



# Personalized E-Commerce Recommendation Engine

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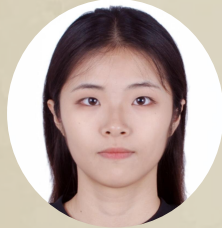
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# Meet Our Team



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# Agenda

1. Business Problem
2. Our Solution
3. The Business Strategy
4. Front-end Demo Showcase
5. Economic Value





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# The Business Problem

# The Problem: One-Size-Fits-All Recommendations

## Current System

- Recommending “**most popular**” books to **all e-commerce customers**
  - **Regardless** of customer purchase history and behavior
- **Limitations:** This system **DOES NOT**
  - Highlight **new relevant products** for **frequent customers**
  - Provide **incentives** for **in-frequent** customers to **re-engage**

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## Our New System

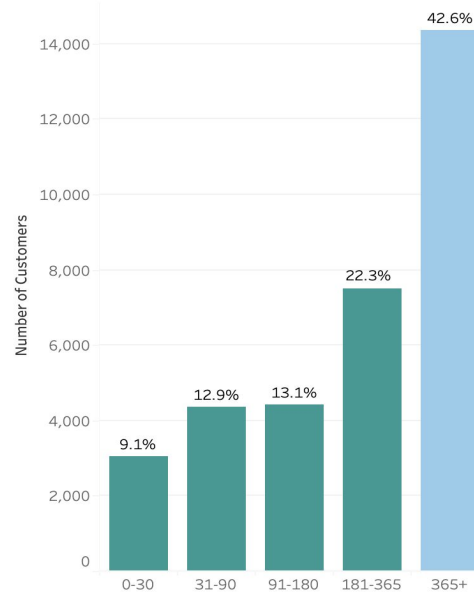
- Personalized recommendations
  - **Segment** customers based on customer purchase history and behavior
- **Key Improvements:** This system **DOES:**
  - Offer early access with **tailored recommendations** for frequent customers
  - **Re-engage inactive customers** with **targeted discounts**



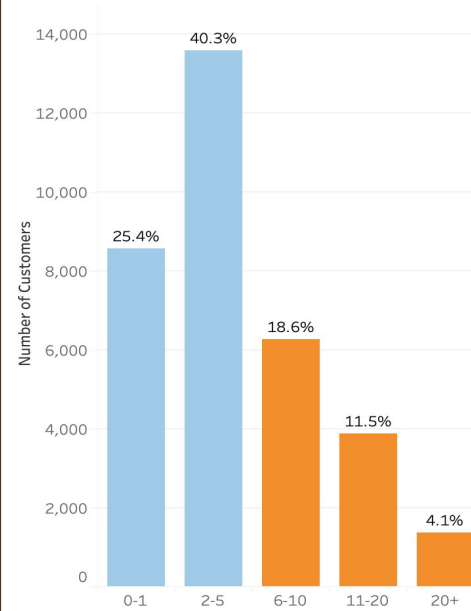
# Understanding Your Customers

42.6% of Customers Have  
Been Hibernating

Customer Distribution by Recency



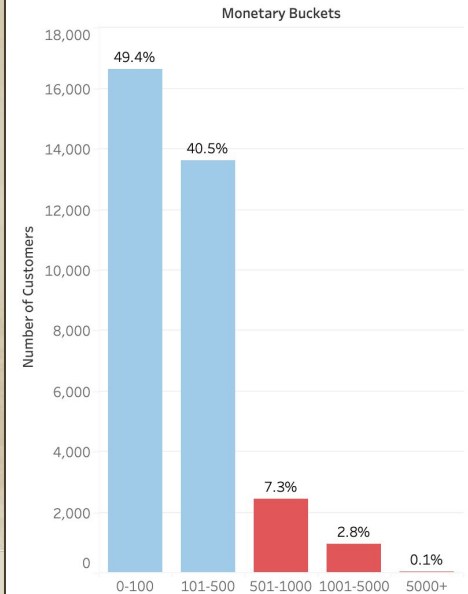
Customer Distribution by Frequency



65.7% of Customers Only  
Purchased Less than 5 Books

89.8% of customers spent  
less than \$500

Customer Distribution by Monetary Value



# Our Solution



# Personalizing Recommendations With Distinct Customer Segments

Due to the **differing** behaviors and interests of various customers, providing the popular titles to all customers will be more **difficult** in lifting revenue

**Solution:** Brain & Company proposes a model to segment customers and tailor book recommendations via categorizing customers based on their revenue, monetary, frequency (RFM) and interests

This will create a **AT LEAST \$650,000 Revenue Boost** for The Liberati Nook! -- A **10% Increase**



# How Our System Works

## Automatically Segmenting New Customers Using RFM

Recency: Last Visited 60 Days Ago



Monetary: \$100

Frequency: 8 purchases

Recency

4 3 2 1

Recency Score: 2

Frequency

4 3 2 1

Frequency Score: 2

Monetary

4 3 2 1

Monetary Score: 2

RFM: 222 (Overall Score = 6)

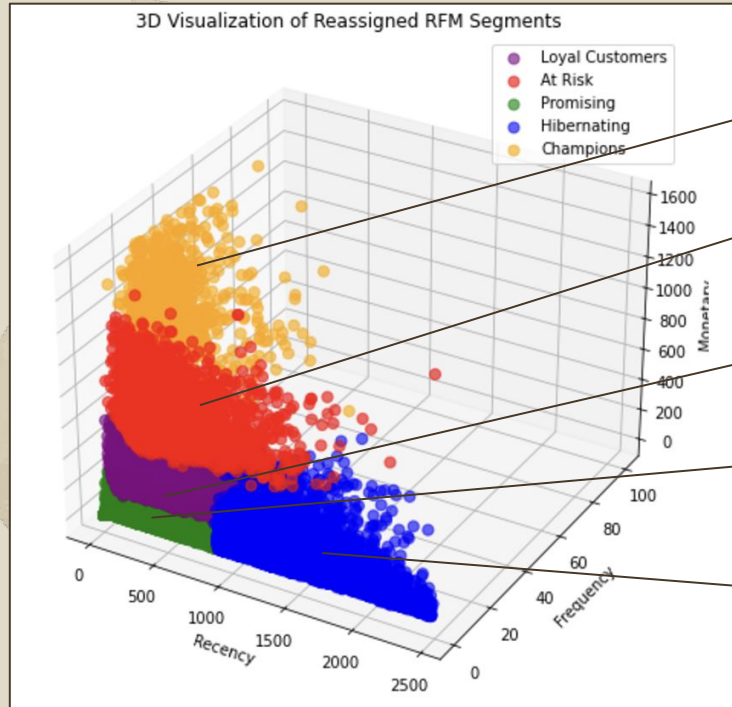
Resulting Segment: Loyal Customers

**K-means Clustering Mechanism**  
Automatically groups similar customers by finding nearest cluster centers by their revenue, order frequency, and purchase recency (RFM).

Moderate Recency & frequency & monetary

→ **Loyal Customers**

# 5 Customer Segments



**Champions (3%)** : Low recency, high frequency, high monetary - **16.5% Revenue**

**At Risk (9%)** : High Recency, Moderate Frequency & Monetary - **29.3% Revenue**

**Loyal Customers (20%)**: Moderate Recency & Frequency & Monetary **28.1% Revenue**

**Promising (48%)** : Moderate Recency, Low Frequency & Monetary - **15.2% Revenue**

**Hibernating (20%)**: High recency, low frequency, low monetary - **10.9% Revenue**

\*Not including the 3 outlier "Bulk Buyers"

\* Customer segmentation was performed using K-Means

# Utilizing A Detailed Books Dataset



Dataset

- We used a books dataset to find **specific books** to recommend to your customers.
- Key Features: Title, author, genres, ratings and plot descriptions.



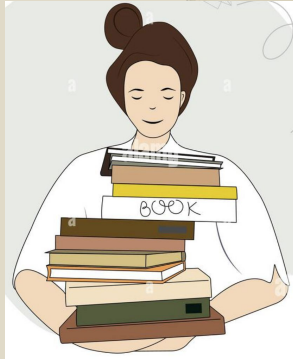
Why this dataset?

- Bridges genre preferences to **tailored book suggestions**.
- Placeholder for real purchase history.
- Seamlessly adaptable.

Books dataset is taken from Kaggle: <https://www.kaggle.com/datasets/meetnaren/goodreads-best-books>

# Personalised Smart Recommendations

## Discovering Preferences



Unveiling favourite genres through past purchases and reading habits

## Browsing the Bookshelf



The bookshelf represents an extensive book database, organized into diverse genres. This helps us map books to align with a customer's unique preferences.

## Crafting connections



The puzzle piece symbolizes matching preferences to books, crafting a personalized library for each reader.

## Delivering Joy



Personalized recommendations for a **unique reading experience**



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# Business Strategy

# Providing Personalized Rewards



## Champions



- Exclusive early access to new releases.
- Free Shipping



## Loyal Bookworms



- Early access to selected books.
- "Read 5, Get 1 Free" Promotion



## Promising Explorers



- Discounted book bundles in new genres.
- "Try before you buy": get a free PDF sample via email.



## At-risk Readers



- Targeted email campaigns with special offers.
- Reactivation discount on next purchase



## Hibernating



- "We Miss You" campaign with a significant discount.
- Provide free access to an ebook.



# Messages to each segment



## Champions

Thank you for being one of our most valued readers! 🎉 Exclusive early access to top picks tailored to your taste.



## Promising Explorers

You're on your way to becoming a star reader! ✨ Here's a 10% discount to keep you inspired.



## Loyal Bookworms

Your loyalty means the world to us! ✨ Enjoy these handpicked recommendations with early access just for you.



## Hibernating

It's been a while! 📖 Let us reignite your love for books with a 40% discount and a free e-book with a \$30 purchase!



## At-risk Readers

We miss you! 💔 Here's a 10% discount on your next purchase. Check out these books we think you'll enjoy!

Every Customer is getting customized recommendations

# Tailored Recommendations

**Examples with Hibernating Customers:** Reigniting Engagement with readers!

Hey there! 🇺🇸 It's been a while. Here's a 20% discount on these popular books to reignite your reading journey.



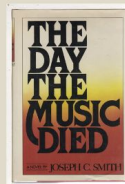
Music of the heart



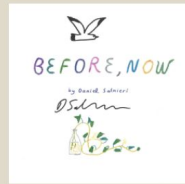
Broken Music



John



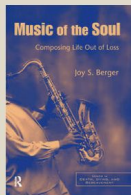
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Before Now



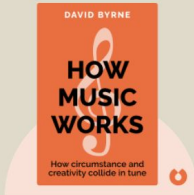
The story of us



Music of the soul



Please don't stop the music



How music works



Back-up

Testing Recommendations for Customer 2046:

Customer 2046's **purchase history** highlighted a main focus on **music genre**, reflected in these top 10 tailored recommendations.

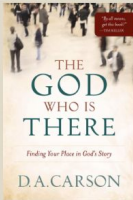




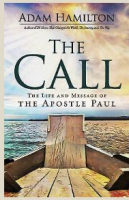
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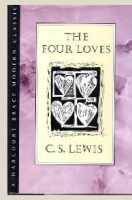
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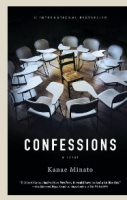
The God Who Is There



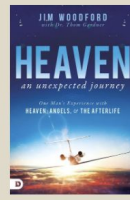
The Call



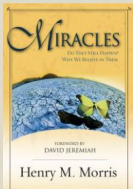
The Four Loves



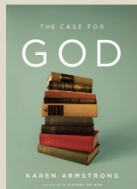
Confessions



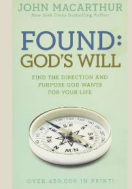
Heaven



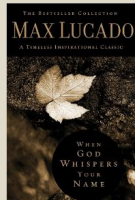
Miracles



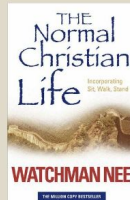
The Case For God



Found: God's Will



When God Whispers Your Name



The Normal Christian Life

Testing Recommendations for Customer 5665:

Customer 5665's **purchase history** showed a strong interest in **religion and music**, which is reflected in these top recommendations.



# Front-End Demo Showcase



# Updating the Online Store

## Customer Interface

- Greeted **with top personalized books** and a **unique message above** that includes their **special promotion** on the front page
- Below this message, users will also be able to see **what other similar customers have purchased recently** and the most popular titles

## Customer Experience

- Users will **see book covers** of the top books recommended and be able to **read their summaries** and **excerpts**
- Users will be able to then **apply their unique discounts** by clicking on those book titles for purchase

With a simple and clean UI and UX, customers will be able to quickly find the books meant for them and easily purchase them

# Demo: Personalized Book Recommendation System

## Get Customized Book Recommendation



Enter The Customer ID:

e.g. 123

**Get Recommendations**

- The front-end showcases how the recommendation system works using the customer IDs.
- In practice, customers won't need to provide their ID.
- The engine is designed to integrate seamlessly into your existing website for a smooth experience.



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# Economic Value

# \$650,000 Growth Via Strategic Marketing

## PROMOTIONS

Enjoy Exclusive early access to new releases and Free Shipping!

Get Early access to selected books and "Read 5, Get 1 Free" promotion!

Enjoy Discounted book bundles in new genres and "Try before you buy": get a free PDF sample via email!

Get Targeted email campaigns with special offers and a reactivation discount on next purchase!

We Miss You! Enjoy an special 40% discount on your next purchase over \$30 with additional free access to an e-book!

**20% Revenue Growth for the top 15% most engaged customers** (all Champions and most Loyal Customers) and **5% growth for all other groups** creates \$650,000 in value.

Champions

+20%

\$209,000

Loyal Customers

+11.5%

\$204,000

Promising

+5%

\$48,000

At Risk

+5%

\$92,500

Hibernating

+5%

\$34,500

Bulk Buyers

+5%

\$58,500

~\$650,000 In Revenue Growth!

# Implementation Timeline



2 weeks

Further Data Review  
and Collection

Implement  
personalized tests on  
each segmentations

3 months



1 month

Operational Review

Revenue & Profit  
Analysis

2 weeks



2 weeks

Final Review &  
Recommendations

A/B Test



# Conclusion

Our advanced customer segmentation system can **conservatively drive a \$650,000 Gain in E-Commerce Revenue**

- Segments get **personalized recommendations** and **promotions** +
- A **customized e-commerce website experience** will drive customers to **spend more and re-engage**



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# Questions?



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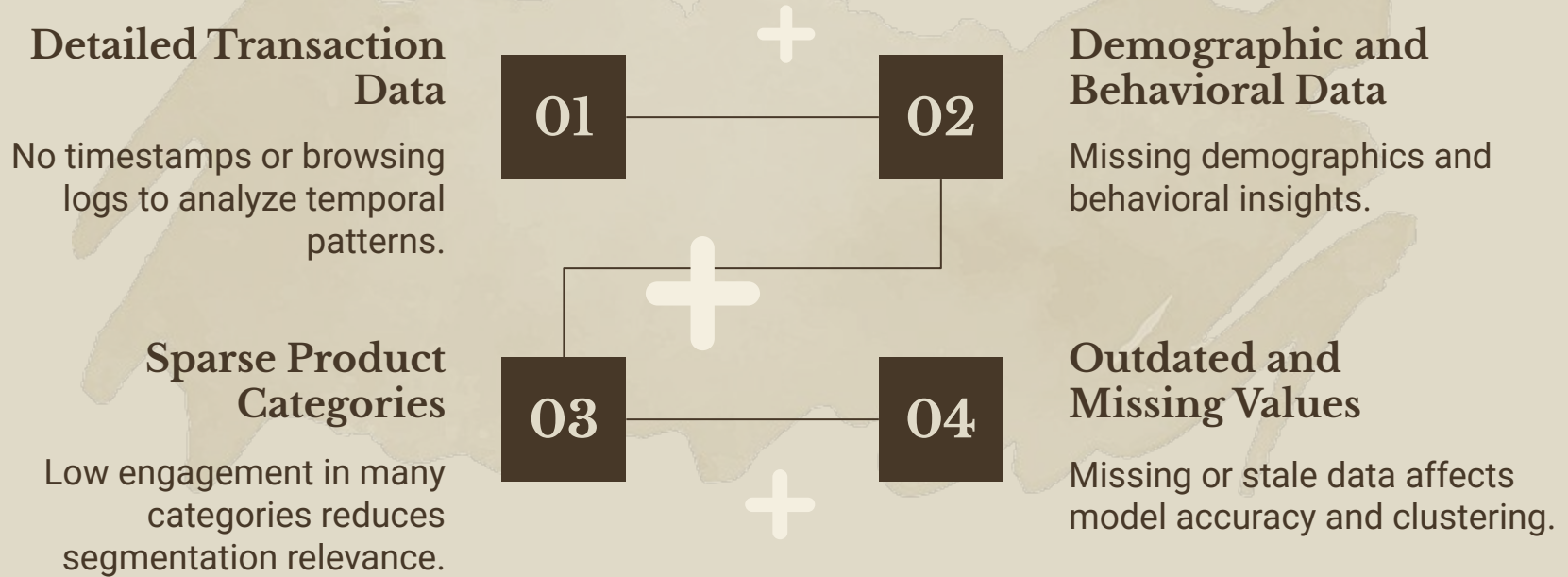
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## RFM Segmentation summary

RFM Segmentation Summary				
Segment	Recency Mean	Frequency Mean	Monetary Mean	Customer Count
At Risk	764.9	8.0	\$304.83	6,935
Champions	110.8	12.6	\$594.14	8,420
Hibernating	988.9	1.7	\$63.50	9,893
Loyal Customers	119.8	4.9	\$75.97	1,150
Promising	134.3	1.7	\$90.34	7,315

# Appendix 2.

## Data Constraints



# Appendix 3.

## Additional Data



- **Transaction Data**
  - Request: Timestamped transaction logs.
  - Purpose: Analyze temporal shopping trends to optimize recommendations.
- **Customer Profiles**
  - Request: Demographic and behavioral data.
  - Purpose: Enhance personalization of recommendations.
- **Category Engagement**
  - Request: Detailed data on interactions with specific product categories.
  - Purpose: Improve segmentation by identifying low-engagement categories.
- **Data Updates**
  - Request: Regular updates for customer metrics like frequency and monetary value.
  - Purpose: Ensure segmentation reflects current behaviors.

# Appendix 4.

## Personalised Recommendations

*A snapshot of how customers are engaged with a 20 or 10% discount and curated book suggestions tailored to their preferences, driving re-engagement and loyalty.*

**Segment: At-Risk** (Customer ID: 1406)

We miss you! ❤️ To bring you back, here's a **\*\*10% discount\*\*** on your next purchase. Check out these books we think you'll enjoy!

**\*\*Top 10 Recommended Books:\*\***

- Before Ever After
- Never Never
- After The Fire
- The Next Together
- Fire With Fire
- Obscured Darkness (Family Secrets #2)
- Elliptical Door (A Multifaceted Overview) (Us) (2013)
- Females Of Valor
- The Daughter Of Kurdland: A Life Dedicated To Humankind
- Patience'S Love

**Segment: Promising** (Customer ID: 16061594)

You're on your way to becoming a star reader! 🌟 Here are some trending books we recommend for you. Enjoy a **\*\*10% discount\*\*** on your next order!

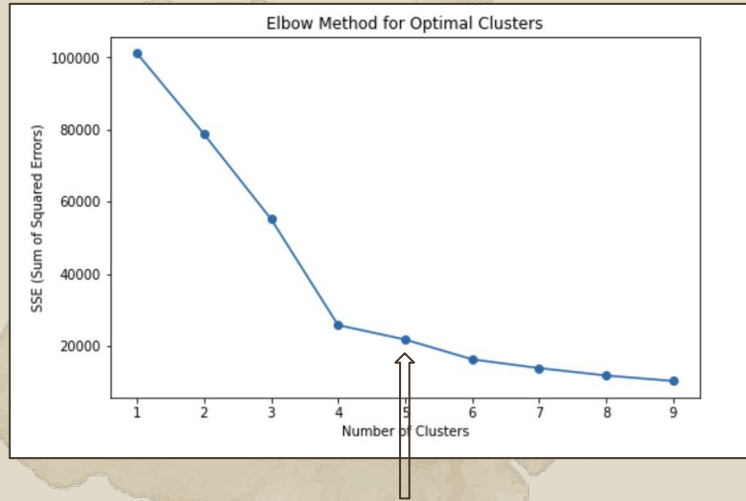
**\*\*Top 10 Recommended Books:\*\***

- The Next Together
- Before Ever After
- The Book Of Everything
- The System Of The World
- The Eight
- The Book Of Love
- Take Me
- The Little Book
- All Change
- American Front

# Appendix 5.

## Clustering Customers with K-Means

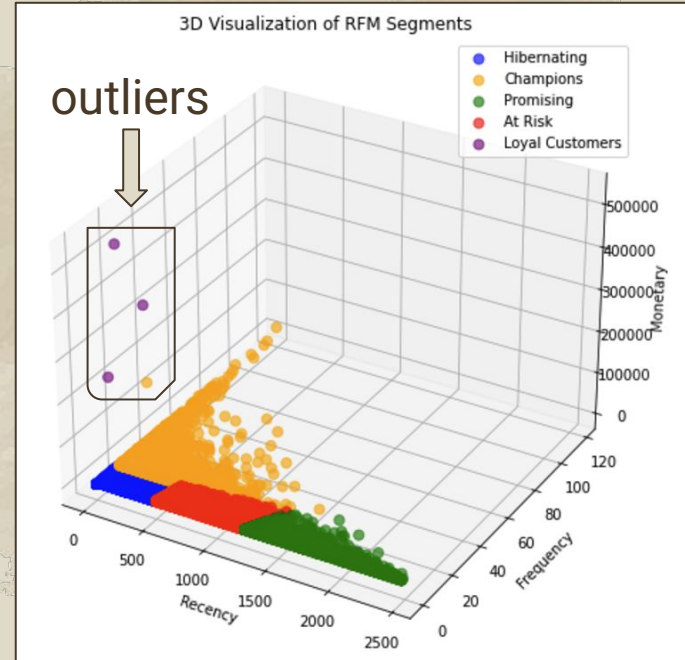
### Optimal Number of Clusters: 5



### Combining Business Sense & Elbow Method

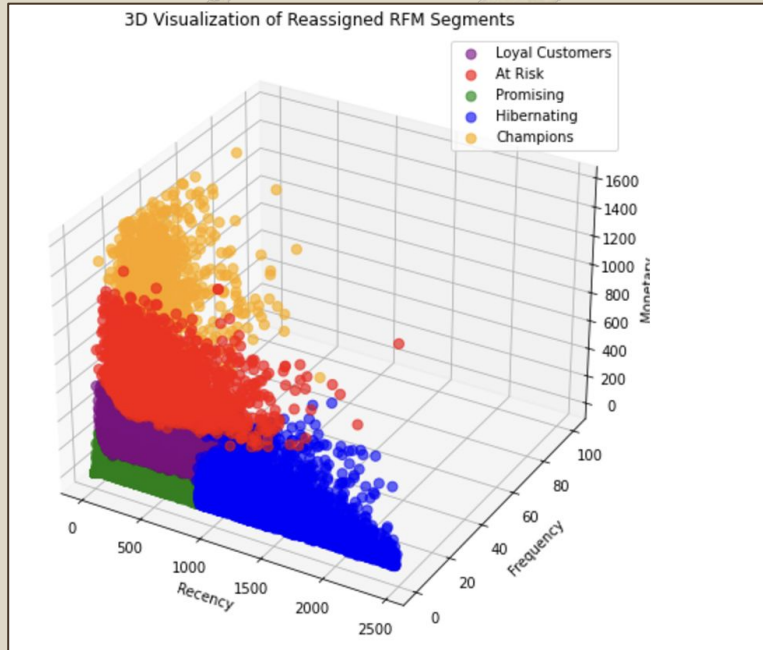
The Elbow Method suggests that 5 clusters provide optimal balance between variance explained and simplicity.

### Identifying and Removing outliers:



Removed outliers to improve accuracy and prevent skewed results.

## Appendix 6. Customer Segmentation Results



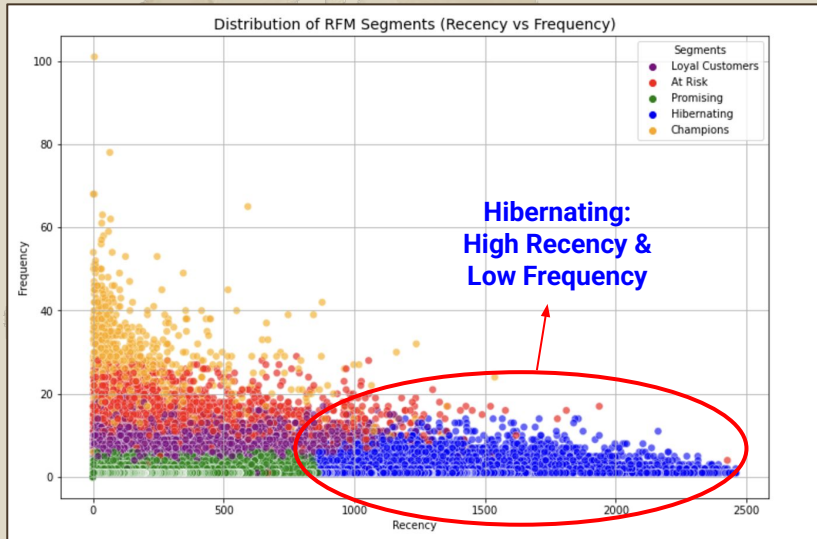
Segment	Recency (Days)	Frequency (Purchases)	Monetary (USD)	Count (Customers)
Hibernating	1426.1	2.78	100.40	6858
Champions	169.8	26.73	1036.32	1009
Loyal Customers	280.2	8.13	254.76	6971
At Risk	270.6	14.73	575.62	3214
Promising	280.7	2.28	62.64	15323



# Appendix 7.

## Distribution of RFM Segments

RFM Segments: **Recency vs Frequency**



RFM Segments: **Frequency vs Monetary Value**

