

# AIRLINE CUSTOMER SATISFACTION

## Dashboard Construction Notebook

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## Introduction

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In today's airline industry, customer satisfaction is key. Airlines must continuously improve the passenger experience to retain loyalty and attract new customers. Understanding satisfaction levels is vital for identifying areas for enhancement.

This dataset, sourced from an airline, provides insights into passenger satisfaction, covering factors like gender, customer type, travel purpose, class, flight distance, and satisfaction ratings across diverse services.

Assessing customer satisfaction helps airlines gauge service effectiveness, retain customers, and avoid negative feedback. By analyzing this dataset in Tableau, we aim to uncover insights to guide airlines in service optimization and customer retention, thus increasing premium passengers. This report documents our exploratory analysis process.

## Data Preparation

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### Data Source

The dataset utilized for this analysis is sourced from an airline and can be accessed on Kaggle at <https://www.kaggle.com/datasets/teejmahal20/airline-passenger-satisfaction/data>. It includes insights from an airline passenger satisfaction survey, featuring a broad range of demographic and travel-related attributes. Additionally, the dataset includes satisfaction ratings across various service dimensions, making it a comprehensive resource for exploring passenger preferences and satisfaction levels within the airline industry.

### Data Specification and Data Cleaning

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This dataset contains information about an airline passenger satisfaction survey. It has 25 columns and 26,000 rows. Before using the dataset for exploratory data analysis, we need to ensure that the dataset is clean. This means checking for missing data, duplicate rows, outliers in numerical variables, and typos in categorical variables. Once we clean the data, we will have a dataset that is conducive for analysis. We used Python to clean the dataset by identifying and removing 83 rows

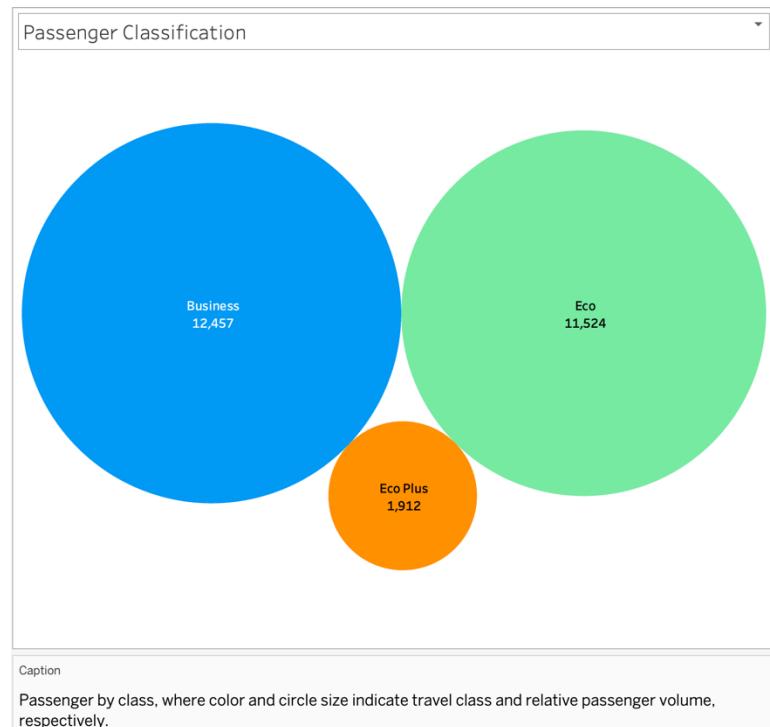
with missing values. This process ensured that the data was consistent and ready for analysis. The final dataset is the CSV file “Clean\_PassengerSatisfaction.csv” and contains 25,893 rows without any duplicates, outliers, or typos. The screenshots of the data cleaning process can be found in appendix 1.

## Question & Graphs

### Initial Question

As we explore the construction of the dashboard, our primary focus centers on optimizing customer service and retention, particularly for premium passengers. The fundamental goal is to enhance the flying experience for premium clientele, ensuring their satisfaction and fostering long-term loyalty. To achieve this objective, we aim to address the next question: What are the key factors influencing customer satisfaction and loyalty among passengers? To answer the previous question, we created 5 graphs.

### Graph 1: Passengers Distribution



Based on the dataset from the Airline in the "Clean\_PassengerSatisfaction.csv" file, we conducted an analysis using a bubble chart to understand the demographics of our passengers and their satisfaction levels. Our initial focus was on identifying the majority passenger segment and assessing whether premium passengers significantly contribute to our revenue.

The bubble chart provides a clear visualization of the passenger categories: "Business," "Eco Plus," and "Eco." It is evident that the "Business" category dominates, representing approximately 55% of our surveyed passengers. This suggests that a sizable portion of our

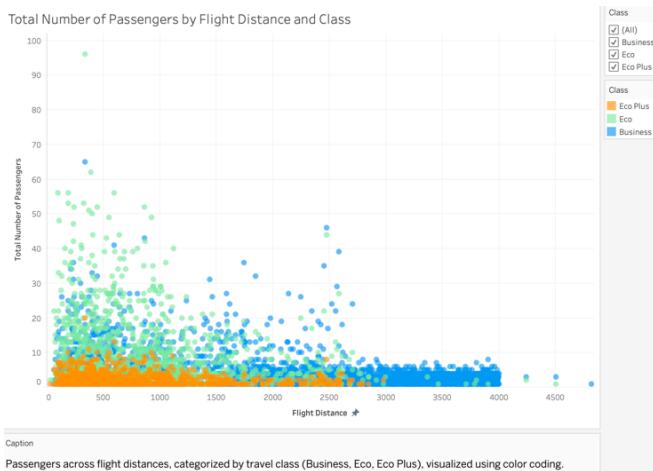
passengers are premium travelers. The "Eco Plus" category accounts for around 35%, indicating a smaller but notable segment, while the "Eco" category makes up the remaining 10%.

Given that the Business class comprises the largest share, we delved deeper into understanding areas where Business class passengers might be less satisfied. This analysis aims to pinpoint specific aspects within the Business class experience that require improvement, leveraging insights from the survey data.

### Construction Process:

Based on the Passenger Satisfaction dataset we aimed to classify passengers into three categories: Business, Economy, and Economy Plus. Our primary goal was to identify the predominant passenger segment. Initially, we considered using a bar chart for this purpose. However, upon further reflection, we realized that the bar chart did not effectively convey the relationships between the categories. Undeterred, we experimented with a Venn diagram. Unfortunately, since there were no commonalities among the three types of passengers, the Venn diagram proved to be ineffective. We then conducted an analysis using a bubble chart to understand the demographics of our passengers and their satisfaction levels. We believed that the varying sizes of bubbles could indicate the relative importance or presence of each category.

### Graph 2: Total Number of Passengers by Flight Distance and Class



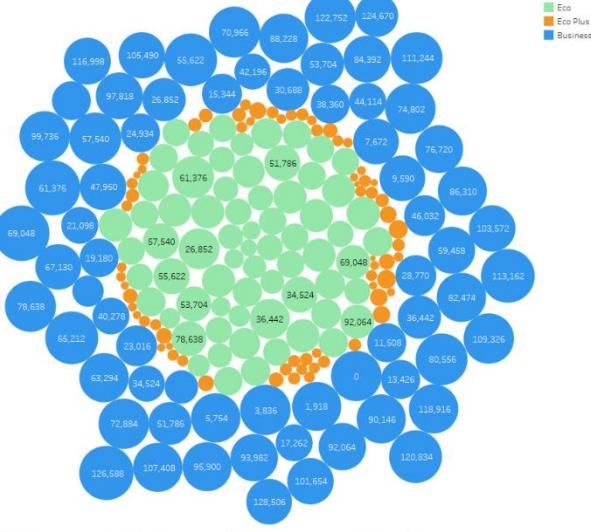
Business class dominates distance vs number of passengers

Airlines promote long-haul and ultra long-haul flights (2000+ mi) with premium services to generate more revenue. Options like extra legroom, location of seat, diverse food and beverage options is considered a pre-requisite within premium class. We expected to find a relation between the furthest distance travelled and the class of travel of all passengers. For this purpose, we chose the scatter plot to perform our analysis. We decided to proceed with the same color combination as above to

distinguish the passengers in different classes. First impressions of the visualization portray passengers from the business class traveling the furthest. Out of the total passengers, 21% of passengers travelled more than 2000+ mi. Off these passengers 89% passengers constituted the business class passengers. Based on this observation, we decided to explore areas influencing passenger behavior in business class of travel.

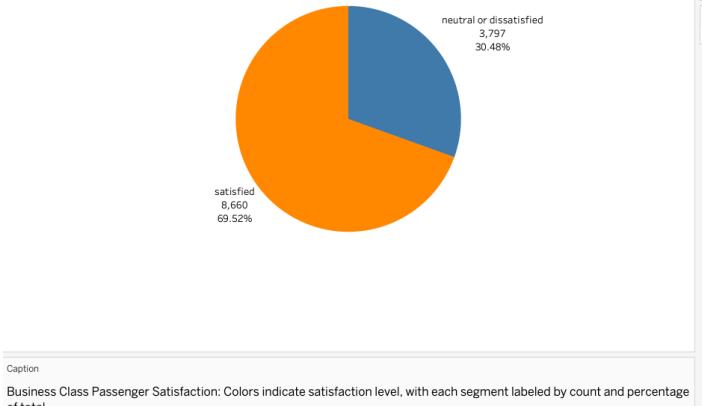
### Construction Process:

Packed bubble plot



id (bin): Color shows details about Class. Size shows sum of Flight Distance. The marks are labeled by id (bin).

Business Class Satisfaction



Caption

Business Class Passenger Satisfaction: Colors indicate satisfaction level, with each segment labeled by count and percentage of total.

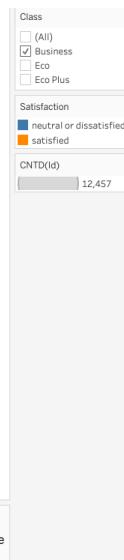
our attention towards improving the experience for this significant segment of passengers. By focusing on addressing the concerns of these neutral or dissatisfied passengers, we aim to enhance overall satisfaction levels and strengthen our reputation for premium service quality.

### Construction Process:

Once we identified that most of our passengers were premium travelers, the next critical question was assessing their satisfaction with the airline services. To delve into this, we decided to create a detailed pie chart highlighting two main proportions: satisfied passengers and those who are neutral or dissatisfied. Initially, while dragging and dropping columns and rows, we encountered a challenge. The chart options area, known as "Show me," did not offer a direct pie chart option. It became apparent that specific dimensions and measures were necessary to create the desired visualization.

We tried a different approach. This time we decided to use the bubble plot. The intent was to have the inter-bubble distance as further for longer distances, colors to distinguish class of travel and labels on each bubble to show the passenger count. For this, the 'flight distances' measure and the 'Id' dimension were chosen. The 'Id' dimension was converted to count distinct. The class was used as a differentiation factor to convert to show distinct differences in class of travel. The circle's positions were linked to the distances they travelled while the size of the circles denoted the number of passengers from that class. Figure shows the final plot. We were not satisfied with the final product. That is how we ended up with the scatter plot.

### Graph 3: Business Class Satisfaction



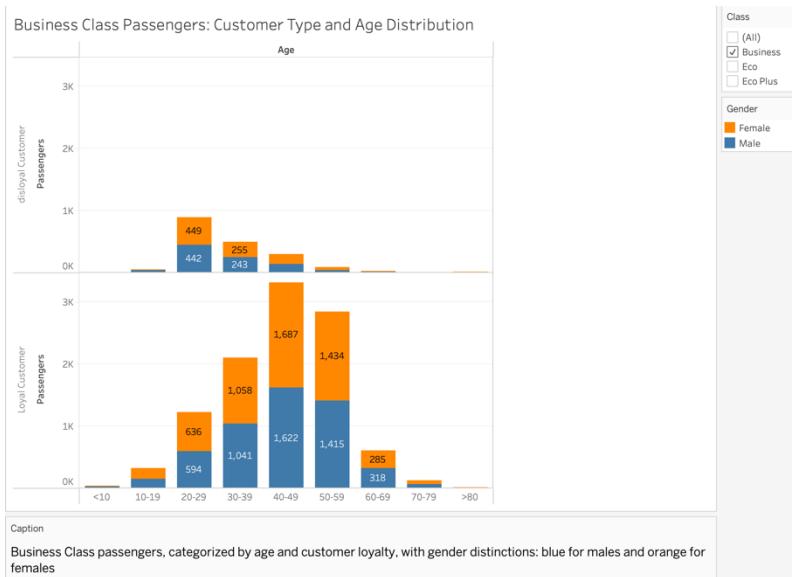
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So, we worked on defining the required dimensions and measures. Through careful data organization and manipulation, we successfully overcame this limitation and generated a pie chart to represent the satisfaction levels of business class passengers.

However, it did not end with the creation of the pie chart. We sought to enhance its effectiveness by incorporating both the percentage signs and numerical values. Our intention was to provide viewers with a clear understanding of the proportion of satisfied and dissatisfied business class passengers. Leveraging Tableau's formatting options, we skillfully added these elements to the pie chart, effectively communicating the percentages and elucidating the satisfaction levels.

In conclusion, we got a detailed pie chart clearly displaying the number as well as the percentage of satisfied and dissatisfied Business class passengers.

**Graph 4: Business Class Passengers: Customer Type and Age Distribution**



The graph illustrates the distribution of business class of 'Loyal' and 'Disloyal' customers across various age groups, segmented by gender (orange for females, blue for males).

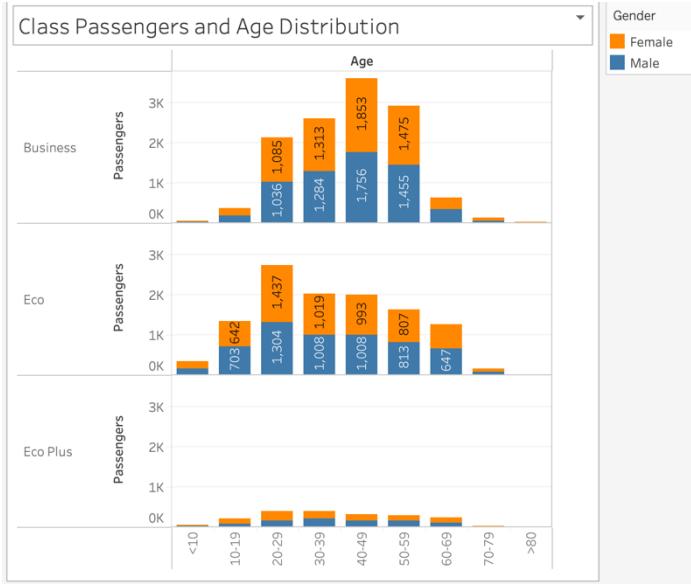
The age groups 30-39, 40-49, and 50-59 are the most populated, suggesting these middle-aged passengers are prime targets for targeted marketing and service enhancements due to their significant numbers.

Gender analysis reveals a balanced representation overall, but some

age groups, like 40-49, display a slightly higher loyalty among males. This suggests potential gender-based preferences or satisfaction levels that could be explored further. The graph also highlights a higher proportion of disloyal customers in the youngest (<10 and 10-19). Strategies could include developing age-specific services or loyalty programs tailored to these groups.

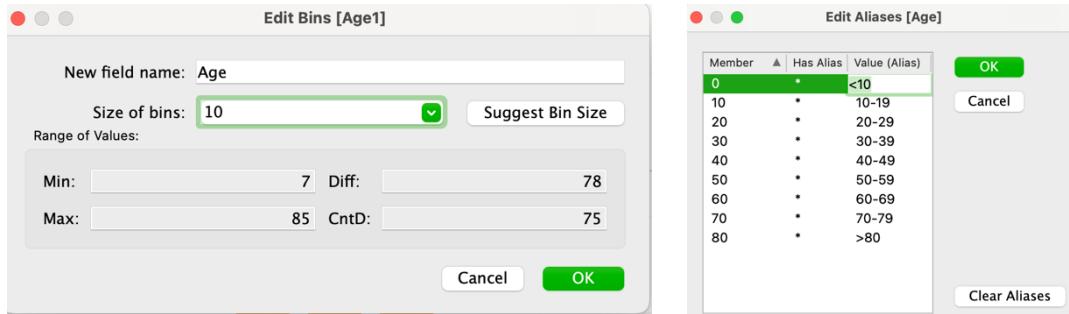
In conclusion, while middle-aged passengers show strong loyalty, opportunities exist to enhance service for younger to further boost overall passenger satisfaction and loyalty.

### Construction Process:



In our analysis of the airline's customer satisfaction dataset, we initially focused on the age distribution across different passenger classes—Eco, Eco Plus, and Business. Recognizing that Business class passengers, who often travel longer distances, could significantly influence the airline's revenue, we decided to narrow our focus. We opted to filter specifically for Business class to delve deeper into this demographic. Additionally, we introduced a passenger loyalty dimension to our analysis. This allowed us to explore the relationship between age and loyalty within the Business class segment, aiming to identify strategic targets based on these attributes.

To create the previous graph, we segmented the age data into ten bins derived from the 'Age' column, as illustrated in figure (). Additionally, to enhance the graph's readability, we modified the aliases for each age group as shown in the figure with title “Edit Aliases.”



### Graph 5: Business Passenger Satisfaction Analysis

After identifying the majority of age brackets of business-class passengers, we would like to see how well the airline provided services to this passenger group. We want to identify services that underperformed so that the airline can take action to improve the services, thus attracting more premium passengers. To get a general idea of how business-class passengers think positively or negatively about each airline service, we adopted a Likert scale, which shows the number of negative and positive responses. In other words, the further right that a bar leans, the more positive the passengers' responses are. The Likert scale is usually defined as the amount to which someone agrees or disagrees with something. It allows us to measure attitudes and opinions with a greater degree of nuance than just a yes or no question.

In our dataset, the survey questions are in the format that goes from left to right column (**Figure 1**); however, this format is not conducive to creating a Likert scale. After researching how to tackle this issue, we found a solution that required pivoting the table. We needed to pivot each question column into one column and each response value into the next adjacent column (**Figure 2**).

#	#	#
Clean_PassengerSatisfaction.csv	Clean_PassengerSatisfaction.csv	Clean_PassengerSatisfaction.csv
Inflight wifi service	Departure/Arrival time ...	Ease of Online booking
5	4	3
1	1	3
2	0	2
0	0	0
2	3	4
3	3	3
5	5	5

**Figure 1:** An example of the format of survey questions and their values before pivoting

#	#
Abc	Pivot
Questions	Pivot Field Values
Baggage handling	5
Checkin service	2
Cleanliness	5
Departure/Arrival time conve...	4
Ease of Online booking	3

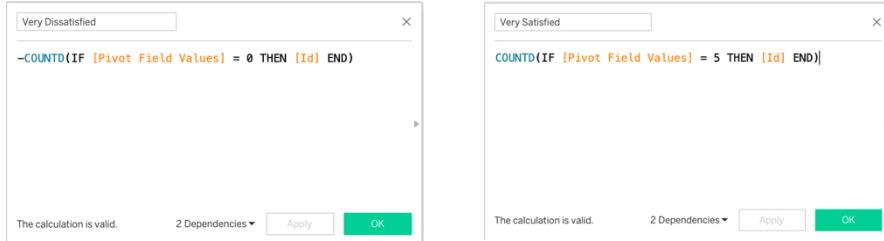
**Figure 2:** The format of survey questions and their values after pivoting

To start creating the visualization, we first tried to put the "questions" variable on the row shelf and their response values column on the column shelf. As a result, we got the total response value. However, we did not want to add these values up. We actually wanted our response values of questions to be a dimension, so we converted "Pivot Field Values" from a measure to a dimension. Then, we got a zero-to-five scale in the column. Then, we dragged the "ID" variable into the text shelf and set the "ID" to a count distinct. This showed us how many responses there are in each of these categories (**Figure 3**).

Questions	Pivot Field Values					
	0	1	2	3	4	5
Baggage handling	1,785	2,833	5,204	9,357	6,714	
Checkin service	3,206	3,202	6,987	7,254	5,244	
Cleanliness	2	3,404	3,968	6,046	6,771	5,702
Departure/Arrival time co..	1,374	3,899	4,336	4,399	6,312	5,573
Ease of Online booking	1,193	4,342	6,021	5,927	4,854	3,556
Food and drink	25	3,210	5,375	5,474	6,183	5,626
Gate location		4,415	4,823	7,122	6,023	3,510
Inflight entertainment	4	3,193	4,318	4,725	7,347	6,306
Inflight service	2	1,775	2,838	5,005	9,352	6,921
Inflight wifi service	812	4,469	6,481	6,298	4,965	2,868
Leg room service	126	2,536	5,000	4,940	7,075	6,216
On-board service	2	2,906	3,658	5,690	7,814	5,823
Online boarding	651	2,558	4,417	5,296	7,682	5,289
Seat comfort		3,028	3,616	4,617	7,969	6,663

**Figure 3:** The survey questions table with the number of responses to each question and the Likert score

In the next step, we must create a divergence bar chart to draw a Likert scale. We also need to create six new separate calculations. Each calculation will represent a scale from zero to five. We used a count distinct of passengers' "ID" with an IF condition to give us the number of responses of each Likert score (**Figure 4**). For the Likert score "3", we divided it into two since it represented the middle of the bar. Then, we dragged these six calculations into the table to get a stacked bar. We created another calculation field to calculate a net promoter score (**Figure 5**), then changed the color of each score and rearranged the sequence (very dissatisfied or "0" to the left and very satisfied or "5" to the right). As a result, we had the Likert scale, as shown in **Figure 6**.



**Figure 4:** Examples of creating a calculation field for each Likert score

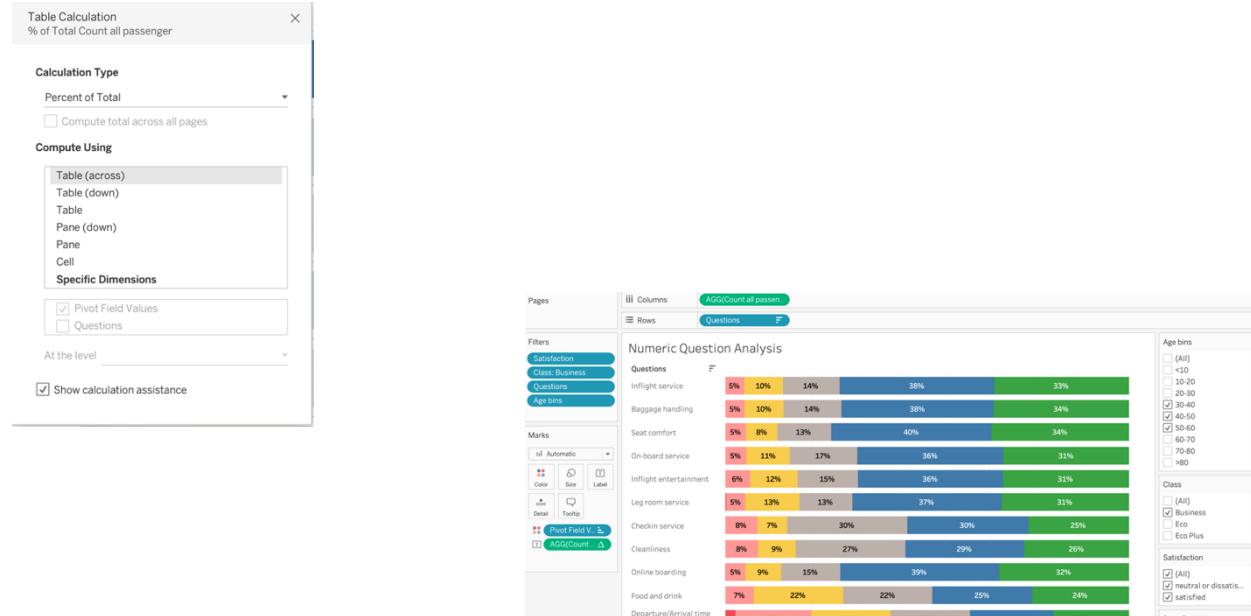


**Figure 5:** The calculation field of Net Promoter Score



**Figure 6:** A Likert scale graph

However, this graph did not give us rich information. We decided to create another stacked bar graph showing the percentage of each like score. First, we made a calculation field named "Count all passengers," which used a count distinct function to give us the total number of passengers. Then, we dropped this calculation field in the column shelf and saw 25,893 responses in each question. We



dragged "Pivot Field Values" to color and changed it to a dimension, giving us distinct colors for each like score. To create a percentage of each like score, we made a copy of "Count all passengers" by using a control dragging "Count all passengers" from the column shelf to Label. After that, we used the "add calculation table" to calculate the percentage by rows (**Figure 7**). We also formatted the percentage that showed on the bar since the bar looked visually busy. In the format, we selected a percentage format and then reduced the number of decimals to zero. Now, we had a bar chart that showed us the percentage of each like score in each question (**Figure 8**).

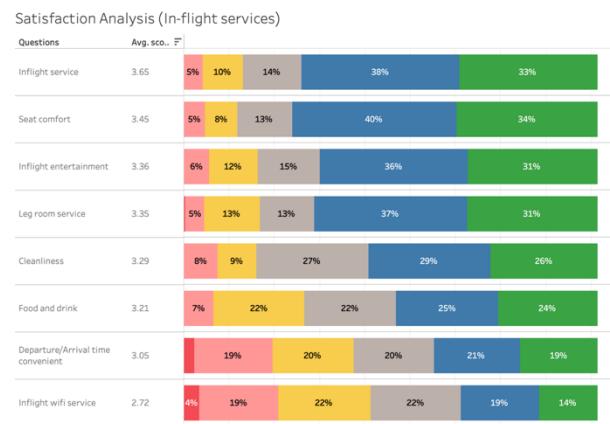
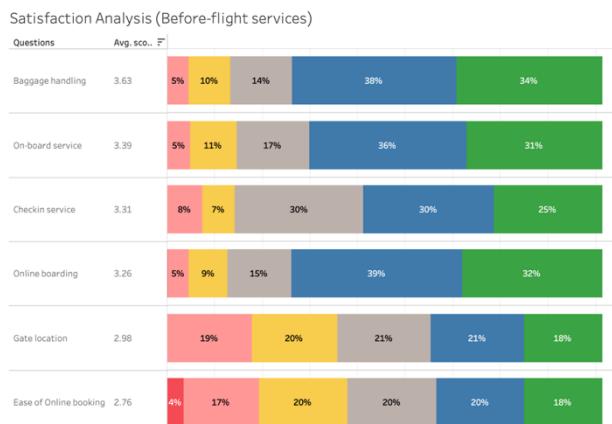
We then divided the services into before-flight and in-flight services, added an average score for each service, and put it next to the question to get a general idea of sentiment and quickly identify services that needed immediate improvement. To set this up, we needed another calculation field that used a "FIXED" function and an average ("AVG") function (**Figure 9**). Then, we added a filter by questions to create a separate graph for before-flight and in-flight services (**5<sup>th</sup> Visualization**). We visually identified that the ease of online booking and in-flight Wi-Fi had the lowest satisfaction scores, with approximately 40 percent of dissatisfied business-class passengers. Therefore, the airlines must improve the quality of the ease of online booking and in-flight Wi-Fi services had it wants to increase the number of premium passengers.

**Figure 7:** The setting in calculation table



**Figure 8:** A stacked bar with the percentage of each Likert score by question

**Figure 9:** a calculation field for an average satisfaction score by question



**5<sup>th</sup> Visualization:** Percentage breakdown of business passenger Likert scores by Question

## Recommendation Summarize the areas for further analysis?

From the different charts within the dashboards, it is evident that ‘Business’ class of travel dominates with its high passenger count, satisfaction rating and number of loyalty members. Some of the areas uncovered for exploratory analysis are as follows which we are addressed point by point in Appendix 2: Areas for further analysis:

- 1) Class preference analysis
- 2) Operational Optimization
- 3) Customer satisfaction enhancement
- 4) Revenue segmentation
- 5) Targeted marketing

## Conclusion

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Why are premium passengers important? What are areas that need to improve? What action could be taken to improve the experience of this passenger segment?

Premium passengers play a crucial role in the airline industry for several reasons. Firstly, they contribute significantly to revenue generation, as they often purchase higher-priced tickets and avail themselves of premium services. Secondly, premium passengers tend to be more loyal and have a higher lifetime value, making them an essential customer segment for airlines to retain. Lastly, premium passengers can influence the perception and reputation of an airline, as their experiences and satisfaction levels have the potential to attract new customers.

The analysis of the Airline Passenger Satisfaction dataset revealed areas that need improvement to enhance the experience of passengers. While the Business class dominated in terms of passenger count, there is an opportunity to identify specific aspects within the Business class experience that require attention. By understanding the factors that influence customer satisfaction and loyalty among premium passengers, airlines can focus their efforts on addressing these areas such as ease of online booking and in-flight Wi-Fi services that have the lowest average score in customer satisfaction.

In conclusion, premium passengers are vital for airlines due to their significant contribution to revenue, loyalty, and brand reputation. To improve the experience of this passenger segment, airlines should focus on enhancing premium services, prioritizing customer service, leveraging technology, and actively seeking feedback. By consistently delivering exceptional experiences, airlines can foster long-term loyalty and attract new premium passengers, ensuring sustainable growth in a competitive industry.

## Appendix

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### Appendix 1: Data Cleaning in python

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The screenshot shows a Jupyter Notebook interface with the title "jupyter Cleaning Dataset". The notebook has two cells:

**In [1]:**

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import pandas as pd
import numpy as np
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
import seaborn as sns

clean_csvfile = pd.read_csv('test.csv')

clean_csvfile
```

**Out[1]:**

	Unnamed: 0	id	Gender	Customer Type	Age	Type of Travel	Class	Flight Distance	Inflight wifi service	Departure/Arrival time convenient	... entertainment	Inflight entertainment	On-board service	Leg room service	Baggage handling	Cheerful
0	0	19556	Female	Loyal Customer	52	Business travel	Eco	160	5	4 ...	5	5	5	5	5	5
1	1	90035	Female	Loyal Customer	36	Business travel	Business	2863	1	1 ...	4	4	4	4	4	4
2	2	12360	Male	disloyal Customer	20	Business travel	Eco	192	2	0 ...	2	4	1	3	3	3
3	3	77959	Male	Loyal Customer	44	Business travel	Business	3377	0	0 ...	1	1	1	1	1	1
4	4	36875	Female	Loyal Customer	49	Business travel	Eco	1182	2	3 ...	2	2	2	2	2	2
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
25971	25971	78463	Male	disloyal Customer	34	Business travel	Business	526	3	3 ...	4	3	2	4	4	4

**In [2]:**

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print(clean_csvfile.shape)
```

(25976, 25)

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```
In [3]: clean_csvfile.info()
<class 'pandas.core.frame.DataFrame'>
RangeIndex: 25976 entries, 0 to 25975
Data columns (total 25 columns):
 #   Column           Non-Null Count  Dtype  
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 0   Unnamed: 0        25976 non-null   int64  
 1   id               25976 non-null   int64  
 2   gender            25976 non-null   object 
 3   Customer Type    25976 non-null   object 
 4   Age               25976 non-null   int64  
 5   Type of Travel   25976 non-null   object 
 6   Class              25976 non-null   object 
 7   Flight Distance   25976 non-null   int64  
 8   Inflight wifi service  25976 non-null   int64  
 9   Departure/Arrival time convenient  25976 non-null   int64  
 10  Ease of Online booking  25976 non-null   int64  
 11  Gate location      25976 non-null   int64  
 12  Food and drink     25976 non-null   int64  
 13  Online boarding    25976 non-null   int64 

In [4]: # check NaN values
check_nan_in_data = clean_csvfile.isnull().values.any()
print(check_nan_in_data)

True

In [5]: # Count NaN values
count_nan_values_in_data = clean_csvfile.isnull().sum().sum()
print(count_nan_values_in_data)

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In [6]: # Count NaN values by column
clean_csvfile.isnull().sum()

Flight Distance          0
Inflight wifi service   0
Departure/Arrival time convenient  0
Ease of Online booking  0
Gate location            0
Food and drink           0
Online boarding          0
Seat comfort              0
Inflight entertainment   0
On-board service         0
Leg room service          0
Baggage handling          0
Check-in service          0
Inflight service          0
Cleanliness                0
Departure Delay in Minutes  0
Arrival Delay in Minutes  83
satisfaction              0
dtype: int64

In [7]: # Eliminate rows of missed values
clean_csvfile.dropna(inplace=True)

In [9]: clean_csvfile.shape
#83 rows are deleted

Out[9]: (25893  25)
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Out[9]: (25893, 25)

In [10]: # Check if there is any repeated row

```
print(f'Size of the set before eliminate the repeated rows: {clean_csvfile.shape}')
clean_csvfile.drop_duplicates(inplace=True)
print(f'Size of the set after eliminate the repeated rows: {clean_csvfile.shape}')

# No repeated row

Size of the set before eliminate the repeated rows: (25893, 25)
Size of the set after eliminate the repeated rows: (25893, 25)
```

In [11]: # check numerical columns if there is any outstanding value

```
clean_csvfile.describe()

# all min and max values in each numerical column look reasonable
```

Out[11]:

	Unnamed: 0	id	Age	Flight Distance	Inflight wifi service	Departure/Arrival time convenient	Ease of Online booking	Gate location	Food and drink	Online boarding	S
count	25893.000000	25893.000000	25893.000000	25893.000000	25893.000000	25893.000000	25893.000000	25893.000000	25893.000000	25893.000000	25893.000000
mean	12987.838566	65021.974858	39.621983	1193.753254	2.723709	3.046422	2.755996	2.976442	3.214923	3.261615	
std	7499.175165	37606.098635	15.134224	998.626779	1.334711	1.532971	1.412552	1.281661	1.331895	1.355505	
min	0.000000	17.000000	7.000000	31.000000	0.000000	0.000000	0.000000	1.000000	0.000000	0.000000	0.000000
25%	6496.000000	32209.000000	27.000000	414.000000	2.000000	2.000000	2.000000	2.000000	2.000000	2.000000	2.000000
50%	12984.000000	65344.000000	40.000000	849.000000	3.000000	3.000000	3.000000	3.000000	3.000000	3.000000	4.000000
75%	19482.000000	97623.000000	51.000000	1744.000000	4.000000	4.000000	4.000000	4.000000	4.000000	4.000000	4.000000
max	25975.000000	129877.000000	85.000000	4983.000000	5.000000	5.000000	5.000000	5.000000	5.000000	5.000000	5.000000

Size of the set after eliminate the repeated rows: (25893, 25)

I: # check numerical columns if there is any outstanding value

```
clean_csvfile.describe()

# all min and max values in each numerical column look reasonable
```

I: # save clean data to "Clean\_PassengerSatisfaction"

```
clean_csvfile.to_csv('Clean_PassengerSatisfaction.csv')
```

## Appendix 2: Areas for Further Analysis

It is an unwritten law; people tend to spend more during travel. If the distances are longer, the spending goes up proportionally. Expectations for amenities and in-flight services are maximized. We tried to find this relation in this dataset. We discovered an interrelation between the flight classes, satisfaction, loyalty, and distances. The three most important insights developed may help optimize resource allocation, flight operations and revenue generation.

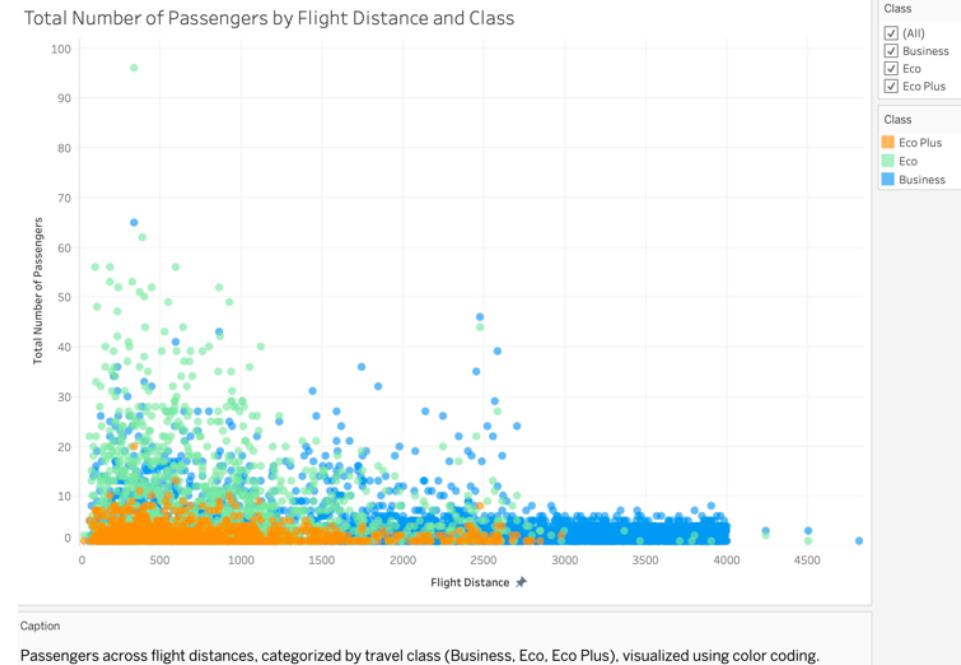
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  - 2) Operational Optimization
  - 3) Customer satisfaction enhancement
  - 4) Revenue segmentation

## 5) Targeted marketing

### Class preference analysis

The figure below paints a better picture of the flight distances, class of travel and passenger count. Shorter flights being dominated by Economy class while longer flights see a higher proportion of Business class travelers. This can be used to optimize seating arrangements like position of seat, & type of seat offered whereas in the case of service offerings, special exotic meal options or preferences, which can be ordered before the flight. If the customer is a frequent flyer, the airline could keep track of the meal preferences of the passenger. Pricing strategies can be based on the various offerings mentioned in relation to the competition.



### Operational Optimization

Flight distances have an influence on operations and demand optimum resource allocation. Factors such as type of aircraft, passenger load, route planning, fuel consumption & crew scheduling come into play. Some aircraft are purpose built for short haul and ultra long-haul range. Metro cities and holiday destinations have peak passenger demands during weekdays, weekends, or festivities. Routes need to be chartered accordingly if the flights are connecting or direct. Fuel consumption based on passenger load and distance affects revenues. All these factors demand higher operational efficiency.

### Customer satisfaction enhancement

Overall customer satisfaction is summation of multiple factors like seat comfort, inflight amenities, and quality of service. Business class passengers are inclined to have higher expectations in this area. Passenger feedback must be given the utmost importance to find the areas for improvement. This can also be used as an indicator to channelize investments based on findings.

### **Targeted marketing**

The figure could also be used to facilitate analysis on travel behavior of the passengers. In the case of business travelers' preference of premium classes for long-haul flights while leisure travelers may opt for economy class on shorter routes. This can be used to tailor marketing campaigns for destinations, class of travel and service expectations, loyalty programs for points accumulation leading to free sector travels and service offerings appropriate to the class.

### **Revenue Segmentation**

Through the chart above (Figure), further analysis can be done to analyze revenue patterns and identify high-yield routes to maximize profits.