Yellow Cart Feature on Tiktok as a Medium to Attract Purchase Interest

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ABSTRACT
The number of social media users worldwide reached 4.76 billion in January 2023, with 167 million active users in Indonesia. This study aims to understand how the yellow basket feature on TikTok attracts consumers’ buying interest, using a qualitative approach through interviews and literature studies. The results show that this feature is effective in attracting buyers through factors such as attractive video displays, product promos, and ease of transaction processes. The promos offered, the attractive display of product videos, and the ease of transactions are the main factors that increase buying interest. In conclusion, the yellow cart feature on TikTok affects consumers’ buying interest by providing ease of transactions and attractive promotions without the need to switch to other platforms.

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1. Introduction
Quoted in Katadata.co.id according to a report from We Are Social and Hootsuite in January 2023, the number of social media users around the world reached 4.76 billion or equivalent to 59.4% of the total human population. Quoted from DataIndonesia.id in Indonesia itself from year to year, namely from 2014 to 2022 the number of active social media users continues to increase. In January 2023, there are 167 million Indonesians who are active users of social media. This number is more than half of the population in the country, which is 60.4% (Widi, 2023).
Technology is developing rapidly which brings great changes in society through information in it. Information is conveyed through a medium of technology, namely social media (Liedfray et al., 2022). Social media is an online media where social media users can easily share or participate and also create content, blogs, social networks, and others (Kadarudin, 2020). Information technology has contributed to the development of the media, namely meeting the needs of the community by providing a lot of information, and through social media, people can easily access a lot of information and news without any limitations of space or time (Silvia et al., 2021). Social media of course also has an impact, namely there are positive and negative impacts. One of the positive impacts of social media is that social media can build a very wide range of connections so that it has a positive impact on those who want to develop relationships or businesses (Tania et al., 2020).

In social media marketing, social media itself has four characteristics. The first characteristic is that social media has an open nature, namely anyone who uses social media can interact without any limitations of space and time. The second characteristic is that social media has a user profile page, which is used to present information about the identity of the user of the social media account. The third characteristic is that social media has features that are used to create and upload content for social media users. The fourth characteristic is that social media has a time stamp on every upload uploaded by social media users to provide information related to the upload (Istikhoroh et al., 2023).

One of the social media that is being loved by many people is TikTok. The TikTok application is in great demand among teenagers because in addition to entertaining, it also helps increase creativity in creating video content that can attract public attention (Kusuma & Oktavianti, 2020). TikTok is a video content application with a duration of 15 seconds to 10 minutes plus features such as filters, music, games and other interesting features. The app was created by the company ByteDance in China.

**Figure 1**

*Number of Active Social Media Users in Indonesia (2015-2023)*

Source: DataIndonesia.id
Although TikTok is an entertainment application, it can also be used for commercial purposes. With the popularity of the TikTok app, business players are using it as an advertising tool to promote the products they sell to the wider community (Mulyani et al., 2022).

TikTok users can create creative content, advertise, and sell. This is evidenced by the rise of online stores that market products through TikTok (Mulyani et al., 2022). Not only online stores, but everyone can do product reviews. Videos presented by creators on TikTok contain interesting but short information that can attract audiences to the toxic TikTok phenomenon. Viewers who are exposed to TikTok poison will feel curious and interested in purchasing products (Gratia et al., 2022).

Consumer buying interest is an important consideration for business actors to understand consumer goals in meeting their needs or desires. It is the duty of a company to encourage innovation that encourages consumers to attract buyers. When people want to make a purchase, they must go through several stages to get to the intended platform such as Shopee, Tokopedia, and Instagram. However, TikTok provides a container for its users when they want to make a purchase, namely with the yellow cart feature.

Quoted from solopos.com, the Yellow Basket Feature on TikTok is a link to a product sold on the TikTok shop. The Yellow Cart feature appears in promotional content or content created by a creator (Prihatini, 2023). According to the belajarbersamayudha.com website, the Yellow Basket Feature has a usefulness for sellers in promoting the products sold. In addition, potential buyers will also find it easier to determine and choose the products they want to buy. The transaction process that occurs in it feels more fun. This feature is said to be an easy feature because to make a purchase transaction, prospective buyers do not have to open another application and in this feature there is already an in-app payment method available (Epsen, 2022).

Based on this background, the formulation of this research problem is "How is the yellow basket feature on TikTok as a medium to attract buying interest?" with the aim of understanding the Yellow Basket Feature on TikTok as a medium to attract buying interest.

2. Materials and Methods

In this study, the researcher uses a type of qualitative research with a constructivist paradigm. Qualitative research is research in which there is a process of producing portraits through words in an inclusive manner, expressing a detailed review of informant sources, conducted in a natural setting to understand social or human phenomena (Tabrani et al., quoted in Fadli, 2021). The constructivist paradigm is a paradigm that contradicts an understanding of the placement of objectivity and observation to find science or reality. In addition, the constructivist paradigm uses systematic analysis and directly observes social actors in looking at Hidayat’s social sciences quoted in Umanailo, (2019).

Data collection techniques will be carried out by collecting primary data and secondary data. The primary data used in this study is interviews. Interviews were conducted with 5 people who used TikTok’s yellow basket feature. The type of secondary data used in this study is a literature study. A literature study is a method that involves activities such as collecting library data, processing research materials, and writing and taking notes, Zed quoted in (Rahayu, 2018).
Data Analysis Techniques

Data collection is an activity in collecting important data needed in the field with the aim of being able to answer questions in qualitative research and test hypotheses (Sukmawati et al., 2023). The analysis process is outlined as follows:

1. Data Collection: Data collection techniques are the first research stage. This technique aims to reduce the possibility of errors in the research process. As explained by Kabir in Taherdoost (2021), a lot of time is needed for the accuracy of the data to be achieved in this stage.

2. Data Reduction is the data analysis technique used in this study. Data reduction is an effort or way to summarize data, which will later be sorted into certain themes, categories, or concepts to facilitate affirmation in conclusions (Rijali, 2019).

3. Display Data is the process of presenting data as charts or relationships between categories. The data presented is organized systematically and based on criteria such as categorizing category concepts (Umrat & Wijaya, 2020).

4. Conclusion in qualitative research, the initial conclusion is provisional. It can change if it is not supported by strong evidence, but if it is supported by strong or consistent evidence, the conclusion will be credible. The study’s conclusion should include an answer to the formulation of the research problem (Umrat & Wijaya, 2020).

After collecting data using the interview method with several sources, the researcher found that the yellow basket feature on TikTok has various ways to attract the buying interest of TikTok users who have mainly used the feature to buy a product. According to several speakers, the yellow basket feature on TikTok can attract buying interest, namely because of the attractive video display containing the product so that TikTok users feel more interested in buying the product immediately. In addition to displaying interesting videos about the product, several speakers also said that the yellow basket feature on TikTok can attract their buying interest because of the promos offered from the product and also the convenience for TikTok users to carry out the purchase transaction process.

In addition, researchers also obtained data related to buying interest from literature sources. According to Simamora & Fatira in Hartanto and Indriyani (2022), ease of use is one of the factors that can influence the purchase decision. In addition, ease of use positively influences online users’ purchasing decisions.

3. Result and Discussion

In this study, the researcher used a qualitative approach. According to Walidin et al., in Fadli, (2021) Qualitative research is a process research that focuses on understanding social and human phenomena, by realizing inclusive and complex representations and presenting words, reporting views from informant sources, and doing so in a natural setting. The researcher uses a qualitative approach because this study tests the hypothesis of the Yellow Basket Feature on TikTok as a medium to attract buying interest. The data collection methods that will be used in this study are interviews with resource persons, digital text observation, and literature study.

The constructivist paradigm is oriented to a reconstructed understanding of the social world, built from society’s experience and meaning (Denzin & Lincoln, 2011). The paradigm used in this study
is the constructivism paradigm, which sees the truth of a social reality as the result of social construction and that the truth of a social reality is relative. According to the constructivism paradigm, phenomena can be well understood differently (Littlejohn et al., 2017). The constructivist paradigm sees reality as the result of the construction of human understanding or thinking.

The theory used in this study is the New Media theory or new media. Social media is a new media that offers things to be used as a central concept of new media, namely interactivity, convergence, digitization, and development of networks Flew dalam Hayati (2018). According to Efendi in Ayesha et al. (2022), New Media is a term that describes the convergence of digital-based and computerized information technology that is interrelated in a network. There are also other terms for new media, which are forms of media based on new technology such as digital television, internet-based media, virtual environments, and computer games (Ayesha et al., 2022). Through the existence of new media, people get much potential to carry out postmodern democracy in the public space so that they can gain the right to participate in information and non-hierarchical debates related to social structures (Ahmadi, 2020).

McQuail stated that new media has two aspects, namely convergence and digitalization. Convergence is the merger of various media types to form new media with the advantages of various incorporated media. Meanwhile, digitalization is a merger or convergence that prioritizes the features or sophistication possessed by digital technology to obtain the positive side by minimizing the negative side of various incorporated media (Ayesha et al., 2022).

This research uses two concepts, namely, the concept of buying interest and also the concept of social media. Interest is described as a situation in which the consumer has not taken any action on which the behavior or activity can be predicted. Interest is a behavior that occurs in response to an item and expresses a customer's desire to buy it (Kotler & Keller, 2017). According to Nulufi & Murwatiningsih (2015), Consumers with a positive attitude towards the product or brand, arouse a sense of interest in buying the product or brand. Based on some of the definitions above, it can be stated that shopping interest is a behavior that is manifested in consumers, consisting of consumer confidence in the quality and price of products business owners offer. Buying interest consists of several aspects, including having an interest in finding information on a product, making considerations in buying a product, having an interest in trying a product, having curiosity about a product, and having a desire to own a product (Schiffman et al. in Narendra Bagaskara & Ngatno, 2021). Buying interest can occur and arise due to the existence of factors Kotler in (Yoebrijianti, 2018). Among them, the first is that there is other people's behavior. When a person reduces their liking for alternatives, it is related to the intensity of the negative on a person's nature regarding the preferences preferred by consumers and the urge to follow a person's desires. The second factor is unexpected situations. Purchases can occur based on consumer changes, regardless of consumer beliefs and minds in discontinuing product purchases. Before a purchase decision can occur, there is a sub-decision made by a consumer when carrying out his intention, namely provisions for a brand, provisions for suppliers, provisions on quantity, provisions on time, and provisions on payment techniques (Sari, 2020). The decision process on purchases is also passed through various stages, the first is recognizing an existing problem. The beginning of the purchase process occurs when a person begins to be aware and concerned about the stimulus of needs. The second process is information
search. Consumers have entered the second process after successfully obtaining information that they have collected from various sources so that they know the product’s disadvantages and advantages to the difference between the product and competitors. The process is when there is an alternative evaluation. After getting information in the second process, consumers gain confidence and attitude towards the product. The fourth process is the purchase decision. Consumers will make their own sub-decisions after getting preferences from the results of the evaluation that they have done. The final process is the post-purchase attitude. Consumers will worry that they have made the wrong purchase because they have seen or heard good things and are more profitable than other brands or competitors Kotler and Keller quoted in Wulandari (2016).

According to Suhartini et al. (2020), buying interest has dimensions. The first dimension is transactional interest. Transactional interest is when a person has the desire to make a purchase of a product. The second dimension is the reference interest. Referral interest is when a person desires to recommend a product to someone. The third dimension is preferential interest. Preferential interest is when a person wants to determine their main preference for a product. The fourth dimension is exploratory interest. Exploratory interest is when a person repeatedly wants to find information about the product he wants.

Social media is believed to be the presence of the internet, which connects various places and spaces and eliminates geographical distance. People from different places and countries can connect and get to know each other through social media. People use social media as a place to get communication, entertainment, and education Xu et al., quoted in Wimona & Loisa (2022). There are different types of social media, the first of which is video sharing applications. This application is quite effective in spreading various programs from the government, such as YouTube, DailyMotion, and Vimeo. The second type is microblogging applications. This application is said to be easy to use because it is enough to use a smartphone and the internet network. Examples of applications from this social media are Facebook and Twitter. The third type is social network-sharing applications. Examples of these applications are Path, Facebook, and Google Plus. The fourth application is to share a network of professionals consisting of educated people such as students, government employees, and academics. Examples of applications are LinkedIn, Slideshare, and Scribd. The fifth application is a photo-sharing application that is dominant in spreading communication through images. These apps include Instagram and Pinterest (Liedfray et al., 2022).

4. Conclusion

The results of this qualitative research use the constructivism paradigm. The data collection method used was the interview method, and the literature was in the form of journals and books. The study results show that the yellow basket feature on the TikTok application is an important reason for attracting consumer attention and buying interest in a product. The TikTok social media application containing video content and the yellow basket feature affects consumer buying interest. This answers the research formula, namely how the yellow basket feature on TikTok is a medium to attract buying interest. It is evidenced by the results of interviews with the speakers who mentioned that several factors attract buying interest, including the number of promos or vouchers, the display of videos and images that explain the product completely, the existence of a review page from
customers, the ease and many payment methods, a clear tracking system so that there is no need to switch to other merchants to transact. This factor is evidence of a strong correlation in attracting TikTok users' buying interest.

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