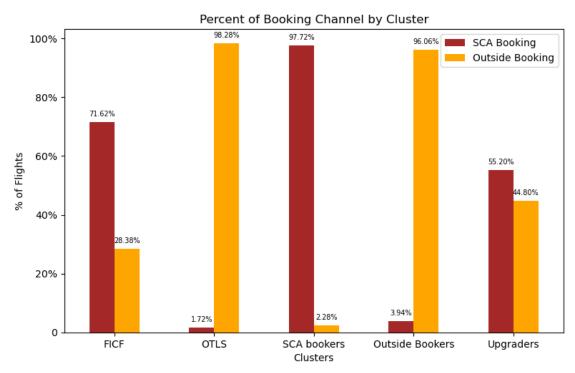
## % of Repeat Flyers by Cluster



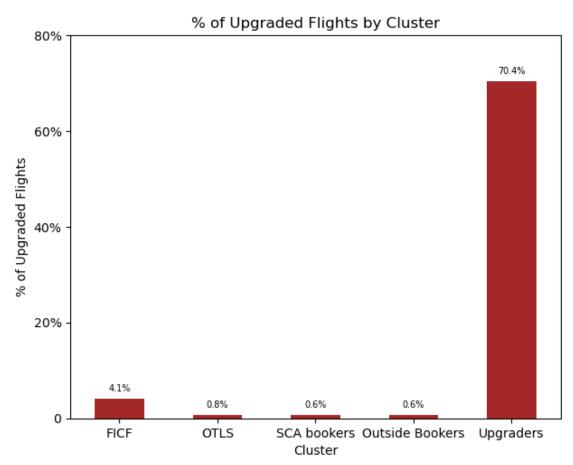
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bar.get_height()), ha='center', va='center',
size=8, xytext=(0, 8),
textcoords='offset points')
```

# Average \$ Spent per Customer per Flight by Cluster





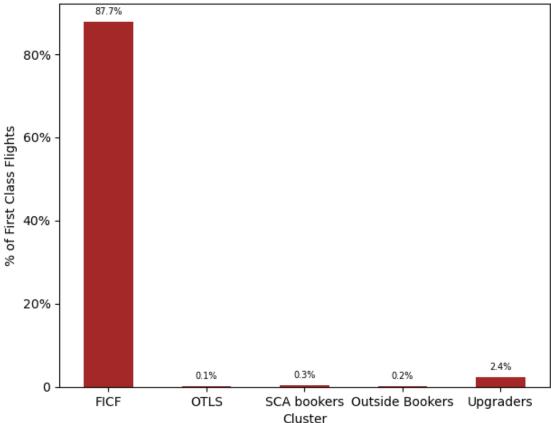
SCA bookers have over 99% of the bookings come from the SCA Website or SY Vacation. This is the largest cluster with 617,000 customers, which is 40% of all SCA customers.



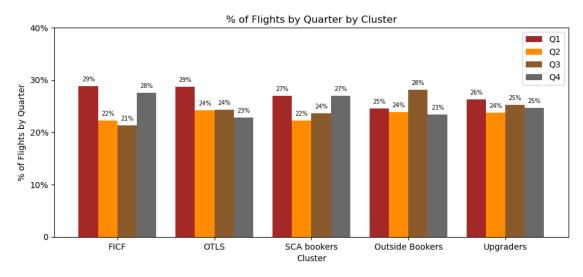
The last cluster has 70% of all the upgraded flights among all the clusters, which is 65% more upgrades than any other cluster, so we names it as "Upgraders".

```
[]: #propotion for first class flights
    first_class_flights = analysis_df.groupby('label')['total_first_class'].sum()
    total_fights = analysis_df.groupby('label')['total_flights'].sum()
    plots = (first_class_flights/total_fights).loc[['FICF', 'OTLS', 'SCA bookers', "
     .plot(kind = 'bar',
                                   title = "% of First Class Flights by Cluster",
                                   ylabel = '% of First Class Flights',
                                   xlabel = 'Cluster',
                                   width = 0.5,
                                   color='#A52828',
                                   rot = 0,
                                   figsize = (7,5.5),
                                   fontsize=10)
    plt.yticks([0.0, 0.2, 0.4, 0.6, 0.8], [0, '20%', '40%', '60%', '80%'])
    for bar in plots.patches:
        plots.annotate(format(bar.get_height(), '.1%'),
                       (bar.get_x() + bar.get_width() / 2,
                        bar.get_height()), ha='center', va='center',
                       size=7, xytext=(0, 8),
                       textcoords='offset points')
```





There are 27.8% of the customers in this cluster are repeated flyers, and 87.7% of flights taken in the clusters are first-class flights.



```
total_flights = suncountry_df.groupby("UflyMemberStatus")['PNRLocatorID'].
 ⇔count()
total_bookings = suncountry_df.groupby("UflyMemberStatus")['PNRLocatorID'].
 →nunique()
total_revenue = suncountry_df.groupby("UflyMemberStatus")['TotalDocAmt'].sum()
flights_per_cust = suncountry_df.groupby(["cust_identifier",_

¬"UflyMemberStatus"]) \

                                        [['PNRLocatorID']].nunique()
num_repeat = flights_per_cust[flights_per_cust.PNRLocatorID > 1] \
 →groupby("UflyMemberStatus")['PNRLocatorID'].count()
sca_booking = suncountry_df[suncountry_df.BookingChannel
                                        .isin(['SCA Website Booking', 'SY,

¬Vacation', 'SCA'])] \
 ⇒groupby("UflyMemberStatus")['PNRLocatorID'].nunique()
member_level_stats = pd.DataFrame()
member_level_stats["average_flights"] = total_flights/num_customers
member_level_stats["average_amount_per_flight"] = total_revenue/total_flights
member_level_stats["average_repeat_customers"] = num_repeat/num_customers
member_level_stats["sca_website_booking"] = sca_booking/total_bookings
member_level_stats.loc[["Non-member", "Standard", "Elite"]].T
```

```
[]: UflyMemberStatus
                               Non-member
                                              Standard
                                                             Elite
                                              2.539097
    average_flights
                                  2.077851
                                                         11.076625
    average_amount_per_flight 306.899173 336.741916 458.922390
     average_repeat_customers
                                  0.098137
                                              0.236816
                                                          0.630031
     sca_website_booking
                                  0.408857
                                              0.727770
                                                          0.717687
```

# 0.6 Findings:

Based on above analysis, we come up with below findings:

Cluster 1: Frequent 1st-Class Flyers There is 27.8% of the customers in this cluster are repeated flyers, and 87.7% of flights taken in the clusters are first-class flights. On average, this cluster spent \$622 on a flight, which is \$200 more than any other cluster. This is the smallest

cluster, with 2.4% of all customers. Of the 38% of customers in the cluster who are Ufly members, 97.3% are standard members.

Cluster 2: One Time Low Spenders This cluster has only 8% repeat flyers, which is 5% less than any other cluster. This cluster is distinct by how, on average, customers spend \$107 per flight, which is over \$200 less than any other cluster.

Cluster 3: SCA Bookers The cluster has over 99% of the bookings come from the SCA Website or SY Vacation. This is the largest cluster with 617,000 customers, which is 40% of all SCA customers. Repeat flyers in this cluster is 16%, which is the median of all the clusters.

Cluster 4: Outside Bookers This cluster almost exclusively books from outside channels, any website other than SCA Website or SY Vacation. There is a cluster size of 415,000 customers, with 27% of all customers, and the most popular time to fly is in Quarter 3. It also has the second lowest membership proportion of 11% of customers being members.

Cluster 5: Upgraders The last cluster is distinctly defined by the percentage of seat upgrades. This cluster has 70% of all the upgraded flights among all the clusters, which is 65% more upgrades than any other cluster. They spend an average of \$316 per flight, and 19.6% of customers are repeat flyers. They make up 70% of all upgrades yet only purchase 3.5% of first-class flight purchases.

### 0.7 Appendix

Below are the python codes for other clustering solutions we tried.

```
from sklearn.cluster import DBSCAN
suncountry_customer= suncountry_customer.sample(frac = 0.25)
x = MinMaxScaler().fit_transform(suncountry_customer)
clustering = DBSCAN(eps=0.08, min_samples=10).fit(x)
cluster_result = pd.DataFrame(suncountry_customer.copy())
cluster_result.loc[:,'Cluster'] = clustering.labels_
```

```
'total_basefareamt',
'total_docamt',
'total_direct',
'total_short_halt',
'total_long_halt',
'total_discount',
'q1',
'q2',
'q3',
'q4',
'flights_before_enroll']]
gdf['total_earlybook'] = gdf['total_earlybook'].str.split(" ").str[0]
cls = GaussianMixture(n_components = 5)
cls_assignment = cls.fit_predict(gdf)
plt.scatter(gdf.iloc[:, 1], gdf.iloc[:, 2], c=cls_assignment, s=40,_u
⇔cmap='viridis')
gdf['cluster'] = cls_assignment
gdf.cluster.value_counts()
gdf.groupby('cluster').agg({'age':'mean',
                            'total_flights':'mean'})
```