

Analyzing Consumer Behavior and using Business Data in Industry 4.0 Environments

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ABSTRACT

The Industrial Revolution is the term used to describe the transformation of traditional industrial practices into new techniques dominated by the available technology. The 4th Industrial Revolution affects how businesses operate and inspires new strategic thinking. The demands of Industry 4.0 necessitate the development of new business models or the restructuring of several management divisions. Finding the pillars that would act as the basis for developing business strategies for organisations functioning in the industry 4.0 age was the aim of this essay. The manufacturing industry faces two inevitable trends and challenges: innovations in operations and manufacturing based on cyber-physical systems. The purpose of this book is to demonstrate the use of business analytics to the analysis of customer behaviour. Businesses have a revolutionary opportunity to gain deep insights into the choices, trends, and behaviours of their customers through an integration of business analytics and customers behaviour analysis in Industry 4.0 settings. This is demonstrated by the analysis of international literature from important databases, as well as Polish literature and court cases related to the research question. Employing state-of-the-art technology and data-driven strategies may help organisations understand customer behaviour to previously unheard-of levels of precision and depth. Real-time data collection and analysis allows for rapid responses to shifting market conditions and allows for personalised customer experiences across many channels. Additionally, businesses may utilise advanced analytics techniques like sentiment evaluation and predictive modelling to address attrition, forecast future trends, and increase customer satisfaction. However, businesses may encounter issues including inadequate data quality, privacy concerns, and financial limitations. To overcome these obstacles, a thorough plan including investing in data governance, hiring personnel, and technology infrastructure is needed. Businesses may fully use business data analytics to guide strategic decisions, enhance marketing strategies, and increase overall business performance in Industry 4.0 environments by overcoming these challenges. comprehensive analysis of all subjects related to the problems with the use of business data analytics in the framework of smart manufacturers.

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I. INTRODUCTION

1.1 Industry, the Circular Economy, and Environmental Sustainability Technologies 4.0

The Brundtland Commission defines the term "sustainable" as a,

"Sustainable development that meets present needs without endangering the ability of future generations to meet their own".

This research focusses on environmental sustainability, which is a subfield of sustainability. In order to reduce environmental impact and maintain ecological balance, this feature emphasises the need of reducing waste creation and resource consumption along the whole supply chain. In this context, the end-of-life concept is replaced by the ideas of recycling, reusing, and reducing waste [1]. The CE economic model, which is based on a restorative and regenerative approach, seeks to restrict energy leakage, waste production, and resource input by delaying, close, and

narrow material and energy loops. In addition to increasing automation, Industry 4.0 aims to achieve a better degree of operational efficiency and productivity. Industry 4.0 is directly related to performance since it plays a big part in the manufacturing and service sectors. highlighted how internet technology and advanced algorithms are closely linked to certain aspects of Industry 4.0 [2]. Nonetheless, they also state that Industry 4.0 is a technological process for value addition and efficient information management techniques.

I4.0 may be broadly seen as a paradigm shift that involves the digital evolution of economic significance chains, connecting many physical devices that continuously exchange data and interact with one another. Many technologies are often grouped together under the I4.0 banner [3, 4], however it might be difficult to categorise them since different fields' experts have different viewpoints.

These technologies are revolutionising systems of production and consumption, allowing businesses to save expenses and boost efficiency. The Internet of Things (IoT), a network of interconnected objects that exchange data and interact with one another, is one of the most talked-about I4.0 technologies. IoT may be utilised to improve energy efficiency, cut waste, and monitor and optimise resource utilisation [4]. Instead, the term "big data analytics" describes the process of storing, analysing, and interpreting vast and intricate data sets.

Businesses may find chances for resource optimisation and the creation of circular practices by using insights from big data analytics about product lifecycles and resource use. Green product development processes, for instance, may be improved by analysing mistakes and failures made while using the product [4, 6]. By allowing local production and minimising waste, additive manufacturing based on 3D printing makes it possible to create intricate and personalised items. This technology may further improve environmental sustainability by lowering the demand for commodities to be transported and stored [4, 6]. Additionally, by permitting the use of recycled materials in industrial processes, it promotes the development of closed-loop systems.

The concept of Industry 4.0, which refers to the social, industrial, and technical transformations brought about by the digital shift of industry, is known as the Fourth Industrial Revolution [4, 9]. In order to improve production efficiency and provide the potential for flexible changes in their scope, Industry 4.0 entails the integration of intelligence equipment and systems as well as modifications to production processes.

Global competitiveness, the growing and more common use of advanced technological advances, economic connecting that influence the development of various forms of collaboration, and employee mobility are some of the trends and phenomena that impact people's lifestyles as well as employment practices, which in turn impact how businesses operate. These developments, together with the constantly shifting workplace, provide firms with both new opportunities and challenges [7,8].

A single player will supply what was previously the domain of several market participants in a single application in the business world of the future. Trends that might transform almost every industry in the business-to-business (B2B) and business-to-consumer (B2C) sectors will be influenced by customer expectations and experiences. As a result, companies will have to completely rethink their business structures and objectives over the coming years, focussing on the new consumer ecosystems rather than traditional market competitors. New business concepts may lead to the creation of new corporate models, such as open commercial models that use open development. The operational and strategic basis for alterations to an organization's product and process configuration is provided by these models. Industry rules construct these models as the foundation of a comparative market advantage 4.0 concept [4, 9].

A change in leadership paradigms and the need to construct new business models that balance the development of autonomous (intelligent) technology and remote interaction systems with the standard of living and accepted values in different societies have resulted from modern businesses' adoption of dynamic technological solutions and development. What makes the Fourth Industrial Revolution unique and offers companies a competitive advantage is an understanding of customer needs. It guarantees that fresh opportunities or market opportunities are employed intentionally when the opportunities challenge, and problems it brings are accurately identified.

In the face of unpredictable weather, large farms must provide sustainable food using few resources. Recent innovations that provide answers to these issues include the Internet of Things (IoT) and big data analytics. In vast

agricultural regions, sensor networks driven by IoT technology watch weather patterns and keep an eye on temperature, nutrient conditions, soil moisture levels, and [10]. In order to provide insights that help decision-making, cloud-based platforms and on-premise systems evaluate the gathered data using statistical techniques, machine learning strategies, and geographic analysis.

1.2 The chosen elements of consumer behaviour analysis using business analytics

Business analytics has become a crucial instrument for interpreting and comprehending consumer behaviour, providing companies with priceless knowledge about the inclinations, patterns, and preferences of their clientele [11, 12]. By carefully using data analysis approaches, businesses may get a wealth of information that drives financial growth, enhances customer experiences, and influences marketing strategy. One of the primary applications of business analytics in consumer behaviour analysis is customer segmentation. Businesses may use demographic, psychographic, and transaction data to separate its clients into distinct groups based on similar characteristics and behaviours.

1.3 Trends and unmet needs for Industry 4.0 era

In order to be responsive and flexible to the demands of the ever-changing market, new technology have been developed alongside industrial advancements, from the early use of mechanical systems to support production processes to today's highly automated manufacturing lines. The concept of Industry 4.0 posits that the rapid growth in the creation and use of social media networks and information technology has affected consumers' views of product innovation, quality, variety, and the shipment speed [13].

1.4 Innovation and manufacturing servitization

Many developed nations that rely heavily on manufacturing have worked to revitalise the sector and change their economies. The global industrial supply chain and growing markets pose a challenge to them. As a result, manufacturing companies are starting to concentrate on induction and service impetus in addition to seeking innovation in production techniques.

Big data environment in industry big data has been a popular term in recent years. Since human-generated content has improved social networks, data mining has been involved. Since late 2004 [15], it has also been referred to as the web 2.0 period. Numerous academic institutions and businesses have committed to this emerging field of study, with the majority concentrating on social or commercial mining.

1.5 Self-aware and self-maintenance devices for large data industrial settings

A unified information grid that closely connects people and systems has been created by the most recent creation of an Internet of Things (IOT) framework and the emergence of sensing technologies, further populating a big data environment in the industry [17]. Future industry will be able to employ cloud computing, more advanced analytics, and a CyberPhysical Systems (CPS) architecture to create a fleet-wide data system that helps machines become self-aware and actively removes possible efficiency problems.

- **The absence of a tight relationship between humans and machines:** Human operation and administration have a significant impact on the state and performance of machines. Task design and scheduling have a significant impact on productivity and production quality [1].
- **Insufficient use of available knowledge and adaptive learning:** PHM systems' limited degree of flexibility prevents them from being extensively used in the industry, which ultimately results in health monitoring algorithms that are not as robust. The root cause of this difficulty is that development and implementation are often done separately for PHM systems.

II.A BUSINESS MODEL OPENED BY INDUSTRY 4.0

The term "Fourth Industrial Transformation" refers to the social, technological, and industrial changes brought about by the digital revolution in industry. The phrase Industry 4.0 was coined by the German government in 2010 as part of its attempts to identify and evaluate upcoming disruptive advances that are strategically relevant to the German economy. Since then, it has been used across Europe [5]. When the sector's future was being discussed during the

2011 Hanover Fair, the word was first used. Industry 4.0 is a subgroup of the Fourth Industrial Revolution. Customers and business partnerships have a direct influence on value creation and business operations. Production is coupled with high-quality services. In the future, sophisticated monitoring and decision-making should enable businesses and their whole networks to virtually oversee and optimise their business activities in real time. Industry 4.0 is causing changes in production control methods [16].

Cloud technology, artificial intelligence (AI), cyber-physical systems (CPSs), the Internet of Things (IoT), and cognitive processing are examples of industrial technologies and processes that are subject to automation and data exchange. This movement is essentially known as Industry 4.0. The main advantages of Industry 4.0 are as follows:

- A rise in economic effectiveness;
- Enhanced productivity;
- Greater adaptability; [12],
- A decrease in manufacturing expenses;
- A higher return on capital.

The Fourth Industrial Revolution changes the relationship between human and technology capital. High-quality products and services are the outcome of technical capital mechanisation. The primary technique to boost task efficiency is automatic or semi-automated decision-making. Monitoring production makes it easier to add new products to the production line and provide opportunities for only one manufacturing activity [16]. Production grows flexible as the plant gets more advanced.

Because technology connects an increasing variety of industries to society, it may have an impact on the amount, quality, and usefulness of production. Industry 4.0 [11], which makes it possible to produce tailored items for specific clients and related value chains, necessitates the deployment of modern IT systems across the entirety of the value chain. Thanks to improved information and communication technologies, production may be precisely adjusted to match customer expectations while maintaining cheap costs, outstanding quality, and efficiency. The industry's quick growth as a consequence of modern technology-based business techniques is changing the market structure. The need to adapt to the design of the digital world has resulted in extra challenges for several disciplines of management [14].

The company's model of operation is described as a sequence of steps, protocols, and due dates that make use of its resources in order to maximise value for the client and ensure its position as the heir to value [11]. Innovations are essential for creating value for the customer and may help all parts of the business model. The business model reflects how the plan is implemented regarding its financial effect. The model highlights the importance of strategy as the products that are delivered to customers and the competitive method used the market generate both present and projected revenue. Together, profit and an appropriate cost structure provide a source of income and a return on investment. Therefore, the business model is the arrangement of the strategy in relation to earnings and profit sources [16].

Industry 4.0 technologies are creating new business opportunities and simplifying open business models in accordance with open innovation. In open business models, collaborating with collaborators inside cyber-physical systems becomes an essential source of value creation and capture. They help create value by using a variety of concepts, including those that come from other sources [17]. Higher value capture is also made possible by using a company's core assets, resources, or position in both its own along with other firms' activities. Businesses with an open style of operation aggressively seek out innovative ways to collaborate with all of its collaborators, whether they be vendors, clientele, or general partners, in order to expand their business, such as via servitization. Under such a strategy, open innovation has been integrated into the business strategy.

III. INDUSTRY 4.0 ENABLING TECHNOLOGIES

3.1 Artificial intelligence (AI)

Artificial intelligence (AI) is an algorithm-based intelligence that is given to robots to assist them in problem-solving, decision-making, and doing activities that people would complete. In other words, AI enables machines to behave and think like humans. A combination of digital and software technologies is what propels Industry 4.0 [14, 16].

Although AI was initially developed in the 1940s, its first notable breakthrough came in the 1980s. Later innovations like learning from statistics, a greedy learning method, recurrent neural networks, graph transformers networks, deep belief systems, and convolutional neural networks each enabled a number of new algorithms that are now in use and are constantly being improved.

3.2 Big data & analytics

Big Data, often known as the 3Vs, is the enormous amount and diversity of data that comes in quickly. Simply said, big data is an enormous amount of data, sometimes measured in petabytes or thousands of gigabytes a sophisticated analytical technique called "big data analytics" is used systematically to uncover hidden similarities in data and connect them to specific behaviour that support decision-making [17, 18].

Finally, and certainly not least, business analytics facilitates the evaluation of campaign effectiveness by monitoring critical performance indicators like as click-through rates, the rate of conversion, and overall return on investment. By assessing how marketing initiatives impact customer behaviour and sales outcomes, businesses may improve targeting strategies, optimise marketing expenditures, and boost overall marketing efficiency. Table 1 gives descriptions of how business analytics are used to analyse customer behaviour [18, 19].

Table 1 Customer behaviour analysis using business analytics.

Aspect of Analysis of Customer Behaviour	An explanation of how to use business analytics
Segmenting Customers	Customers are divided into groups according to a variety of characteristics, including psychographics, buying patterns, and demographics, using business analytics [19, 20]. Targeted marketing campaigns and customised products are made possible by analytics technologies, which assist in identifying discrete client groups with comparable traits.
Patterns of Purchase Examination	To find trends in consumer purchasing, business analytics looks at past transaction data. Understanding seasonal patterns, consumer preferences, and which goods or services are often purchased together are all aided by this approach [11]. Businesses may maximise their inventory, price plans, and product suggestions by using this knowledge.
Forecast for Churn	Businesses use predictive analytics to estimate the probability that clients would leave or stop doing business with them [8]. Businesses may proactively deploy retention tactics, such personalised discounts, loyalty programs, or better customer service, to reduce churn by analysing indicators including use patterns, engagement metrics, and customer feedback [5].
CLV, or customer lifetime value	Examination By measuring the net profit attributable to the complete customer relationship, business analytics determines the CLV of customers [2]. Businesses may forecast future income potential from each client by examining previous spending and behaviour trends. This information helps them make choices about resource allocation, customer acquisition, and retention.
Analysis of Sentiment	Business analytics gathers information from social media discussions, reviews, and consumer feedback by using text mining and natural language processing methods. Sentiment analysis aids in comprehending the thoughts, feelings, and opinions of consumers on goods and services. Businesses may resolve problems, boost consumer happiness, and improve goods by recognising sentiment patterns.
Systems of Recommendations	Recommendation engines, which are powered by business analytics, provide pertinent product or service recommendations to users based on their prior behaviour, preferences, and similarities with other users [2, 3]. Businesses may increase sales and improve customer satisfaction by using machine learning algorithms to provide tailored suggestions across a variety of channels, including websites, emails, and mobile applications [10, 36].

Campaign Performance	Examination By examining measures like click-through rates, conversion rates, and return on investment (ROI), business analytics assesses the effectiveness of marketing efforts [3, 8]. Businesses may enhance overall marketing efficiency, optimise marketing strategies, and allocate resources efficiently by evaluating the effects of various campaigns on sales and consumer behaviour.
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IV.INDUSTRY 4.0 CONDITIONS FOR THE USE OF SOFTWARE IN CUSTOMER BEHAVIOUR ANALYSIS

In order for firms to make strategic decisions and improve customer experiences, business analytics software is essential for comprehending and evaluating consumer behaviour [8]. By processing enormous volumes of data using sophisticated analytics methods, these software programs help companies find patterns, trends, and correlations among their clientele. With the use of these information, businesses may divide up their clientele into groups according to a range of characteristics, including demographics, habits, and preferences, enabling more focused advertising campaigns and individualised correspondence [4]. Table 2 lists software and application examples and explanations of their use in consumer behaviour analysis.

Table 2 Customer behaviour analysis with business analytics software.

Software Application	Description	Key Features
Watson Analytics by IBM	A cloud-based analytics tool called IBM Watson Analytics gives companies access to sophisticated analytics features. With the use of predictive analytics tools and user-friendly visualisations, it enables people to examine and evaluate data.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advanced data visualization:Investigating consumer data and trends is made easier by interactive dashboards and visualisations. • Predictive analytics:gives companies the ability to predict consumer behaviour, spot trends, and make data-driven choices[5, 9]. • Natural language processing (NLP):Makes data analysis more approachable for non-technical consumers by enabling them to ask questions in normal language and get answers.
Einstein Analytics for Salesforce	Integrated with Salesforce CRM, Einstein by Salesforce Analytics is an artificial intelligence-powered analytics platform that offers practical insights and suggestions to enhance customer experiences.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Integration with CRM data:Analyses customer data, including interactions from sales, support, and marketing, by seamlessly integrating with Salesforce CRM [9, 11]. • Predictive analytics:Makes use of machine learning algorithms to anticipate attrition, predict consumer behaviour, and find chances for cross-selling. • AI-driven insights:Improves customer engagement and retention by producing automated insights and suggestions to direct sales and marketing activities.
Analytics by Google	Google Analytics is a web analytic tool that monitors and reports user interactions and website traffic. Although its main use is website analysis, it also offers insightful information about consumer behaviour.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Website traffic analysis:Monitors consumer interactions on websites, including as page views, session lengths, and conversion rates, in order to get insight into user preferences and behaviour [33, 35]. • E-commerce tracking:Provide information on online buying patterns, such as shopping cart abandonment rates, transaction values, and product performance [14, 19]. • Audience segmentation:Enables targeted marketing and individualised content distribution by letting companies divide up website users according to their demographics, interests, and behaviours.
Tableau	With the help of Tableau, a potent data visualisation tool, companies can create shareable and interactive dashboards for examining consumer behaviour.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Interactive dashboards:Provides greater insights into consumer behaviour by allowing users to see and examine customer data via interactive charts, graphs, and maps [20]. • Data blending:Provides a thorough understanding of consumer interactions by integrating data from many sources, including transactional databases, social media platforms, and CRM systems.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Predictive analytics: Provides the ability to anticipate consumer behaviour, spot patterns, and make data-driven choices using predictive modelling [34].
SAS Customer Intelligence	A whole suite of analytics tools called SAS Customer Intelligence was created to assist companies in better understanding and interacting with their clientele.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Customer segmentation: Enables targeted marketing campaigns and individualised communications by using sophisticated analytics approaches to segment clients according to their demographics, behaviours, and preferences [21, 23]. • Real-time analytics: Gives organisations real-time insights about consumer interactions across a variety of channels, enabling them to quickly address the requirements and preferences of their customers [36]. • Campaign optimization: Analyses campaign effectiveness, determines the best channels and messaging, and optimises marketing expenditures to optimise return on investment.
Adobe Analytics Adobe	Analytics is a web analytics tool that gives companies information on how customers engage with them on digital platforms including social media, mobile apps, and websites.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Omnichannel analytics: Enables companies to comprehend the customer journey and spot chances for engagement and conversion by tracking client interactions across many digital touchpoints. • Segmentation and targeting: Enables companies to target clients with tailored information and offers by segmenting them according to behaviour, demographics, [22, 23], and other characteristics. • Attribution modeling: Helps companies manage resources efficiently and maximise marketing return on investment by offering insights on the efficacy of marketing initiatives and platforms.
Power BI for Microsoft	Businesses may visualise and analyse data from a variety of sources, such as databases, spreadsheets, and cloud services, using Microsoft Power BI, a business analytics application.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Data visualization: Provides a variety of visualisation tools, including as maps, graphs, and charts, to assist companies in efficiently exploring and sharing insights from consumer data. • Natural language queries: Makes it simpler for non-technical people to examine and comprehend consumer behaviour by enabling users to ask questions in plain language and gain insights from the data [23, 24]. • Integration with Microsoft products: Seamlessly combines with other Microsoft products, including Dynamics 365, Excel, and SharePoint, to provide enterprises access to a single analytics platform.

V. BUSINESS ANALYTICS' BENEFITS AND DIFFICULTIES APPLICATION IN CUSTOMER ANALYSIS

Using business analytics in consumer behaviour analysis might be very beneficial for companies hoping to thrive in the present competitive climate [24, 26]. By using data-driven insights, organisations may enhance their marketing strategies, get a deeper understanding of their customers, and boost overall business performance.

First, from a technical standpoint, business analytics is seen as an application of data science or analytics in business domains that use tools and methods to quantitatively and statistically analyse a vast array of data sources in order to support business decisions. The term "business analytics" refers to a wide range of technologies, systems, and procedures that are used to collect, store, retrieve, and analyse data in order to assist business users in making better choices [25, 26]. As new technologies continue to develop, business analytics may also be seen as a synthesis of information systems, artificial intelligence (machine learning), and operation research.

Second, from a process standpoint, business analytics is a collection of instruments to transform data into insights that can be put into practice using a scientific, quantitative, and intelligent method [25]. It is "a scientific process of transforming data into insight for making better decisions," according to the Institute for Operations Research and the Management Sciences (INFORMS). Third, from a practical standpoint, business analytics is described as "the capacity of companies and organisations to gather, handle, and evaluate data from diverse sources to improve the comprehension of business operations, systems, and processes."

With the use of predictive analytics capabilities offered by business analytics platforms, organisations may forecast future trends and behaviours. Using sophisticated algorithms and historical data analysis, businesses may predict attrition, identify opportunities for cross-selling, anticipate customer needs, and improve pricing strategies [29, 30]. Companies that adopt this proactive approach are better equipped to stay ahead of the competition and seize new market opportunities. Additionally, corporate statistics enable customised marketing campaigns.

Businesses can react quickly to shifting consumer preferences and market situations thanks to real-time data provided by business analytics systems. Real-time consumer contact monitoring allows organisations to see patterns, spot irregularities, and act quickly to resolve problems or seize opportunities [25]. Businesses benefit from this flexibility in the fast-paced corporate world of today.

The benefits of analysing consumer behaviour in Industry 4.0 settings using business analytics are listed in Table 3, along with a description of each benefit [25, 26]. This chart illustrates how business analytics in smart manufacturing processes provide several benefits across a variety of operational factors, eventually increasing competitiveness, decreasing costs, and improving efficiency.

Table 3 The benefits of applying business analytics to the study of consumer behaviour.

Advantage	Description
Improved Segmentation of Customers	More precise and thorough client segmentation based on demographics, behaviours, and preferences is made possible by business analytics [25, 26]. This makes individualised experiences and focused marketing campaigns possible.
Making Decisions Based on Data	Instead of depending just on gut feeling or conjecture, companies may make data-supported choices by examining consumer behaviour data. This results in improved outcomes and more effective solutions.
Increased Retention of Customers	Finding churn trends and forecasting which customers are most likely to leave are made easier with the use of business analytics. Businesses may increase customer loyalty and retention rates by putting focused retention tactics into practice [27].
Tailored Advertising Campaigns	Businesses may develop customised marketing efforts that are suited to the tastes and interests of certain client groups by using the insights gathered from customer behaviour research [33]. Engagement and conversion rates rise as a result.
The Best Use of Available Resources	Businesses may more efficiently deploy resources, such as marketing funds, product development endeavours, or customer service activities, by comprehending the preferences and behaviours of their customers [22]. This guarantees the highest possible return on investment (ROI).
Improved Experience for Customers	Businesses may find possibilities to improve the entire customer experience, as well as pain spots and preferences, by analysing client behaviour [29]. Businesses may increase customer happiness and loyalty by addressing these issues.
An edge over competitors	By better understanding consumer preferences, market trends, and new possibilities than their rivals, companies that use business analytics to study client behaviour get a competitive advantage [33].
Instantaneous Perspectives	Businesses may react quickly to shifting market circumstances, consumer demands, and competitive threats thanks to business analytics, which offers real-time insights about customer interactions and behaviours [22].
Enhanced Production of Income	In the end, better targeting, greater conversion rates, higher customer lifetime value, and enhanced overall company performance were the results of the insights gleaned by customer behaviour research.

The issues with using business analytics to consumer behaviour analysis in Industry 4.0 settings are listed in Table 4, along with explanations of each benefit [20]. These issues draw attention to some of the main difficulties that

companies may run across while analysing client behaviour using business analytics. A comprehensive strategy is needed to overcome these obstacles, one that addresses problems with data quality, makes investments in people and technology, and guarantees alignment with strategic goals.

Table 4 The issues in applying corporate analytics to the study of consumer behaviour.

Problems	Description
Problems with Data Quality	Poor data quality is one of the main obstacles to adopting business analytics to analyse consumer behaviour [23]. Incomplete or inaccurate data might result in incorrect conclusions and poor decision-making.
Challenges of Data Integration	Integrating data from several sources, including transactional databases, social media platforms, and CRM systems, is a common challenge for businesses [24]. The analysis process may be hampered by incompatible data types and structures.
Concerns about Privacy and Compliance	Businesses must make sure they manage consumer data responsibly and in accordance with applicable legislation, especially in light of the growing emphasis on data privacy laws like the CCPA and GDPR. This may restrict the amount of data that may be analysed.
Analytics Tools' Complexity	Effective use of business analytics solutions often requires specialised expertise and a high learning curve [24]. Businesses without internal resources or experience may find it difficult to deploy and maintain these solutions.
Interpretation and Practicality	Although business analytics may provide insightful information about consumer behaviour, it can be difficult to comprehend this information and turn it into workable plans [28]. Companies may find it difficult to prioritise projects and make adjustments in response to analytics results.
Inconsistency with Business Objectives	The misalignment of analytics activities with more general corporate objectives is another prevalent issue. Analytics initiatives may not provide significant benefits or produce observable business effects if they are not clearly aligned with strategic goals [30, 31].
An excessive dependence on historical	Information In order to assess and forecast consumer behaviour, business analytics often uses historical data. But depending just on historical data could miss new trends or shifting market dynamics, which might result in less-than-ideal decisions.
Limitations on Resources	A substantial time, financial, and resource commitment is necessary for the implementation and upkeep of business analytics systems [32]. It might be difficult for small and medium-sized enterprises to provide enough funds to support analytics projects.
Limitations of Technology	Technology may develop more quickly than companies can use and benefit from the newest analytics tools and methods. The potential of business analytics solutions may be restricted by antiquated infrastructure and legacy systems.

VI.CONCLUSION

Businesses have a revolutionary chance to learn more about the preferences, trends, and behaviours of their customers by combining business analytics with consumer behaviour analysis in Industry 4.0 settings. Businesses may get previously unheard-of levels of granularity and accuracy in their knowledge of client behaviour by using state-of-the-art technology and data-driven methodologies. Businesses can provide individualised experiences across several channels and react quickly to shifting market dynamics thanks to real-time data gathering and analysis. Furthermore, organisations may improve customer happiness, reduce attrition, and forecast future trends with the use of sophisticated analytics tools like sentiment analysis and predictive modelling. The approaching Industry 4.0 era's IT trends and unfulfilled demands have been discussed here. This includes industrial big data, which increases the significance of manufacturing analytics compared to previous decades, and manufacturing servitization, which alters manufacturers' value offer. A methodical framework for self-aware and self-maintained devices is suggested in order to survive these tendencies. The concepts of cyber-physical systems and decision support systems are included into the framework. Lastly, a case study is presented to demonstrate the viability of the proposed task. Despite the many advantages that business analytics provides in the analysis of customer behaviour, companies may encounter challenges such as issues with data quality, privacy concerns, and resource constraints. To solve these problems, a

thorough plan including expenditures for worker training, data governance, and technology infrastructure is required. By overcoming these obstacles, businesses may fully use business analytics to improve marketing strategies, guide strategic decision-making, and increase overall company performance in Industry 4.0 environments.

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