

# Christmas boxes



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# Agenda

- Survey design
- Descriptive analysis
- Multinomial Logit model
- Willingness to pay
- Mixed MNL model
- Individual level variables
- Simulating preference shares
- Conclusions and future development



# Survey design

- **Binomial variables:**
  - Dolce: Pandoro - Panettone
  - Bottiglia: Spumante - Passito
  - Boolean variables:
    - Grana
    - Cioccolatini
    - Miele
    - Salame
    - Torrone
- **Multinomial variables:**
  - Prezzo: 10 - 13 - 16 - 20
- **Individual level variables:**
  - Età
  - Genere
  - Occupazione
  - Provincia di residenza
  - Destinatario
  - Team

8 variables

18 levels

512 profiles

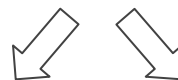
Fractional design:

- easy to administer
- orthogonal



Mix-and-match method

3 alternatives for question



2 blocks with 8 questions each

# Descriptive analysis

## Age

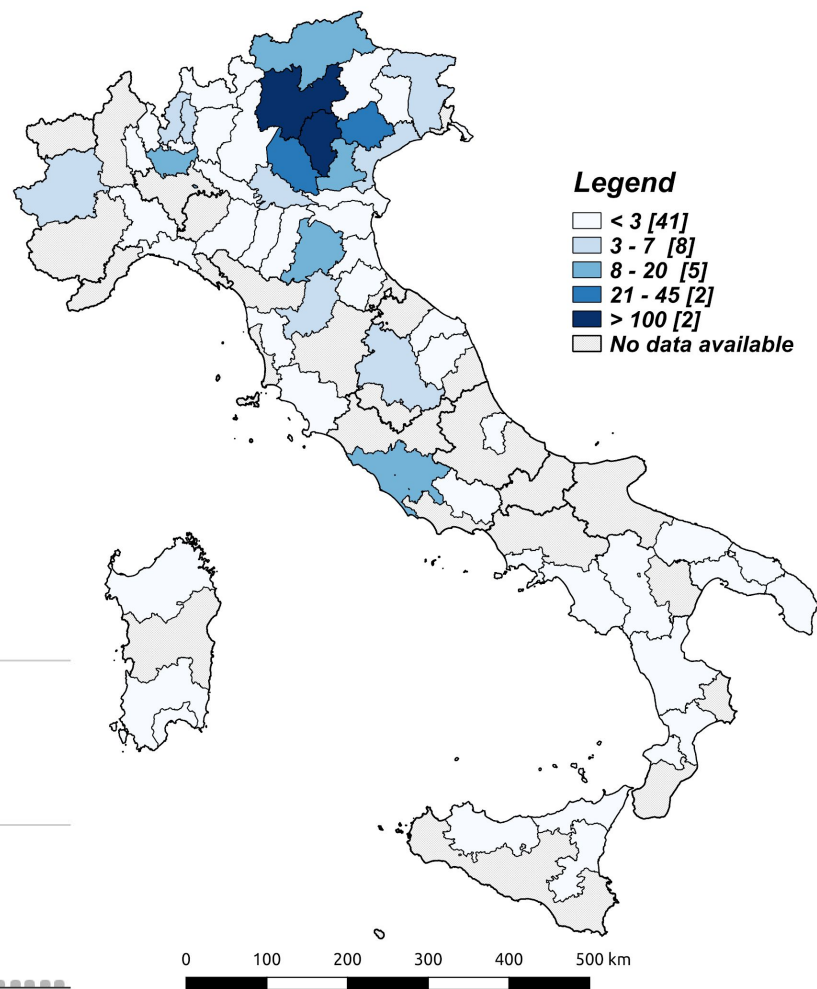
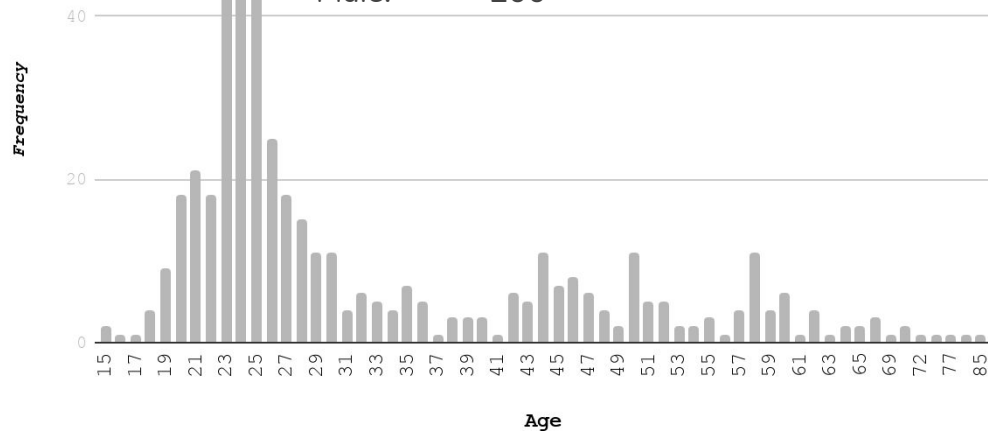
Min.: 15  
Median: 26  
Mean: 32.62  
Max.: 85

## Gender

Female: 274  
Male: 200

## Province

TN: 115  
VI: 115  
TV: 42  
VR: 37  
BO: 20  
BZ: 16  
(Other): 129





# Descriptive analysis

- Individual level variables:

|                           |              |     |
|---------------------------|--------------|-----|
| ○ <b>Employment:</b>      | Lavoratore:  | 229 |
|                           | Studente:    | 192 |
|                           | Pensionato:  | 20  |
|                           | Disoccupato: | 5   |
|                           | Altro:       | 28  |
|                           |              |     |
| ○ <b>Team preference:</b> | Pandoro:     | 272 |
|                           | Panettone:   | 202 |

|                    |                       |     |
|--------------------|-----------------------|-----|
| ○ <b>Receiver:</b> | Parente:              | 197 |
|                    | Famiglia del partner: | 132 |
|                    | Amico:                | 74  |
|                    | Collega:              | 71  |

- Frequency of the chosen attributes:

|                     |                       |                    |       |           |   |      |
|---------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|-------|-----------|---|------|
| <b>Dolce</b>        | Pandoro               | →                  | 2010, | Panettone | → | 1782 |
| <b>Bottiglia</b>    | Passito               | →                  | 1880, | Spumante  | → | 1912 |
| <b>Salame</b>       | Sì                    | →                  | 2021, | No        | → | 1771 |
| <b>Torrone</b>      | Sì                    | →                  | 2008, | No        | → | 1784 |
| <b>Cioccolatini</b> | Sì                    | →                  | 2155, | No        | → | 1637 |
| <b>Miele</b>        | Sì                    | →                  | 2178, | No        | → | 1614 |
| <b>Grana</b>        | Sì                    | →                  | 2287, | No        | → | 1505 |
| <b>Prezzo</b>       | 10 → 1074, 13 → 1025, | 16 → 976, 20 → 717 |       |           |   |      |



# Multinomial Logit model

Fixed effects model with one intercept for each alternative.

| <b>Coefficients :</b> | <b>Estimate</b> | <b>Std. Error</b> | <b>z-value</b> | <b>Pr(&gt; z )</b> |
|-----------------------|-----------------|-------------------|----------------|--------------------|
| 2:(intercept)         | 0.217           | 0.042             | 5.175          | 2.3e-07 ***        |
| 3:(intercept)         | 0.094           | 0.044             | 2.153          | 0.031 *            |
| panettone             | -0.149          | 0.048             | -3.144         | 0.002 **           |
| spumante              | 0.036           | 0.049             | 0.738          | 0.460              |
| salame                | 0.201           | 0.046             | 4.386          | 1.2e-05 ***        |
| torrone               | 0.242           | 0.047             | 5.130          | 2.9e-07 ***        |
| cioccolatini          | 0.475           | 0.044             | 10.872         | < 2.2e-16 ***      |
| miele                 | 0.393           | 0.041             | 9.597          | < 2.2e-16 ***      |
| grana                 | 0.582           | 0.045             | 13.072         | < 2.2e-16 ***      |
| € 13                  | 0.045           | 0.065             | 0.695          | 0.487              |
| € 16                  | -0.109          | 0.067             | -1.642         | 0.101              |
| € 20                  | -0.502          | 0.064             | -7.904         | 2.7e-15 ***        |

(baseline for binary variables is FALSE)



# Multinomial Logit model

Likelihood Ratio Test performed to compare the models' goodness of fit.

## **Likelihood ratio test:**

Model 1: scelta ~ dolce + bottiglia + salame + torrone  
+ cioccolatini + miele + grana + prezzo | -1

Model 2: scelta ~ dolce + bottiglia + salame + torrone  
+ cioccolatini + miele + grana + prezzo

|   | <b>#Df</b> | <b>LogLik</b> | <b>Df</b> | <b>Chisq</b> | <b>Pr(&gt;Chisq)</b> |
|---|------------|---------------|-----------|--------------|----------------------|
| 1 | 10         | -3850.5       |           |              |                      |
| 2 | 12         | -3836.8       | 2         | 27.386       | 1.13e-06 ***         |



# Willingness to pay

| Product                           | Willingness to pay(€) |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Grana                             | - 10.33               |
| Cioccolatini                      | - 8.46                |
| Miele                             | - 7.28                |
| Torrone                           | - 4.94                |
| Salame                            | - 3.99                |
| Panettone (in respect to Pandoro) | + 2.35                |
| Spumante (in respect to Passito)  | - 0.93                |





# Mixed MNL model

Dealing with respondents heterogeneity. A mixed MNL model with covariances among random effects set to zero.

## Random coefficients:

|              | Min. | 1st Qu. | Median | Mean   | 3rd Qu. | Max. |
|--------------|------|---------|--------|--------|---------|------|
| panettone    | -Inf | -1.148  | -0.224 | -0.224 | 0.701   | Inf  |
| spumante     | -Inf | -0.355  | 0.069  | 0.069  | 0.494   | Inf  |
| salame       | -Inf | -0.369  | 0.271  | 0.271  | 0.910   | Inf  |
| torrone      | -Inf | 0.069   | 0.374  | 0.374  | 0.678   | Inf  |
| cioccolatini | -Inf | 0.430   | 0.538  | 0.538  | 0.646   | Inf  |
| miele        | -Inf | 0.150   | 0.551  | 0.551  | 0.952   | Inf  |
| grana        | -Inf | 0.403   | 0.756  | 0.756  | 1.109   | Inf  |
| € 13         | -Inf | -0.020  | 0.029  | 0.029  | 0.078   | Inf  |
| € 16         | -Inf | -0.515  | -0.253 | -0.253 | 0.010   | Inf  |
| € 20         | -Inf | -1.212  | -0.726 | -0.726 | -0.239  | Inf  |

(baseline for binary variables is FALSE)

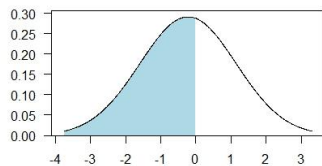
## Likelihood ratio test: Model 1 (fixed MNL) vs Model 2 (mixed MNL)

|   | #Df | LogLik  | Df | Chisq  | Pr(>Chisq)    |
|---|-----|---------|----|--------|---------------|
| 1 | 10  | -3850.5 |    |        |               |
| 2 | 20  | -3660.3 | 10 | 380.36 | < 2.2e-16 *** |

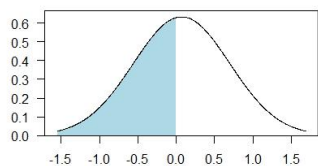


# Mixed MNL model

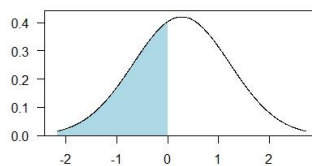
Distribution of dolcepanettone : 56 % of 0



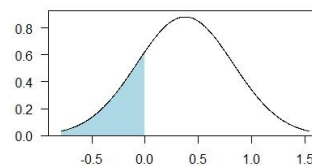
Distribution of bottigliaspumante : 46 % of 0



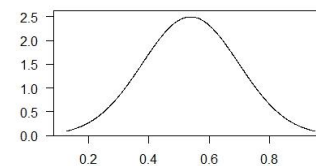
Distribution of salameTRUE : 39 % of 0



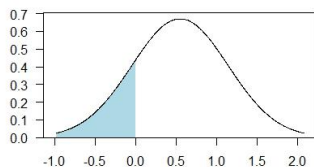
Distribution of torroneTRUE : 20 % of 0



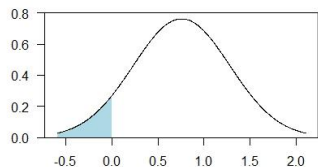
Distribution of cioccolatiniTRUE : 0 % of 0



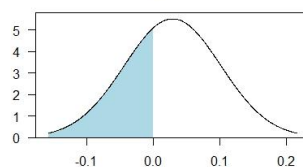
Distribution of mieleTRUE : 18 % of 0



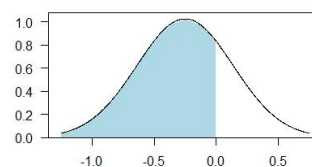
Distribution of granaTRUE : 7 % of 0



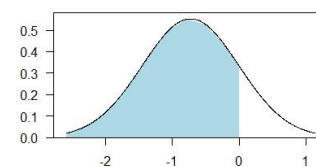
Distribution of prezzo13 : 35 % of 0



Distribution of prezzo16 : 74 % of 0



Distribution of prezzo20 : 84 % of 0





# Mixed MNL model

A mixed MNL model with correlated random effects. The correlation matrix of the random effects:

|            | panettone | spumante      | salame | torrone      | cioccolat.    | miele        | grana        | € 13         | € 16         | € 20         |
|------------|-----------|---------------|--------|--------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| panettone  | 1.000     | -0.488        | 0.111  | 0.004        | 0.179         | -0.107       | -0.031       | -0.230       | 0.306        | 0.217        |
| spumante   | -0.488    | 1.000         | 0.052  | -0.207       | <b>-0.771</b> | -0.147       | 0.081        | 0.243        | -0.341       | -0.234       |
| salame     | 0.111     | 0.052         | 1.000  | 0.346        | 0.074         | 0.153        | 0.329        | 0.095        | -0.248       | 0.064        |
| torrone    | 0.004     | -0.207        | 0.346  | 1.000        | <b>0.745</b>  | -0.472       | 0.201        | -0.002       | -0.237       | 0.004        |
| cioccolat. | 0.179     | <b>-0.771</b> | 0.074  | <b>0.745</b> | 1.000         | -0.104       | 0.144        | -0.199       | 0.046        | 0.099        |
| miele      | -0.107    | -0.147        | 0.153  | -0.472       | -0.104        | 1.000        | <b>0.556</b> | -0.248       | -0.062       | -0.156       |
| grana      | -0.031    | 0.081         | 0.329  | 0.201        | 0.144         | <b>0.556</b> | 1.000        | -0.291       | -0.443       | -0.365       |
| € 13       | -0.230    | 0.243         | 0.095  | -0.002       | -0.199        | -0.248       | -0.291       | 1.000        | <b>0.600</b> | <b>0.762</b> |
| € 16       | 0.306     | -0.341        | -0.248 | -0.237       | 0.046         | -0.062       | -0.443       | <b>0.600</b> | 1.000        | <b>0.907</b> |
| € 20       | 0.217     | -0.234        | 0.064  | 0.004        | 0.099         | -0.156       | -0.365       | <b>0.762</b> | <b>0.907</b> | 1.000        |

(baseline for binary variables is FALSE)

Likelihood ratio test: Model 1 (uncorrelated mixed MNL) vs Model 2 (fully correlated mixed MNL)

|   | #Df | LogLik  | Df | Chisq  | Pr(>Chisq)    |
|---|-----|---------|----|--------|---------------|
| 1 | 20  | -3660.3 |    |        |               |
| 2 | 65  | -3563.0 | 45 | 194.74 | < 2.2e-16 *** |



# Individual level variables

Introduction of respondent information as individual level variables in the MNL model.

Variables included in the model:

- gender
- age divided into 4 classes
- occupation
- recipient of the christmas box

## Likelihood ratio test:

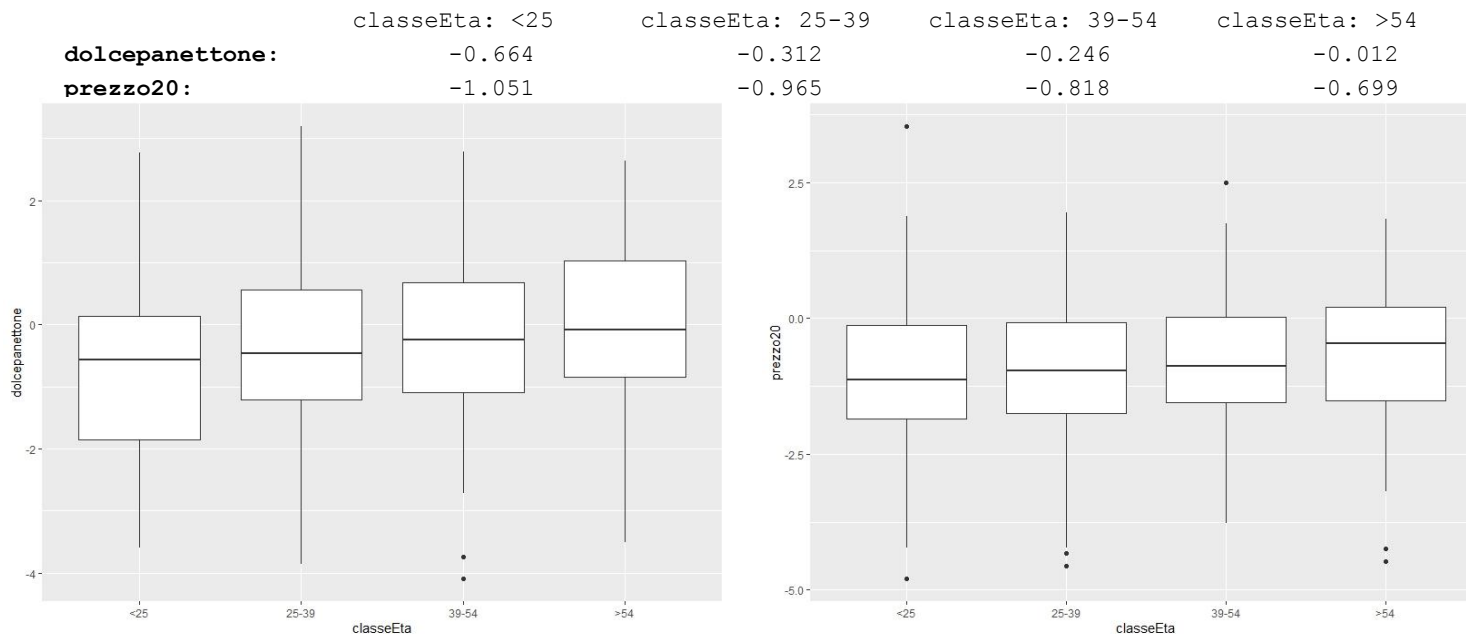
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Model 2: scelta ~ dolce + bottiglia + salame + torrone + cioccolatini + miele + grana + prezzo  
| dolce \* classeEta + bottiglia \* classeEta + salame \* classeEta  
+ torrone \* classeEta + cioccolatini \* classeEta + miele \* classeEta  
+ grana \* classeEta + prezzo \* classeEta

|   | #Df | LogLik  | Df  | Chisq  | Pr(>Chisq)    |
|---|-----|---------|-----|--------|---------------|
| 1 | 10  | -3850.5 |     |        |               |
| 2 | 125 | -3720.1 | 115 | 260.83 | 2.461e-13 *** |

# Individual level variables

Explaining respondent heterogeneity with their individual level characteristics, associating them to the random coefficients of the mixed MNL model.





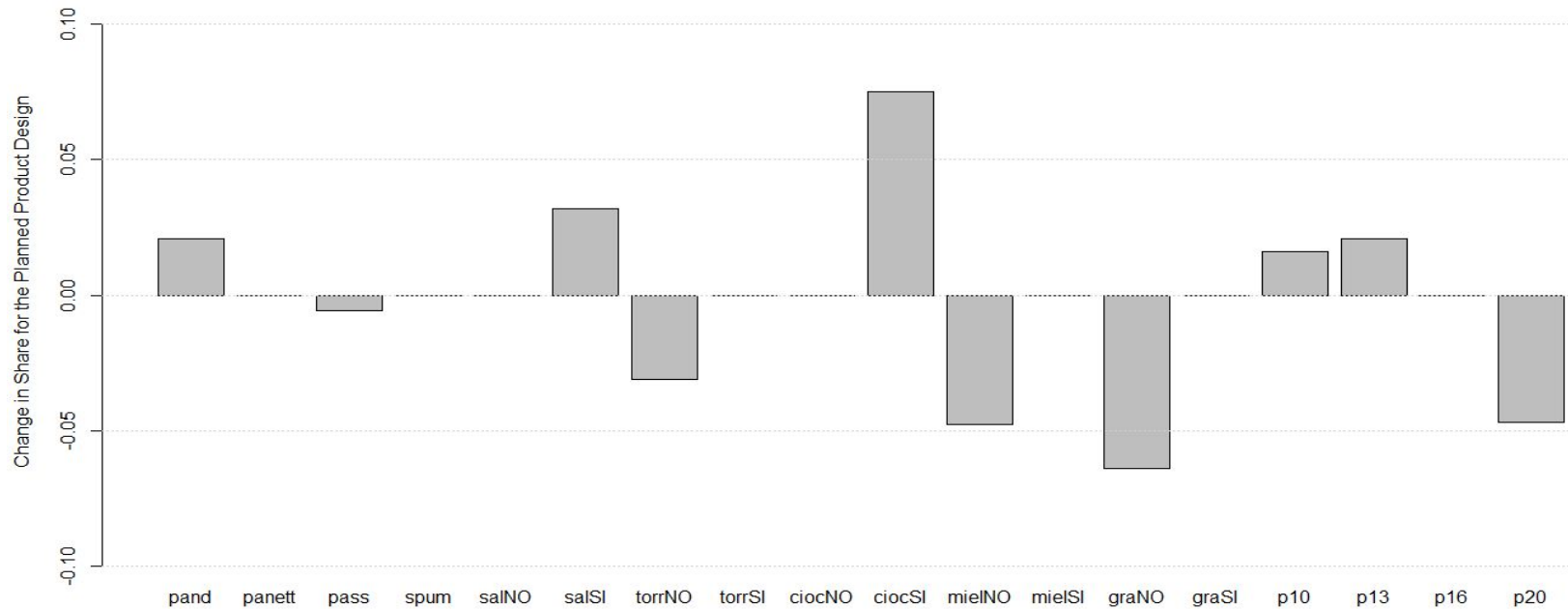
# Preference share simulation under the fixed effects MNL model

|     | <b>share</b> | <b>2.5%</b> | <b>97.5%</b> | <b>dolce</b> | <b>bottiglia</b> | <b>salame</b> | <b>torrone</b> | <b>cioccolat.</b> | <b>miele</b> | <b>grana</b> | <b>prezzo</b> |
|-----|--------------|-------------|--------------|--------------|------------------|---------------|----------------|-------------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|
| 364 | 0.163        | 0.145       | 0.192        | panettone    | spumante         | FALSE         | TRUE           | FALSE             | TRUE         | TRUE         | 16            |
| 7   | 0.077        | 0.066       | 0.091        | pandoro      | spumante         | TRUE          | FALSE          | FALSE             | FALSE        | FALSE        | 10            |
| 209 | 0.175        | 0.149       | 0.207        | pandoro      | passito          | FALSE         | FALSE          | TRUE              | FALSE        | TRUE         | 13            |
| 226 | 0.141        | 0.125       | 0.162        | panettone    | passito          | FALSE         | FALSE          | FALSE             | TRUE         | TRUE         | 13            |
| 302 | 0.109        | 0.094       | 0.125        | panettone    | passito          | TRUE          | TRUE           | FALSE             | TRUE         | FALSE        | 16            |
| 343 | 0.196        | 0.173       | 0.213        | pandoro      | spumante         | TRUE          | FALSE          | TRUE              | FALSE        | TRUE         | 16            |
| 445 | 0.137        | 0.116       | 0.152        | pandoro      | passito          | TRUE          | TRUE           | TRUE              | TRUE         | FALSE        | 20            |

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|-----|--------------|-------------|--------------|--------------|------------------|---------------|----------------|-------------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|
| 371 | 0.220        | 0.201       | 0.241        | pandoro      | spumante         | FALSE         | FALSE          | TRUE              | TRUE         | TRUE         | 16            |
| 7   | 0.072        | 0.060       | 0.084        | pandoro      | spumante         | TRUE          | FALSE          | FALSE             | FALSE        | FALSE        | 10            |
| 209 | 0.163        | 0.143       | 0.184        | pandoro      | passito          | FALSE         | FALSE          | TRUE              | FALSE        | TRUE         | 13            |
| 226 | 0.131        | 0.116       | 0.151        | panettone    | passito          | FALSE         | FALSE          | FALSE             | TRUE         | TRUE         | 13            |
| 302 | 0.102        | 0.087       | 0.117        | panettone    | passito          | TRUE          | TRUE           | FALSE             | TRUE         | FALSE        | 16            |
| 343 | 0.183        | 0.163       | 0.203        | pandoro      | spumante         | TRUE          | FALSE          | TRUE              | FALSE        | TRUE         | 16            |
| 445 | 0.128        | 0.112       | 0.143        | pandoro      | passito          | TRUE          | TRUE           | TRUE              | TRUE         | FALSE        | 20            |



## Sensitivity chart:





# Preference share simulation under the Mixed MNL model

|     | <b>colMeans (shares)</b> | <b>dolce</b> | <b>bottiglia</b> | <b>salame</b> | <b>torrone</b> | <b>cioccolat.</b> | <b>miele</b> | <b>grana</b> | <b>prezzo</b> |
|-----|--------------------------|--------------|------------------|---------------|----------------|-------------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|
| 364 | 0.171                    | panettone    | spumante         | FALSE         | TRUE           | FALSE             | TRUE         | TRUE         | 16            |
| 7   | 0.092                    | pandoro      | spumante         | TRUE          | FALSE          | FALSE             | FALSE        | FALSE        | 10            |
| 209 | 0.194                    | pandoro      | passito          | FALSE         | FALSE          | TRUE              | FALSE        | TRUE         | 13            |
| 226 | 0.144                    | panettone    | passito          | FALSE         | FALSE          | FALSE             | TRUE         | TRUE         | 13            |
| 302 | 0.123                    | panettone    | passito          | TRUE          | TRUE           | FALSE             | TRUE         | FALSE        | 16            |
| 343 | 0.135                    | pandoro      | spumante         | TRUE          | FALSE          | TRUE              | FALSE        | TRUE         | 16            |
| 445 | 0.140                    | pandoro      | passito          | TRUE          | TRUE           | TRUE              | TRUE         | FALSE        | 20            |

|     | <b>colMeans (shares)</b> | <b>dolce</b> | <b>bottiglia</b> | <b>salame</b> | <b>torrone</b> | <b>cioccolat.</b> | <b>miele</b> | <b>grana</b> | <b>prezzo</b> |
|-----|--------------------------|--------------|------------------|---------------|----------------|-------------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|
| 371 | 0.197                    | pandoro      | spumante         | FALSE         | FALSE          | TRUE              | TRUE         | TRUE         | 16            |
| 7   | 0.086                    | pandoro      | spumante         | TRUE          | FALSE          | FALSE             | FALSE        | FALSE        | 10            |
| 209 | 0.169                    | pandoro      | passito          | FALSE         | FALSE          | TRUE              | FALSE        | TRUE         | 13            |
| 226 | 0.154                    | panettone    | passito          | FALSE         | FALSE          | FALSE             | TRUE         | TRUE         | 13            |
| 302 | 0.144                    | panettone    | passito          | TRUE          | TRUE           | FALSE             | TRUE         | FALSE        | 16            |
| 343 | 0.120                    | pandoro      | spumante         | TRUE          | FALSE          | TRUE              | FALSE        | TRUE         | 16            |
| 445 | 0.130                    | pandoro      | passito          | TRUE          | TRUE           | TRUE              | TRUE         | FALSE        | 20            |





# Future development

- Survey design evaluation
- IIA assumption - robust modeling
- Preference share vs. Market share

# Thank you!