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# The Influence of Service Quality and Price on Customer Satisfaction of Economy-Type Rooms at Hotel Rajawali in Nanga Pinoh, Melawi Regency

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## ABSTRACT

This study aims to examine the influence of service quality and price on customer satisfaction of economy-type rooms at Hotel Rajawali in Nanga Pinoh, Melawi Regency. The research is motivated by the importance of service quality and price in shaping customer satisfaction amid increasing competition in the hospitality industry. This study employs a quantitative approach using an associative method. Data were collected through questionnaires distributed to 100 respondents who had stayed at Hotel Rajawali. The variables examined include service quality (X1), price (X2), and customer satisfaction (Y). Data analysis techniques used include multiple linear regression, validity and reliability tests, as well as classical assumption tests such as normality, linearity, and multicollinearity tests. The results of the F-test indicate that service quality and price simultaneously have a significant influence on customer satisfaction. However, the t-test results show that only service quality has a positive and significant partial effect on customer satisfaction, while price does not have a significant effect. These findings suggest that customer satisfaction at Hotel Rajawali is more strongly influenced by service quality rather than price. Therefore, it is recommended that hotel management focus more on improving service quality to maintain and enhance customer satisfaction.

**Keywords:** Service Quality; Price; Customer Satisfaction

## 1. INTRODUCTION

The hospitality industry is one of the key sectors in supporting regional economic growth, especially in areas with tourism, trade, and social activity potential. Melawi Regency, located in West Kalimantan Province, is one such region with considerable potential for the development of this sector. As the administrative and economic center of Melawi, Nanga Pinoh plays a strategic role in expanding service networks, including hospitality services. One hotel that significantly contributes to accommodation services in this area is Hotel Rajawali. Although classified as a one-star hotel, Hotel Rajawali has become the primary choice for visitors from outside the city coming for tourism, business, training, or government-related activities.

Hotel Rajawali's strategic location in the heart of Nanga Pinoh makes it not only a place to stay but also a venue for various events, such as seminars, workshops, and community meetings. This dual function demonstrates that the hotel is not merely an accommodation provider but also an integral part of the local socio-economic dynamics. As community mobility and demands for quality services increase, the hospitality sector must continuously adapt and deliver optimal services to its consumers. The growing competition in the hospitality industry, both locally and nationally, pushes businesses to constantly improve and innovate, particularly in service delivery and pricing strategies. Service quality is one of the main indicators influencing consumer satisfaction. Consumers generally have specific expectations for the services they will receive. According to Lovelock-Wright, translated by Tjiptono (in Rohaen, 2018), service quality is defined as the degree of excellence expected from a service to fulfill customer needs and desires. According to Tjiptono & Chandra (in Kurniasari, 2020), the five key dimensions of service quality include tangibles, reliability, responsiveness, assurance, and empathy. These dimensions must be consistently maintained to deliver a satisfying customer experience. In addition to service quality, price is also a crucial factor affecting customer decisions and satisfaction.

Kotler and Armstrong (2016) define price as the amount of money paid by consumers to obtain a product or service, closely related to the company's image and marketing strategy. Price is not merely a monetary value but also a representation of the quality of goods or services offered. According to Kotler and Armstrong, the dimensions of price include affordability, suitability of price with the quality and benefits received, and price competitiveness compared to similar products or services offered by competitors. Therefore, a proper pricing strategy can help build a positive perception among consumers.

Customer satisfaction is a critical aspect reflecting a hotel's success in meeting customer expectations. According to Kotler and Keller (in Azhari et al., 2015), satisfaction arises from the comparison between pre-purchase expectations and the actual performance of a product or service. When the service received meets or exceeds expectations, customers are likely to feel satisfied and become loyal patrons. Zeithaml et al. (in Maulina & Cahyono, 2022) identify four key dimensions of customer satisfaction: initial expectations, service delivery, fulfillment of promises (confirmation), and complaint behavior as a response to unmet expectations.

Considering the importance of service quality and pricing as key factors influencing customer satisfaction, this study aims to analyze the extent to which these two variables affect the satisfaction levels of guests staying at Hotel Rajawali Melawi. The results of this research are expected to provide valuable insights for hotel management in developing better service and pricing strategies that align with market needs and expectations. Moreover, the findings are anticipated to contribute to the development of knowledge, particularly in the field of hospitality marketing management in regional contexts.

## 2. RESEARCH METHOD

This study uses an associative approach, which aims to examine the relationship between two or more variables (Sugiyono, 2024). In this case, the study aims to determine the influence of Service Quality and Price on Customer Satisfaction at Hotel Rajawali Melawi. The data collection techniques used in this research involve primary and secondary data. Primary data refers to data directly provided to the data collector (Sugitono, 2024). In this study, primary data were collected through questionnaires distributed to all respondents who had stayed at Hotel Rajawali. The questionnaires contained statements related to the variables being studied. Secondary data refers to data not directly provided to the data collector but obtained through intermediaries or documents (Sugiyono, 2024). The secondary data used in this study included room price lists, sales data, and data on available rooms. The population in this study comprises customers who used the economy room type at Hotel Rajawali, totaling 3,183 customers over the past three years. The sample was determined using the Slovin formula, resulting in a minimum sample size of 96.95 respondents. The researcher decided to use a total of 100 respondents as the sample. The sampling technique used was purposive sampling, which is a sampling method based on specific considerations or criteria (Sugiyono, 2024). The sample criteria were as follows: Respondents aged at least 18 years, Respondents who had stayed at Hotel Rajawali at least twice. This study involves two types of variables: Independent variables (X): Service Quality (X1) and Price (X2), Dependent variable (Y): Customer Satisfaction. The measurement instrument used in this study is the Likert scale. According to Sugiyono (2024), the Likert scale is used to measure a person's attitude, opinion, and perception toward a social phenomenon. The Likert scale used in this study consists of five response options, ranging from strongly agree (5) to strongly disagree (1). The data analysis techniques began with validity and reliability testing. Validity was tested using the Pearson Product Moment correlation (Ghozali, 2018), Reliability was tested using Cronbach's Alpha (Ghozali, 2018). Classical assumption tests were conducted to ensure the data met statistical requirements. These included: Normality test using the Kolmogorov-Smirnov method (Ghozali, 2018), Linearity test using the Test for Linearity (Ghozali, 2018), Multicollinearity test by checking Tolerance and VIF values (Ghozali, 2018). The main analytical method used in this study is multiple linear regression, which is applied to determine the influence of each independent variable on the dependent variable (Sugiyono, 2024). The F-test was used to assess the simultaneous effect (Ghozali, 2018), The t-test was used to assess the partial effect (Ghozali, 2018). To measure the extent to which independent variables contribute to the dependent variable, the study used the coefficient of determination ( $R^2$ ), as well as the correlation coefficient to assess the strength of the relationship between variables (Ghozali, 2018).

## 3. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

### 3.1 Test Research Instruments

#### 3.1.1 Validity Test

The r table value is obtained by looking at the r table with  $(df) = n-2= 100-2 = 98$  and a significance level of 0.05. Thus, the r table value in this study is 0.196. To determine the results of the validity test for all variables in this study, see **Table 1**.

**Table 1. Validity Test Results**

Variable	Indicators	r count	r table	Description
Service Quality (X1)	X1.1	0,242	0,196	Valid
	X1.2	0,235		
	X1.3	0,303		
	X1.4	0,234		

	X1.5	0,313		
	X1.6	0,217		
	X1.7	0,210		
	X1.8	0,216		
	X1.9	0,237		
	X1.10	0,255		
Price (X2)	X2.1	0,272		
	X2.2	0,261		
	X2.3	0,308		
	X2.4	0,340		
	X2.5	0,486	0,196	Valid
	X2.6	0,239		
	X2.7	0,435		
	X2.8	0,219		
	X2.9	0,416		
	X2.10	0,331		
Customer Satisfaction (Y)	Y.1	0,321		
	Y.2	0,432		
	Y.3	0,375		
	Y.4	0,357		
	Y.5	0,532	0,196	Valid
	Y.6	0,281		
	Y.7	0,351		
	Y.8	0,311		
	Y.9	0,449		

Source: Processed Data, 2025

Based on [Table 2](#), it can be seen that all statement items have a calculated r count > r table of 0.196. Thus, all statement items in all variables can be declared valid and suitable for use in this study.

### 3.1.2 Reliability Test

The results of the reliability test can be seen [Table 2](#).

**Table 2. Reliability Test Results**

Variable	Cronbach's Alpha	Description
Service Quality (X1)	0,591	
Price (X2)	0,776	Reliable
Customer Satisfaction (Y)	0,816	

Source: Processed Data, 2025

From the reliability test calculations in [Table 2](#), it can be concluded that all variables used in this study are reliable, because all statement items have a *Cronbach's Alpha* value greater than 0.6.

## 3.2 Classic Assumption Test

### 3.2.1 Normality Test

This normality test aims to determine the distribution of data in the variables that will be used in the study. Data normality can be seen using the normal kolmogorov-Sminov test. The results of the Normality test calculation can be seen in the following [Table 3](#).

**Table 3. Normality Test Results**

Test	Value
N (Sample)	100
Test Statistic	.072
Asymp.Sig.(2-tailed)	.0200 <sup>c</sup>

Source: Processed Data, 2025

Based on the normality test results, *Asymp. Sig. (2-tailed)* was obtained at 0.200. Because *sig > alpha* (0.05), the regression residuals are normally distributed.

### 3.2.2 Linearity Test

Linearity testing in this study used the Test for Linearity. The testing criteria were that if the significance of Deviation from Linearity  $> \alpha$  (0.05), then there was a linear relationship between the independent and dependent variables, or vice versa. The results of the linearity test for all variables in this study can be seen in **Table 4**.

**Table 4. Result of Linearity**

Variable	Deviation From Linearity	Description
Customer Satisfaction * Service Quality	.965	
Customer Satisfaction * Price	1.000	Linear

Source: Processed Data, 2025

Based on **Table 4**, it can be seen that the significance value of deviation from linearity  $> 0.05$ . Therefore, it can be concluded that all variables in this study have a linear relationship.

### 3.2.3 Multicollinearity Test

Multicollinearity testing is useful for testing whether the regression model finds correlations between independent variables. The way to determine whether multicollinearity exists is by looking at the *Tolerance* and *VIF* values of each independent variable. If the *Tolerance* value is  $> 0.10$  and the *VIF* value is  $< 10$ , then the regression model is free from multicollinearity. The results of the multicollinearity test can be seen in **Table 5**.

**Table 5. Multicollinearity Test Results**

Variable	Tolerance	VIF
Service Quality	.205	4.873
Price	.205	4.873

Source: Processed Data, 2025

Based on **Table 5**, the results of the multicollinearity test indicate that each variable, Service Quality (X1) and brand Price (X2), has a tolerance value of 0.205, which is greater than 0.10, meaning that there is no multicollinearity. Additionally, the *VIF* values for each variable, Service Quality (X1) and brand Price (X2), are 4.873, which is less than 10.00, indicating that there is no multicollinearity.

## 3.3 Multiple Linear Regression Analysis

The results of multiple linear regression analysis can be seen in **Table 6**.

**Table 6. Multiple Linear Regression Analysis Results**

Research Variable	Coefficients	t Statistic	Significance Value
(Constant)	-4.583	-9.184	.000
Service Quality	.553	26.440	.000
Price	.535	29.672	.000

Dependent Variable: Customer Satisfaction

Source: Processed Data, 2025

Based on **Table 6**, it can be seen that the multiple linear regression equation is as follows:

$$Y = -4,583 + 0,553X1 + 0,535X2$$

From the multiple linear regression equation, it can be explained as follows:

- The constant value (a) is -4.583. This means that if the Service Quality (X1) and Price (X2) variables are zero (0), then the Customer Satisfaction variable (Y) is -4.583 units.

b. The regression coefficient ( $b_1$ ) of the Service Quality (X1) variable is 0.553. This value indicates that if the Service Quality (X1) variable increases by 1 (one) unit, the Customer Satisfaction variable (Y) will increase by 0.553 units.

c. The regression coefficient ( $b_2$ ) of the Price variable (X2) is 0.535. This value indicates that if the Price variable (X2) increases by 1 (one) unit, the Customer Satisfaction variable (Y) will increase by 0.535 units.

### 3.4 Correlation Coefficient Analysis (R)

The results of the correlation coefficient test calculation can be seen in the following **Table 7**.

**Table 7. Correlation Coefficient Test Results (R)**

Model	R	R Square	Adjusted R Square	Std. Error of the Estimate
1	.997a	.993	.993	.27024
Predictors: (Constant), Price, Service Quality				
Dependent Variable: Customer Satisfaction				

Source: Processed Data, 2025

Based on **Table 7** shows that the correlation between Service Quality (X1) and Price (X2) with Customer Satisfaction (Y) is 0.993, which means that Service Quality (X1) and Price (X2) have a very strong relationship with Customer Satisfaction (Y).

### 3.5 Analysis of the Coefficient of Determination $R^2$

The coefficient of determination in this study can be seen in **Table 7**. The coefficient of determination value is 0.997, which means that the Customer Satisfaction variable (Y) can be influenced by the Quality (X1) and Price (X2) variables by 99.7%, while the remaining 0.3% is explained by other variables not included in this study.

### 3.6 Simultaneous Test (F Test)

The results of the simultaneous test (F test) can be seen in the following **Table 8**.

**Table 8. Simultaneous Test Results (F Test)**

Model	Sum of Squares	Mean Square	F	Significance
Regression	1059.833	529.917	7256.355	.000 <sup>b</sup>
Residual	7.084	.073		
Dependent Variable: Customer Satisfaction				
Predictors: (Constant), Price, Service Quality				

Source: Processed Data, 2025

Based on **Table 8**, the calculated F value of 7256.355 is greater than the F table value of 3.94, and the significance value (sig) of 0.000 is less than 0.05. Therefore, it can be concluded that  $H_0$  is rejected and  $H_a$  is accepted. This means that there is a significant simultaneous influence of brand image and brand reputation on purchase decisions.

### 3.7 Partial Test (t Test)

The t-test is used to determine how much influence an independent variable has individually in explaining the dependent variable at a significance level of  $\alpha = 0.05$ . The formula for obtaining the t-table value is  $(\alpha / 2: 100-2-1)$ , so  $(0.05 / 2: 100-2-1) (0.025: 97 = 1.984)$ , resulting in a t-table value of 1.984. The results of the partial influence test can be seen in **Table 9**.

**Table 9. Partial Test Results (t Test)**

Research Variable	Coefficients	t Statistic	Significance Value
(Constant)	-4.583	-9.184	.000
Service Quality	.553	26.440	.000
Price	.535	29.672	.000
Dependent Variable: Customer Satisfaction			

Source: Processed Data, 2025

The partial test results in **Table 9** can be explained as follows:

- The partial effect of Service Quality on Customer Satisfaction in Table 9 above can be seen that the t-value of 26.440 > t-table value of 1.984 and the significance value of 0.000 < 0.05, so it can be concluded that  $H_0$  is rejected and  $H_a$  is accepted. This means that there is a significant partial effect between Service Quality and Customer Satisfaction.
- The partial influence of Price on Customer Satisfaction in Table 9 above can be seen that the t-value of 29.672 > t-table value of 1.984 and the significance value of 0.000 < 0.05, so it can be concluded that  $H_0$  is rejected and  $H_a$  is accepted. This means that there is a significant partial effect between Price and Customer Satisfaction.

## 4. CONCLUSION

Based on the results of the analysis and discussion, it was found that the number of respondents in this study was 100 people, and the multiple linear regression equation obtained was  $Y = -4.583 + 0.553X_1 + 0.535X_2$ . The correlation coefficient ( $R$ ) of 0.331 indicates a weak relationship between the variables Service Quality ( $X_1$ ) and Price ( $X_2$ ) with Customer Satisfaction ( $Y$ ). Meanwhile, the coefficient of determination ( $R^2$ ) is 0.997, which indicates that 99.7% of the variation in Customer Satisfaction can be explained by Service Quality and Price, while the remaining 0.3% is influenced by other factors not examined in this study. The simultaneous influence test (F-test) shows that the calculated F value of 7256.355 is greater than the F table value of 3.94, meaning that Service Quality and Price simultaneously have a significant effect on Customer Satisfaction. The partial influence test (t-test) shows that the t-value for Service Quality is 26.440 and for Price is 29.672, both of which are greater than the t-table value of 1.984. Thus, it can be concluded that both Service Quality and Price have a significant partial influence on Customer Satisfaction. Based on these findings, it is recommended that Hotel Rajawali continuously improve the quality of its services. This can be achieved through regular training programs for all staff to enhance their skills, friendliness, and professionalism, as well as implementing a responsive and structured service system. Additionally, improving supporting facilities is essential to ensure maximum guest comfort. On the other hand, considering that Price also has a significant influence, Hotel Rajawali should design a competitive pricing strategy by taking into account market segmentation and service positioning. Transparent pricing and attractive package offers can serve as added value that enhances customer appeal without compromising service quality. Furthermore, even though other factors only contribute 0.3% to customer satisfaction, it is still advisable for the hotel to develop other supporting aspects such as additional facilities, the use of information technology, and building a strong brand image as strategic steps to enhance overall customer satisfaction. For future researchers, it is recommended to explore and include additional variables such as hotel facilities, location, customer loyalty, food and beverage quality, and the use of information technology in services, in order to obtain a more comprehensive understanding of the factors that influence customer satisfaction in the hospitality industry.

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