Talk #1

Investigating the net benefits of contactless technologies in quick-service restaurants: the moderating roles of social interaction anxiety and language proficiency

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Abstract: This study applies the information system success model (ISSM) to examine the relationships among actual use, use continuance intention, user satisfaction and net benefits in the context of quick-service restaurant (QSR) patrons using two contactless technologies (CT): self-service kiosks (SSK) and mobile applications (MA) for food ordering. The study also investigates the moderating roles of social interaction anxiety (SIA) and language proficiency (LP) in the abovementioned relationships. Survey data from 421 QSR patrons with experience using McDonald’s SSK and MA were collected and analyzed through a seemingly unrelated regressions (SUR) technique. Research findings reveal positive associations among actual use, use continuance intention and satisfaction with CT. The actual use and satisfaction with CT are positively associated with individual benefits, leading to improved patron satisfaction with QSR. Findings also reveal that, in the case of MA, SIA positively moderates relationships between actual use/satisfaction and individual benefits and between satisfaction and organizational benefit, while LP shows negative moderating effects on those relationships.

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Talk #2

Quick Decision Making with Predictive Global Sensitivity Analysis

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Abstract: For decades, operations researchers have developed marvellously intricate optimization models to address all sorts of industry applications. However, these programs may encompass thousands of variables and constraints. Furthermore, even after the program is written, it may be (1) onerous to populate, (2) time-consuming to solve, and/or (3) limited in its real-time sensitivity analysis capabilities. In particular, use of such models presents challenges for answering questions from customers and other managers in real time. Predictive Global Sensitivity Analysis analyzes large-scale math programs to avoid numerous details and extract the most important factors that drive results. The goal is to identify a few key summary variables that can populate spreadsheet-ready equations to provide real-time estimates of model results and perform immediate sensitivity analysis. The method is designed to represent a bridge between the underlying mathematical model and the technical capabilities of the practicing management team. In this talk, I will outline the procedure and provide a few example applications, including global network design, managing product line complexity, and developing a supply chain stress test.

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