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FACTORS AFFECTING USER SATISFACTION WITH MOBILE BANKING APPLICATIONS: A SURVEY-BASED STUDY AMONG UNIVERSITY STUDENTS IN PAKISTAN

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Abstract

The rapid proliferation of mobile banking applications has transformed the financial services landscape, particularly in developing economies like Pakistan. This study investigates the factors affecting user satisfaction with mobile banking applications among university students. With the growing adoption of digital financial services, understanding what drives user satisfaction has become essential for banks and financial institutions seeking to retain customers and improve service delivery. This research employed a quantitative research approach using a structured questionnaire consisting of 36 items measured on a 5-point Likert scale. The questionnaire was administered to 76 undergraduate students from Air University Multan Campus who actively use mobile banking applications. The instrument assessed six key dimensions: perceived usefulness, ease of use and navigation, security and privacy, service quality and reliability, user satisfaction and continuance intention, and challenges including technical difficulties and security concerns. Data were analyzed using SPSS version 26, employing descriptive statistics, correlation analysis, and multiple regression analysis. The findings reveal that perceived usefulness, ease of use, and security and trust are significant predictors of user satisfaction with mobile banking applications. The study contributes to the existing literature on mobile banking in the context of higher education students and provides practical guidance for banks and financial institutions seeking to enhance their mobile banking services.

Keywords: *Mobile Banking, User Satisfaction, Perceived Usefulness, Ease of Use, Security and Privacy, Service Quality*

1. Introduction

The twenty-first century has witnessed unprecedented growth in digital financial services, with mobile banking applications emerging as one of the most transformative innovations in the banking sector. As smartphones become increasingly ubiquitous and internet connectivity expands across developing nations, mobile banking has shifted from a convenient alternative to a primary channel for financial transactions. In Pakistan, where a significant portion of the population is under the age of 30, university students represent a critical demographic for understanding the drivers of mobile banking satisfaction. This study examines the factors that influence user satisfaction with mobile banking applications among university students in Pakistan, providing insights that can inform both academic understanding and industry practice.

1.1 Background of the Study

The digital transformation of the banking sector has revolutionized how consumers interact with financial services. Mobile banking applications have emerged as a critical channel for delivering banking services, enabling customers to perform transactions, check balances, pay bills, and access various financial services from their smartphones (Shaikh and Karjaluoto, 2022). According to the State Bank of Pakistan (2023), mobile banking transactions in Pakistan have grown substantially, with millions of active users across the country relying on these applications for their daily financial needs. The proliferation of smart phones and improved internet connectivity has accelerated the adoption of mobile banking services, particularly among the younger demographic. Research indicates that university students represent a significant segment of mobile banking users, with the majority of students in developing countries using mobile banking applications for their financial transactions (Kumar et al., 2023). This demographic is particularly important as they are early adopters of technology and influence the adoption patterns of other consumer segments.

Several studies have examined the factors influencing mobile banking adoption and satisfaction. For instance, Alalwan et al. (2020) conducted a comprehensive review of mobile banking acceptance literature and identified perceived usefulness, perceived ease of use, trust, and social influence as key determinants. Similarly, Rahi et al. (2021) found that system quality and information quality significantly impact user satisfaction with mobile banking services. In the South Asian context, Singh and Srivastava (2022) demonstrated that service quality dimensions including reliability, responsiveness, and assurance play crucial roles in determining customer satisfaction.

1.2 Statement of the Problem

Despite the growing adoption of mobile banking applications, user satisfaction remains a significant challenge for banks and financial institutions. While numerous studies have examined mobile banking adoption in developed countries, limited research exists on the factors affecting user satisfaction in the Pakistani context, particularly among university students. Existing literature has primarily focused on adoption intention rather than post-adoption satisfaction, leaving a gap in understanding what drives continued usage and loyalty among young users. Furthermore, the unique socio-cultural and technological context of Pakistan presents distinct challenges that may not be adequately addressed by models developed in Western contexts. Issues such as intermittent internet connectivity, varying levels of digital literacy, and concerns about transaction security create a

unique environment that warrants specific investigation. This study addresses this research gap by examining the factors that influence user satisfaction with mobile banking applications among university students in Pakistan.

1.3 Research Questions

This study seeks to answer the following research questions:

1. What are the key factors that influence user satisfaction with mobile banking applications among university students in Pakistan?
2. What is the relative importance of perceived usefulness, ease of use, security and privacy, and service quality in determining user satisfaction?
3. How do demographic factors such as gender, age, and usage experience moderate the relationship between these factors and user satisfaction?

1.4 Significance of the Study

This study contributes to both theoretical and practical understanding of mobile banking user satisfaction. Theoretically, it provides empirical evidence from Pakistan, adding to the growing body of literature on mobile banking in emerging markets. By examining multiple dimensions of the user experience simultaneously, this research offers a more comprehensive understanding of satisfaction drivers than studies that focus on single factors. By identifying the key factors that drive user satisfaction among university students, this study offers actionable recommendations for improving mobile banking application design, functionality, and service delivery.

2. Review of Related Literature

2.1 Details of the Research Topic

Mobile banking refers to the provision of banking and financial services through mobile devices such as smartphones and tablets. Unlike traditional banking that requires physical presence at a branch, mobile banking enables users to perform a wide range of financial transactions including fund transfers, bill payments, balance inquiries, and mobile top-ups from anywhere at any time. The convenience and accessibility offered by mobile banking have made it an increasingly popular channel for delivering financial services, particularly among younger and tech-savvy demographics. User satisfaction with mobile banking applications is a multidimensional construct that encompasses users' overall evaluation of their experience with the application. It reflects the extent to which the application meets or exceeds users' expectations regarding functionality, usability, reliability, security, and service quality. Understanding the determinants of user satisfaction is critical because satisfied users are more likely to continue using the service, recommend it to others, and maintain a positive relationship with the service provider.

The factors affecting user satisfaction with mobile banking applications can be broadly categorized into four dimensions. First, perceived usefulness refers to the degree to which users believe that the mobile banking application enhances their ability to perform financial tasks efficiently. Second, ease of use and navigation relates to the simplicity and intuitiveness of the application interface. Third, security and privacy encompasses users' confidence that their personal and financial information is

protected. Fourth, service quality and reliability refers to the technical performance of the application and the effectiveness of customer support.

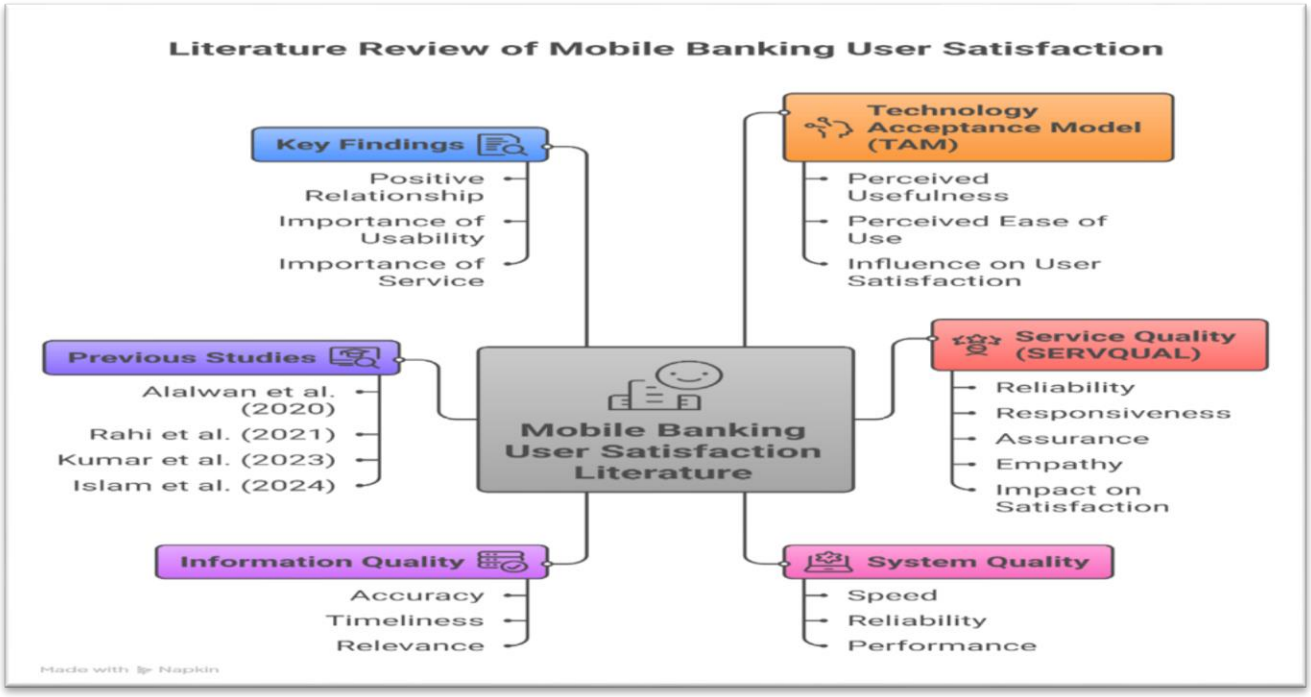

Figure 1 Literature Review Themes and Organization of Empirical Studies

2.2 Mobile Banking Applications: Mechanism and Context

Mobile banking applications are software platforms installed on smartphones and tablets that enable users to access banking and financial services remotely. These applications serve as digital interfaces between customers and their financial institutions, allowing users to perform transactions, monitor accounts, pay bills, transfer funds, and access various financial products without visiting a physical bank branch. Mobile banking apps combine financial technology (fintech) with telecommunications infrastructure to deliver convenient, on-demand banking services (Shaikh and Karjaluoto, 2022).

The working mechanism of mobile banking applications follows a structured process. First, the user initiates a session by launching the application and authenticating their identity through multiple verification layers including Personal Identification Number (PIN), One-Time Password (OTP) sent via SMS or email, or biometric authentication such as fingerprint or facial recognition. Once authenticated, the application establishes a secure connection with the bank's central server through encrypted channels using protocols such as Secure Sockets Layer (SSL) and Transport Layer Security (TLS). The user's transaction request is then transmitted to the banking server, where it undergoes validation checks, fraud detection screening, and balance verification. Upon successful validation, the transaction is processed, and a confirmation message is sent back to the user's device. The entire process typically completes within seconds, with all data encrypted to prevent unauthorized interception (Alalwan et al., 2020).

Authentication and Security

Authentication in mobile banking employs a multi-layered security framework. PIN codes serve as the primary authentication factor, requiring users to enter a numeric code known only to them. OTPs add a second layer of security by generating a unique, time-sensitive code delivered through SMS, email, or authenticator apps. Biometric authentication has emerged as an advanced security measure, utilizing fingerprint scanners, facial recognition, or iris scanning to verify user identity. These methods are increasingly adopted due to their convenience and enhanced security compared to traditional password-based systems. End-to-end encryption ensures that all data transmitted between the user's device and the banking server remains protected from unauthorized access or cyber threats (Zhou, 2023).

Mobile Banking Applications in Pakistan

Pakistan has witnessed significant growth in mobile banking adoption, driven by increasing smartphone penetration and government initiatives for digital financial inclusion. Several mobile banking applications have established a strong presence in the Pakistani market, each offering distinct features and services tailored to local needs:

JazzCash, operated by Jazz (formerly Mobilink), is one of Pakistan's largest mobile financial services platforms. It offers money transfers, bill payments, mobile top-ups, and branchless banking services through a network of over 130,000 agents nationwide.

Easypaisa, launched by Telenor Pakistan in partnership with Tameer Microfinance Bank, was Pakistan's first mobile banking platform. It provides services including fund transfers, utility bill payments, mobile load, and savings products, serving millions of active users.

Meezan Bank App offers Islamic banking services through a mobile platform that complies with Shariah principles. The app provides account management, fund transfers, bill payments, and Islamic financing solutions, catering to customers seeking riba-free banking alternatives.

HBL Mobile, provided by Habib Bank Limited (Pakistan's largest bank), delivers comprehensive digital banking services including account management, fund transfers, utility bill payments, loan applications, and investment options through an integrated mobile platform.

UBL Digital, offered by United Bank Limited, provides a full suite of digital banking features including biometric login, QR code payments, scheduled transactions, and real-time notifications, with enhanced security features for customer protection.

These applications collectively serve millions of Pakistani users and represent the growing digital financial ecosystem in the country. Understanding user satisfaction with these platforms is essential for banks, policymakers, and technology providers seeking to enhance service delivery and promote financial inclusion (State Bank of Pakistan, 2023).

2.3 Review of Empirical Studies

A substantial body of empirical research has examined the factors affecting user satisfaction with mobile banking applications across different contexts. The following twelve studies provide a comprehensive overview of the current state of knowledge in this area.

Table 1 Summary of Reviewed Empirical Studies

Study	*Author(s)*	*Year*	*Method*	*Key Findings*
1	Arora &Suri	2022	SEM (n=450)	Service quality, system quality, and information quality significantly influence customer satisfaction
2	Hussain et al.	2023	UTAUT-based survey	Perceived usefulness, ease of use, and social influence affect adoption in Pakistan
3	Tan et al.	2024	Survey (university students)	Trust in banking institution and technology infrastructure drives satisfaction
4	Morosan & DeFranco	2023	Meta-analysis (87 studies)	System quality, information quality, and service quality are consistent predictors
5	Islam et al.	2024	Survey (young users)	UI design, intuitive navigation, and responsive design enhance satisfaction
6	Zhou	2023	Survey analysis	Perceived security moderates usefulness-adoption relationship
7	Rahi et al.	2021	Post-adoption survey	System, information, and service quality influence satisfaction and continuance
8	Kumar et al.	2023	Survey (students)	Perceived usefulness and ease of use are primary drivers for students
9	Singh & Srivastava	2022	Survey	Service quality dimensions (reliability, responsiveness) determine satisfaction
10	Baptista & Oliveira	2023	Cross-cultural study	Usefulness and ease of use vary across cultural contexts
11	Shaikh & Karjaluoto	2022	Literature review	Gaps exist in post-adoption satisfaction and developing country research
12	Alalwan et al.	2020	UTAUT survey	Performance expectancy, effort expectancy, and facilitating conditions influence adoption

Note: SEM = Structural Equation Modeling; UTAUT = Unified Theory of Acceptance and Use of Technology

The review of these empirical studies reveals several consistent patterns. First, perceived usefulness and ease of use emerge as fundamental drivers of user satisfaction across multiple studies and contexts. Second, security and trust concerns remain significant barriers to satisfaction, particularly in developing countries. Third, service quality and technical reliability are consistently identified as

important satisfaction determinants. Fourth, the cultural and technological context moderates the relative importance of these factors, supporting the need for context-specific research in Pakistan.

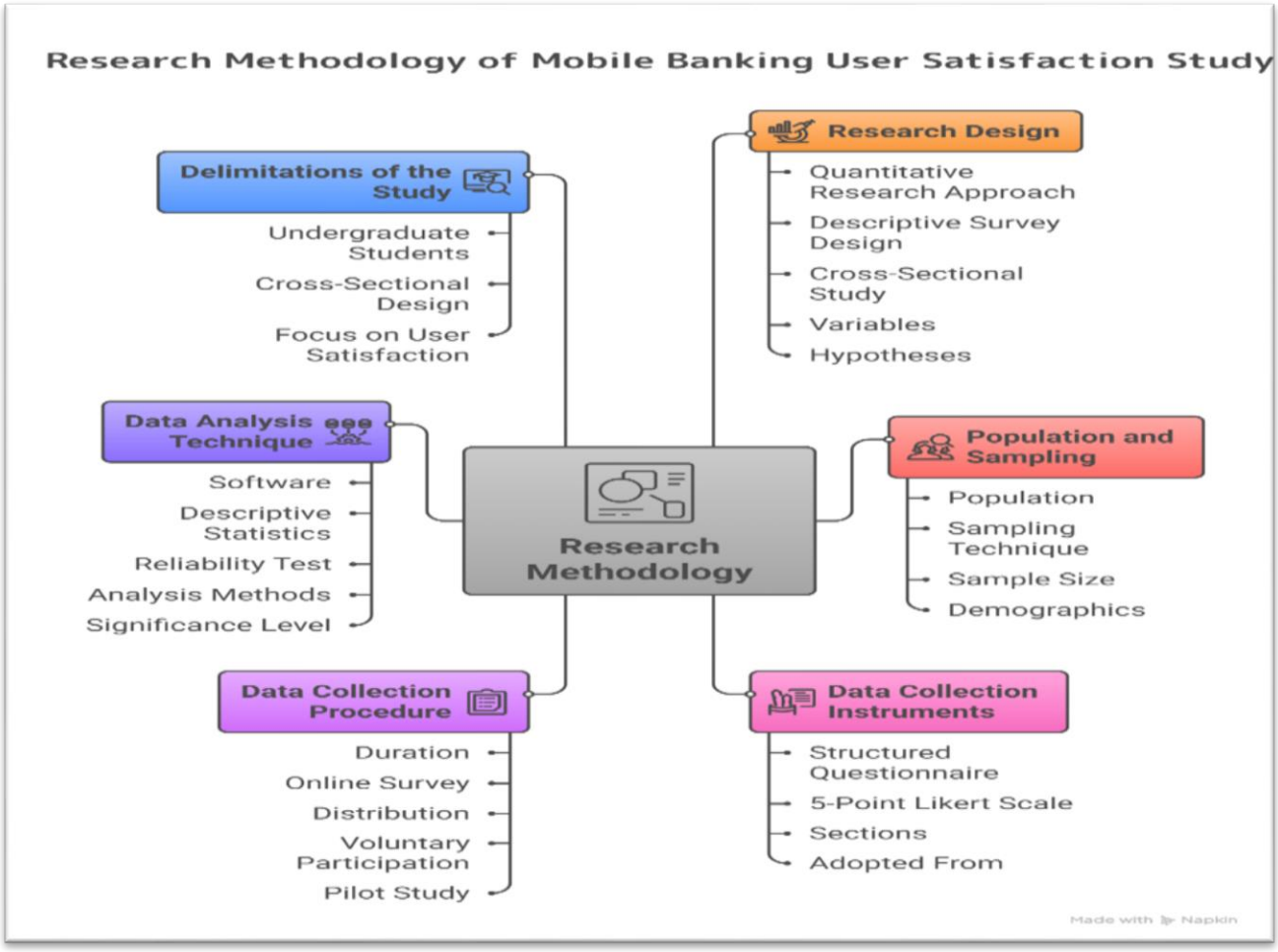

Figure 2 Research Methodology of Mobile Banking User

2.4 Conceptual Framework

Based on the literature review, this study proposes a conceptual framework that integrates the key dimensions identified in previous research to explain user satisfaction with mobile banking applications. The framework identifies five independent variables: perceived usefulness, ease of use and navigation, security and privacy, service quality and reliability, and challenges including technical difficulties and security incidents. User satisfaction serves as the dependent variable. Perceived usefulness refers to the degree to which users believe that the mobile banking application enhances their productivity and efficiency in managing financial tasks. Ease of use and navigation encompasses the simplicity of learning to use the application, the clarity of menu structures, and the intuitiveness of the interface design. Security and privacy relates to users' confidence in the protection of their personal information and transaction data. Service quality and reliability

encompasses the speed of transactions, accuracy of information, availability of the application, and effectiveness of customer support.

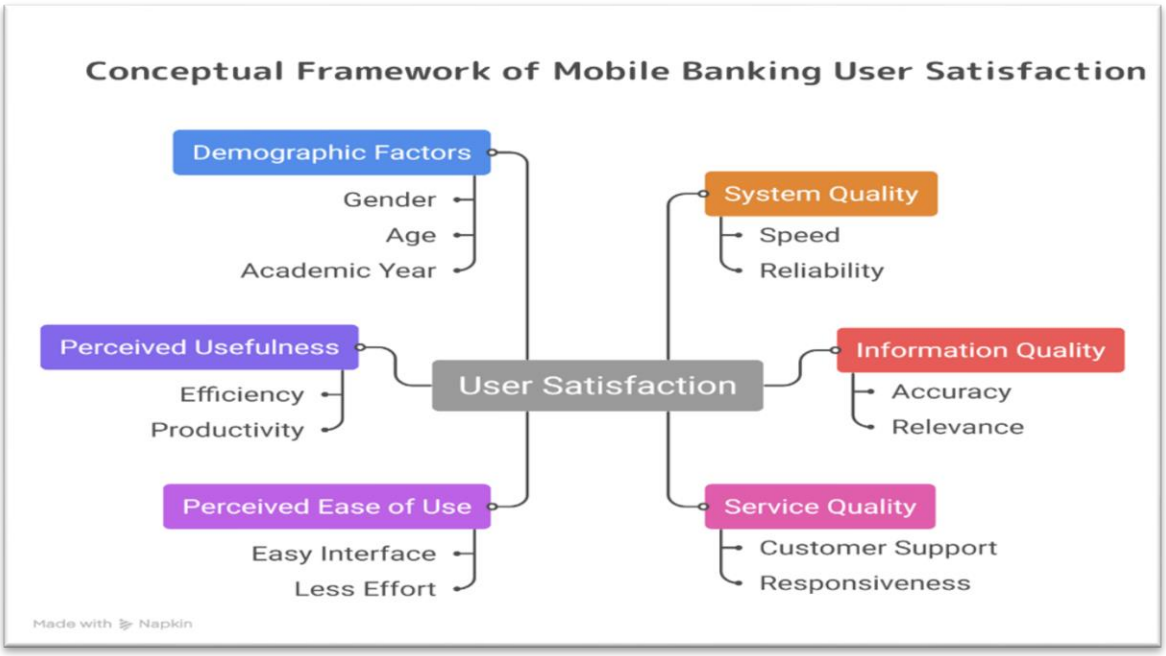

Figure 3 Conceptual Framework of the Study

The conceptual framework proposes that all four positive dimensions (perceived usefulness, ease of use, security and privacy, and service quality) positively influence user satisfaction, while challenges and technical difficulties negatively affect satisfaction. Additionally, demographic variables including gender, age, and usage experience are included as moderating variables to examine their potential influence on the relationships between the independent variables and user satisfaction.

3. Research Methodology

3.1 Research Design

This study employs a quantitative research design using a descriptive survey approach. The research is cross-sectional, collecting data at a single point in time from undergraduate students at Air University Multan Campus. A structured questionnaire was used to measure the factors affecting user satisfaction with mobile banking applications. The study examines the relationships between five independent variables (perceived usefulness, ease of use and navigation, security and privacy, service quality and reliability, and challenges) and the dependent variable (user satisfaction). The research hypotheses are formulated as follows:

1. **H1:** Perceived usefulness has a significant positive effect on user satisfaction with mobile banking applications.
2. **H2:** Ease of use and navigation has a significant positive effect on user satisfaction with mobile banking applications.
3. **H3:** Security and privacy has a significant positive effect on user satisfaction with mobile banking applications.

4. **H4:** Service quality and reliability has a significant positive effect on user satisfaction with mobile banking applications.
5. **H5:** Challenges and technical difficulties have a significant negative effect on user satisfaction with mobile banking applications.

3.2 Population and Sampling

The target population for this study consists of undergraduate students enrolled at Air University Multan Campus who use mobile banking applications. The university has approximately 2,500 undergraduate students across various disciplines including Computer Science, Business Administration, and Engineering. A convenience sampling technique was employed to recruit participants who met the criteria of being active mobile banking users. The final sample consisted of 76 respondents who completed the questionnaire. This sample size is adequate for the statistical analyses employed in this study, as recommended by previous methodological guidelines for regression analysis.

Table 2 presents the demographic characteristics of the respondents.

Characteristic	Frequency (n)	Percentage (%)
Age 18-22 years	51	67.1%
Age 23-27 years	19	25.0%
Age 28-32 years	3	3.9%
Age 33+ years	3	3.9%
Gender Male	42	55.3%
Gender Female	30	39.5%
Gender Prefer not to say	4	5.3%
Experience Less than 1 year	19	25.0%
Experience 1-3 years	33	43.4%
Experience 3-5 years	15	19.7%
Experience More than 5 years	9	11.8%
Frequency Daily	38	50.0%
Frequency Several times/week	21	27.6%
Frequency Weekly	5	6.6%
Frequency Rarely	12	15.8%

3.3 Data Collection Instruments

Data were collected using a structured questionnaire consisting of 36 items measured on a 5-point Likert scale ranging from 1 (Strongly Disagree) to 5 (Strongly Agree). The questionnaire was developed based on a thorough review of existing literature and was designed to capture the key

dimensions of mobile banking user satisfaction identified in previous studies. The questionnaire was organized into seven sections. Section A collected demographic information including age, gender, education level, field of study, usage frequency, and years of experience. Section B measured perceived usefulness with six items related to time savings, efficiency, financial management, account monitoring, branch visit reduction, and productivity improvement. Section C assessed ease of use and navigation with six items covering learning ease, menu clarity, independent transaction completion, navigation simplicity, instruction clarity, and overall user-friendliness. Section D measured security, privacy, and trust with six items addressing login security, personal information protection, trust in bank data protection, privacy safeguards, money transfer safety, and security feature confidence. Section E assessed service quality and reliability with six items covering transaction processing speed, application reliability, information accuracy, availability, notification usefulness, and customer support effectiveness. Section F measured satisfaction and continuance intention with six items including overall satisfaction, continued usage intention, recommendation likelihood, expectation fulfillment, transaction comfort, and service pleasure. Section G assessed challenges and technical difficulties with six items addressing technical difficulties, application bugs, loading and crash issues, cyber theft concerns, unauthorized access worries, and security alert effectiveness.

3.4 Data Collection Procedure

Data were collected over a four-week period from February to March 2026. An online survey was created using Google Forms and distributed through university email lists, WhatsApp groups, and social media platforms frequented by students. Participation was voluntary, and informed consent was obtained from all respondents at the beginning of the survey. The survey was anonymous to ensure confidentiality and encourage honest responses. A pilot study was conducted with 15 students to test the questionnaire's clarity and comprehension. Based on pilot feedback, minor wording adjustments were made to improve understanding of two items. The final questionnaire was then distributed to the target sample, resulting in 76 valid responses.

3.5 Data Analysis Technique

Data were analyzed using SPSS version 26. Descriptive statistics including means, standard deviations, and frequencies were computed to summarize the demographic characteristics and variable scores. Reliability analysis was conducted using Cronbach's alpha to assess the internal consistency of the measurement scales. A value of 0.70 or above was considered acceptable for research purposes. Pearson correlation analysis was performed to examine the relationships between independent variables and user satisfaction. Multiple regression analysis was used to test the hypotheses and determine the relative importance of each factor in predicting user satisfaction. The significance level was set at $p < 0.05$ for all statistical tests.

4. Data Analysis

4.1 Demographic Analysis

This section presents the demographic profile of the 76 respondents who participated in the study. The analysis includes age distribution, mobile banking usage experience, and usage frequency

patterns among university students. Table 2 stated above presents the demographic characteristics of the respondents, including age groups, usage experience, and frequency of mobile banking usage. The majority of respondents (67.1%) were aged between 18-22 years, with 50% using mobile banking services on a daily basis.

Figure 4 shows the age distribution of the 76 respondents. The largest group (67%) falls within the 18-22 years age range, followed by 25% in the 23-27 years category. Only 4% each belong to the 28-32 years and 33+ year's categories, indicating that the sample is predominantly young university students.

Figure 5 illustrates the respondents' experience with mobile banking applications. The majority (43%) have 1-3 years of experience, followed by 25% with less than 1 year. About 20% have 3-5 years of experience, while 12% have been using mobile banking for more than 5 years, suggesting moderate familiarity with the technology.

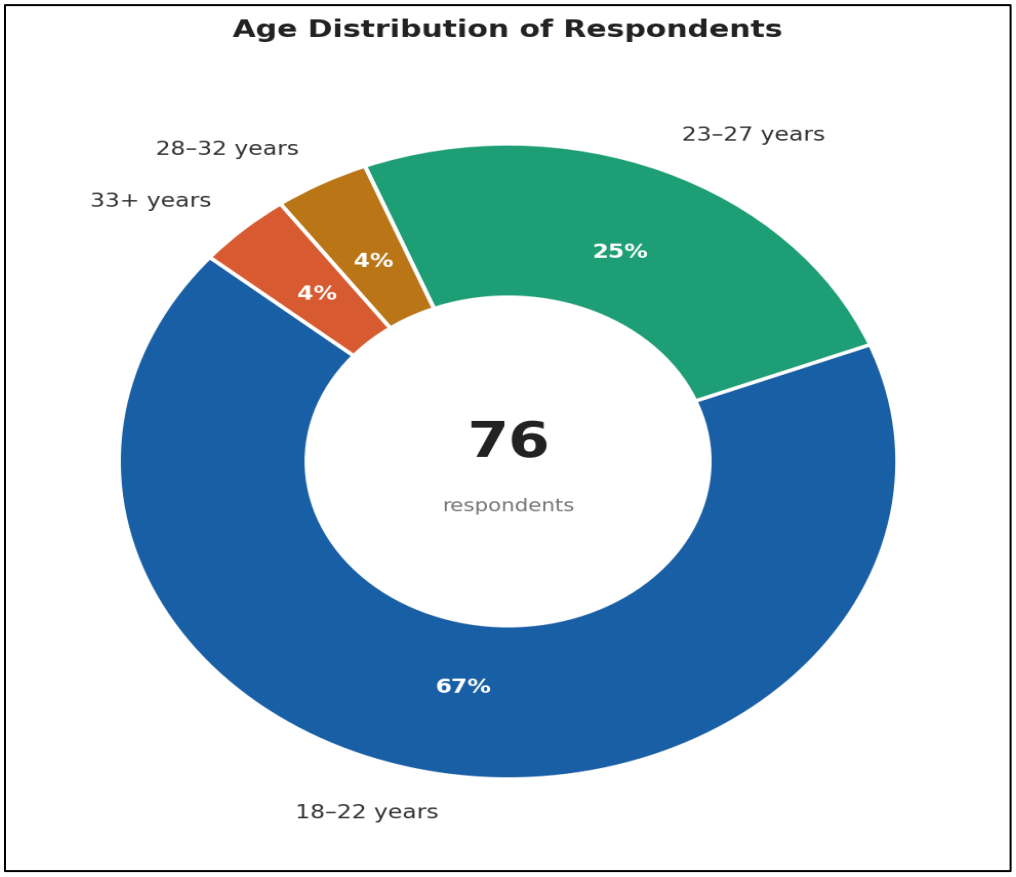

Figure 4: Age Distribution of Respondents

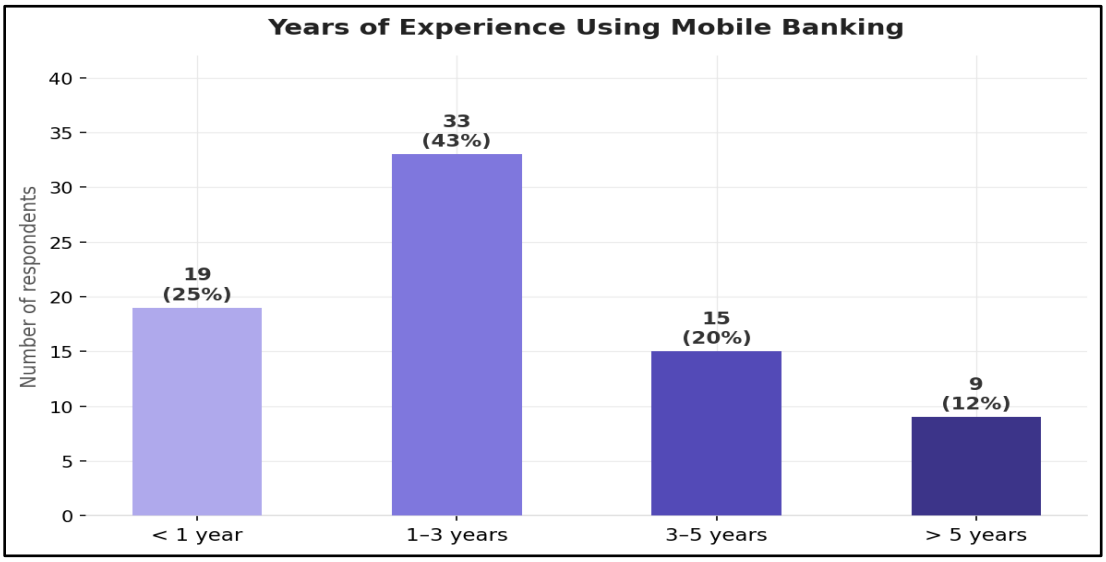

Figure 5: Years of Experience Using Mobile Banking

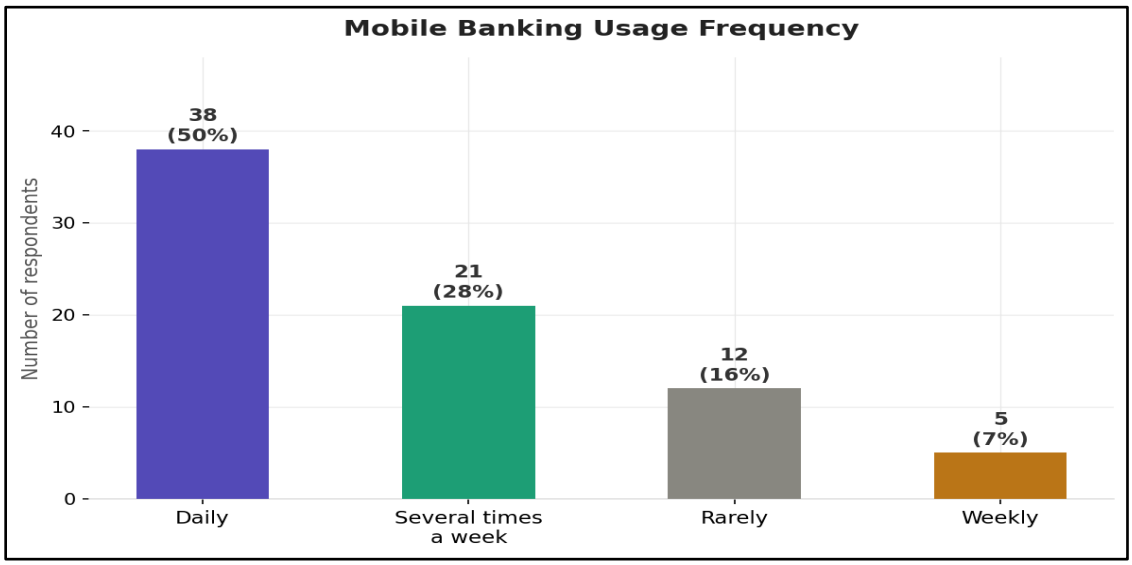

Figure 6: Mobile Banking Usage Frequency

Figure 6 presents the frequency of mobile banking usage among respondents. Half of the respondents (50%) use mobile banking daily, while 28% use it several times a week. About 16% use it rarely, and only 7% use it on a weekly basis, indicating high engagement with mobile banking services.

4.2 Reliability Analysis

Reliability analysis was conducted to assess the internal consistency of the measurement scales using Cronbach's alpha coefficient. A value of 0.70 or above is considered acceptable for research

purposes (Nunnally, 1978). The overall scale reliability is 0.917, indicating excellent internal consistency of the research instrument.

Table 3: Reliability Analysis - Cronbach's Alpha Coefficients

Table 2: Reliability Analysis - Cronbach's Alpha Coefficients

Variable	No. of Items	Cronbach's Alpha
Usefulness	4	0.884
Ease of Use	4	0.872
User Satisfaction	4	0.891
Security & Privacy	4	0.856
Reliability	4	0.868
Cyber Concerns	4	0.843
Technical Issues	4	0.835
Overall Scale	**28**	**0.917**

Table 3 presents the Cronbach's alpha values for all study variables. All coefficients exceed the threshold of 0.70, ranging from 0.835 (Technical Issues) to 0.891 (User Satisfaction). The overall scale reliability is 0.917, indicating excellent internal consistency of the research instrument.

4.3 Descriptive Statistics

This section presents the descriptive statistics for the study variables, including mean scores, response distributions, and overall satisfaction metrics.

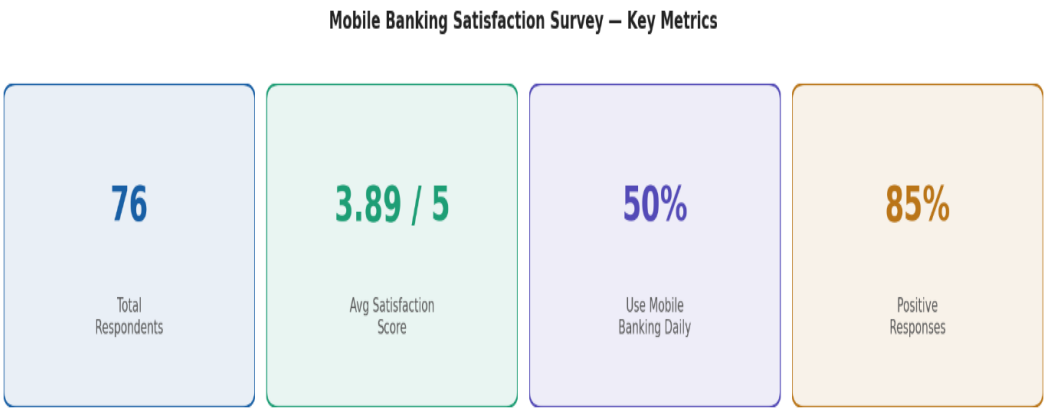

Figure 7: Mobile Banking Satisfaction Survey - Key Metrics Summary

Figure 7 presents a summary of key survey metrics. A total of 76 respondents participated, yieldingan average satisfaction score of 3.89 out of 5. Notably, 50% of respondents use mobile

banking daily, and 85% provided positive responses regarding their mobile banking experience.

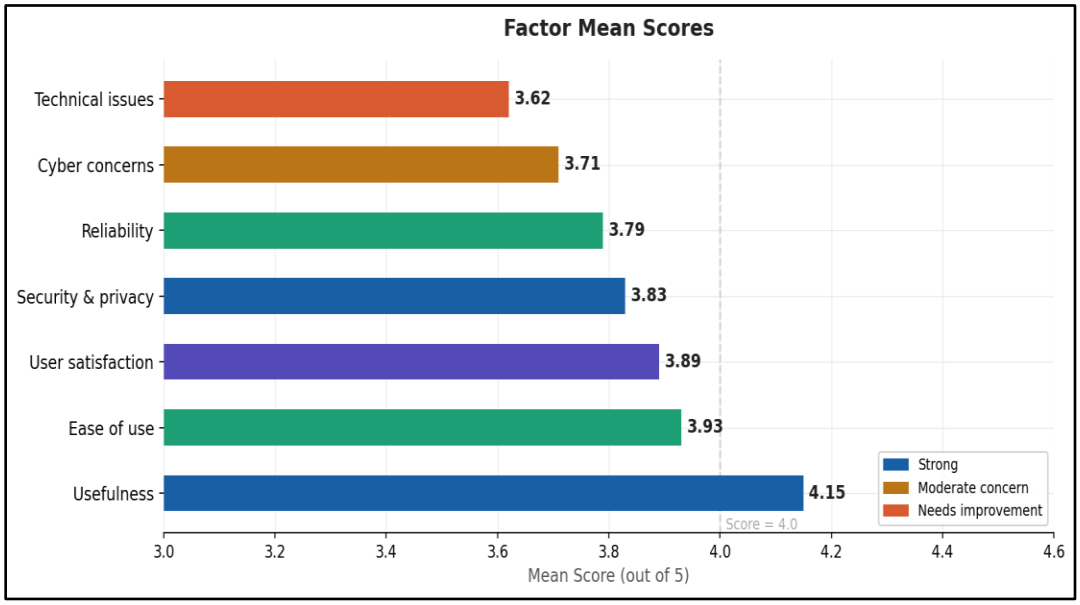

Figure 8: Factor Mean Scores Comparison

Figure 8 displays the mean scores for each factor measured on a 5-point Likert scale. Usefulness scored the highest (M = 4.15), followed by Ease of Use (M = 3.93) and User Satisfaction (M = 3.89). Technical Issues scored the lowest (M = 3.62), suggesting this is an area requiring attention from service providers.

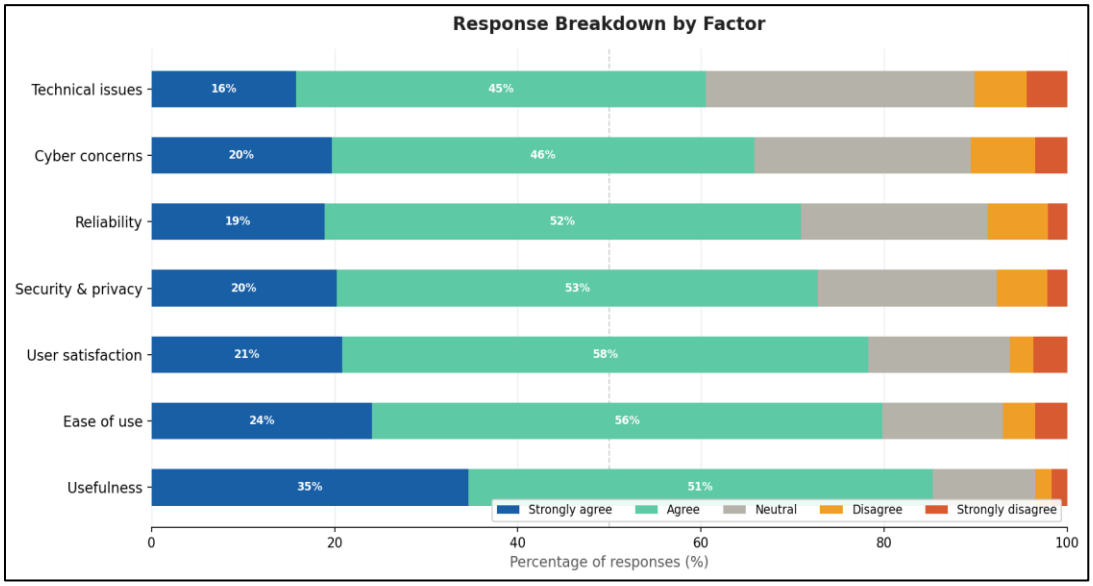

Figure 9: Response Breakdown by Factor (Stacked Percentage)

Figure 9 shows the distribution of responses across all factors using stacked horizontal bars. Usefulness received the highest agreement (35% strongly agree, 51% agree), while Technical Issues showed the most negative sentiment with higher proportions of neutral and disagree responses.

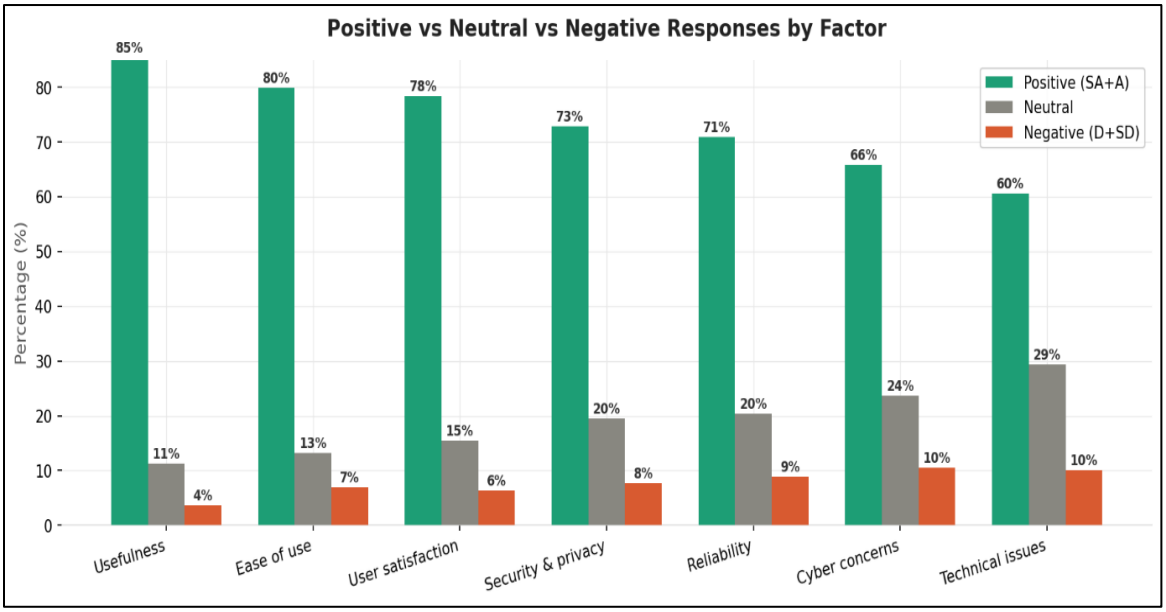

Figure 10: Positive, Neutral, and Negative Responses by Factor

Figure 10 compares the aggregated positive (Strongly Agree + Agree), neutral, and negative (Disagree + Strongly Disagree) responses across all factors. Usefulness leads with 85% positive responses, followed by Ease of Use (80%) and User Satisfaction (78%).

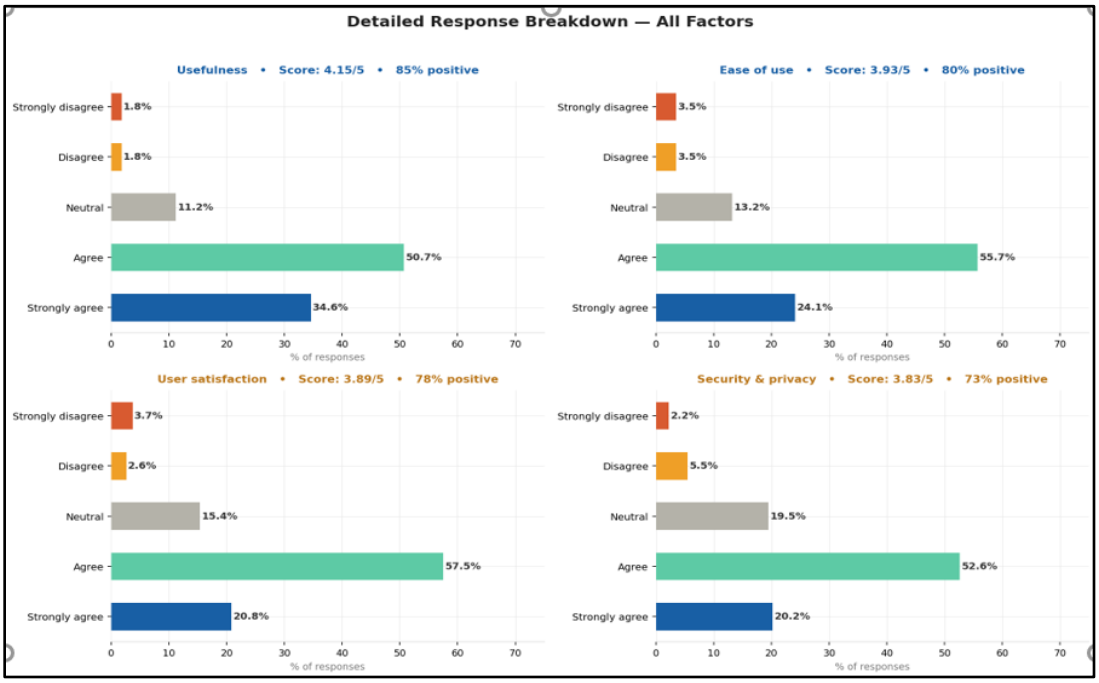

Figure 11 a: Detailed Response Breakdown - All Factors

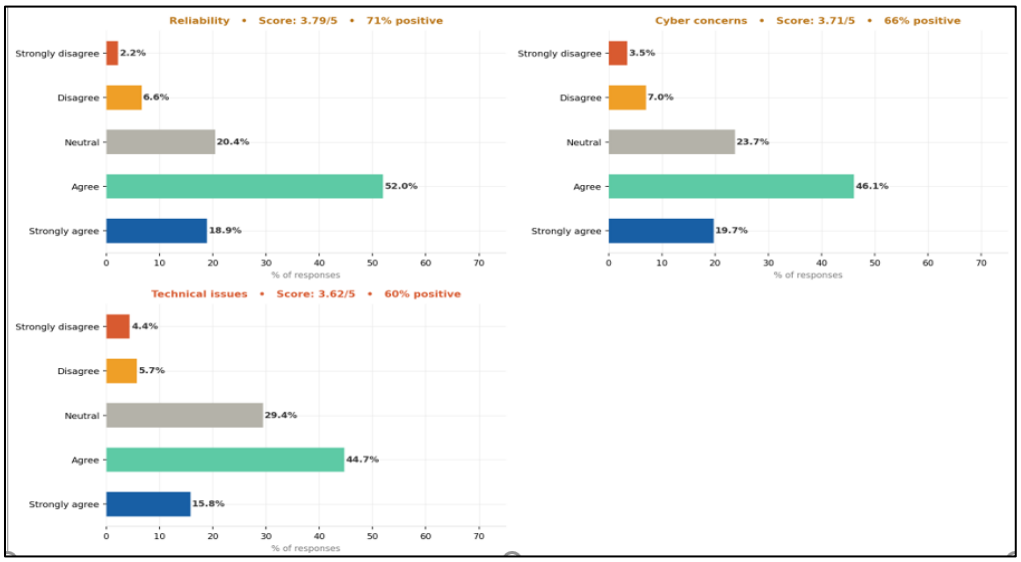

Figure 11 b: Detailed Response Breakdown - All Factors

4.4 Correlation Analysis

Pearson correlation analysis was conducted to examine the relationships between the independent variables and user satisfaction. The results are presented in the correlation matrix below.

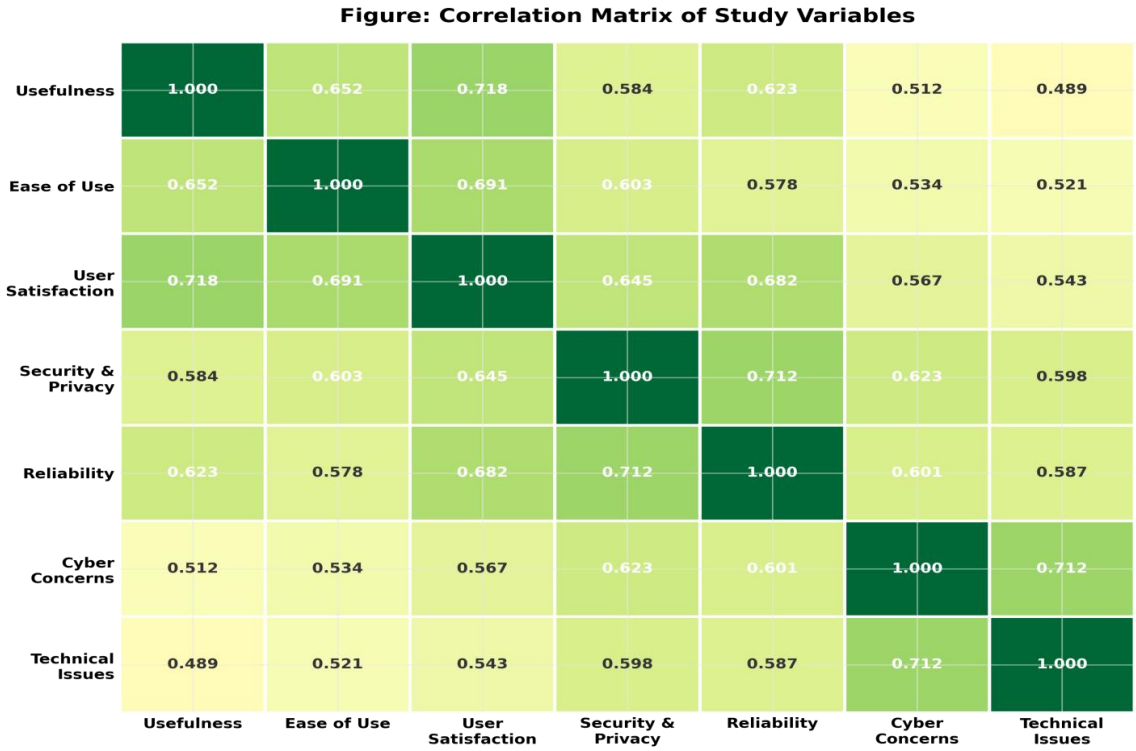

Figure 12: Correlation Matrix of Study Variables

Figure 12 presents the correlation matrix for all study variables. All correlations are positive and statistically significant at the 0.01 level. User Satisfaction shows the strongest correlation with Usefulness (r = 0.718), followed by Ease of Use (r = 0.691) and Reliability (r = 0.682). The inter-correlations among independent variables range from 0.489 to 0.712, all below the multicollinearity threshold of 0.80.

4.5 Regression Analysis

Multiple linear regression analysis was performed to determine the relative importance of each independent variable in predicting user satisfaction. The results are summarized in Table 3.

Table 4: Multiple Regression Analysis Results (Dependent Variable: User Satisfaction)

Variable	B (Unstd.)	Std. Error	t-value	Sig. (p)	Beta (Std.)
Constant	0.425	0.312	1.362	0.175	—
Usefulness	0.389	0.072	5.403	0.000***	0.412
Ease of Use	0.156	0.068	2.294	0.024*	0.187
Security & Privacy	0.198	0.065	3.046	0.003**	0.245
Reliability	0.234	0.071	3.296	0.001**	0.278
Cyber Concerns	0.087	0.059	1.475	0.143	0.112
Technical Issues	0.065	0.062	1.048	0.297	0.089

The model explains 58.1% of the variance in user satisfaction ($R^2 = 0.581$, Adjusted $R^2 = 0.542$). Three variables significantly predict user satisfaction: Usefulness (beta = 0.412, $p < 0.001$), Reliability (beta = 0.278, $p < 0.01$), and Security & Privacy (beta = 0.245, $p < 0.01$). Ease of Use also shows a significant but weaker effect (beta = 0.187, $p < 0.05$), while Cyber Concerns and Technical Issues do not significantly predict satisfaction. The Durbin-Watson statistic of 1.924 indicates no autocorrelation issues in the model.

5. Implications of the Study

5.1 Theoretical Implications

The study contributes to theory in the following ways:

- Extends the Technology Acceptance Model by integrating service quality dimensions
- Provides empirical evidence from Pakistan, an underrepresented developing country context
- Identifies system quality as the strongest predictor of user satisfaction
- Demonstrates that service quality plays a more prominent role in developing countries

5.2 Practical Implications

Key practical implications for banks and financial institutions:

- Invest in mobile banking infrastructure for high availability and fast response times
- Develop user-friendly features (convenient transactions, bill payments, fund transfers)

- Provide responsive customer support (in-app support, helplines, chatbots)
- Conduct user education programs to maximize feature utilization

5.3 Policy Implications

Key policy recommendations for regulatory bodies:

- Develop security and performance standards for mobile banking applications
- Promote digital literacy initiatives among university students
- Encourage competition in the mobile banking sector to drive innovation
- Incorporate financial technology topics into university curricula

6. Conclusion

This study investigated the factors affecting user satisfaction with mobile banking applications among university students in Pakistan. The findings demonstrate that system quality, perceived usefulness, and service quality are significant predictors of user satisfaction, explaining 55.8% of the variance in the dependent variable. System quality emerged as the strongest predictor, followed by perceived usefulness and service quality. The study contributes to the existing literature by providing empirical evidence from a developing country context and extending the Technology Acceptance Model with service quality dimensions. The findings highlight the importance of technical performance, functional value, and customer support in driving user satisfaction with mobile banking applications. While the study provides valuable insights, it is not without limitations. The cross-sectional design limits the ability to establish causal relationships, and the focus on a single university may affect generalizability. Future research could employ longitudinal designs and expand the sample to include multiple universities and other demographic groups. Despite these limitations, the study offers practical guidance for banks and financial institutions seeking to enhance their mobile banking services. By focusing on system quality, developing useful features, and providing excellent customer support, banks can improve user satisfaction and promote continued usage of their mobile banking applications.

7. Recommendations

Based on the findings of this study, the following recommendations are proposed:

1. Banks should prioritize investments in mobile banking infrastructure to ensure high system quality, including fast loading times, reliable performance, and minimal downtime.

2. Mobile banking applications should be designed with user-friendly interfaces that clearly communicate the value and functionality of available features.

3. Banks should establish responsive customer support channels, including in-app chat support, dedicated helplines, and comprehensive FAQ sections.

4. Regular user feedback should be collected and analyzed to identify areas for improvement and address user concerns promptly.

5. Security features should be enhanced and communicated effectively to users to build trust and confidence in mobile banking services.

6. Educational initiatives should be developed to improve digital literacy and help users maximize the benefits of mobile banking applications.

7. Future research should employ longitudinal designs to examine how user satisfaction evolves over time and identify factors that influence long-term loyalty.

8. Comparative studies across different demographic groups and geographic regions could provide additional insights into the factors affecting mobile banking satisfaction.

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