

AI in Inventory Management

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Abstract

Inventory management is a key component in any organization; however, tackling it using traditional practices comes with numerous issues like inaccurate demand forecast, a relatively closed system, and lots of room for mistake. However, trend problems provide a radical solution using artificial intelligence (AI). This paper seeks to discover how inventory management has embraced the use of AI and what it wants to do for the traditional systems. This article explains technologies such as Artificial intelligence, Machine learning, NLP, and vision computers are adopted for application in demand sensing, inventory management, warehousing, and real-time visibility of the entire inventory chain is also explained. There are several steps that are followed when AI is being deployed in the inventory management unit, something that include data acquisition and pre-processing, model building and selection, integration, and post implementation mastery. The advancement in AI technology benefits the business through optimization of increased accuracy, decreased expenses, effectiveness of the processes involved, and better customer satisfaction. Thus, the paper aims to capture a broad view of AI application in the typology of inventory management and its promising future in the field.

Keywords

Artificial intelligence, Inventory management, Demand forecasting, Supply chain, Automation

1. Introduction

Inventory management is one of the core business processes, which entails the oversight of items from the manufacturers to the centers of distribution and from the distribution centers to the areas of consumption. This process involves purchasing, stocking and issuing materials used in production, that is, the various inputs that include the raw materials, sub-assemblies, components and products in the company. Inventory is essential in different business fields, and it includes retail, manufacturing, healthcare, and hospitality industries because its management influences an organization's operational productivity, clients' satisfaction, and business revenues (Cheng, 2024). Managing inventory has become one of the most challenging tasks for many firms in today's competitive business environment.

These are factors such as variable demand, supply chain breakdowns, stock costs and the need for proper monitoring of stock in relation to when they are required (Atnafu and Balda, 2018). Definite inventory management systems as a primary method of inventory control are effective and useful; however, they have drawbacks because they were not created to address the multifaceted nature of contemporary commerce, which results in problems such as overstocking, stockouts, and inefficient use of resources. AI appeared as a new revolutionary technology that affects multiple facets of companies' functioning. AI is well defined as the process by which a machine is made to mimic human intelligence and also as the ability of a machine to learn how humans think.

When talking about AI solutions in business processes, it is necessary to mention that AI is a broad term and includes various subfields, such as machine learning, natural language processing, and computer vision. Such technologies let the systems work with huge amounts of information, take patterns, make conclusions, and even act on their own (Glover, 2024). AI's capability to transform business processes is phenomenal. Customer service interface Chatbots and predictive maintenance of machine tools in the manufacturing sector are already in vogue applications where AI is more and more adopted. Because it can work through large amounts of data at incredibly fast rates and enhance its ability to do so over time, it is highly useful when it comes to resolving different business issues. Thus, AI is transforming inventory management because traditional systems can have certain drawbacks that can be worked around by applying AI (Kivimaa, 2023).

When deploying AI technologies, companies can mitigate the longstanding problems of inventory management and improve outcomes that are beyond their imagination. AI-powered inventory management systems can also forecast demand, control stock, manage warehouses and even give a clear view of inventory levels in real time. These capabilities not only correct the problems of traditional systems but also open up new business opportunities to get competitive benefits, cost savings and customer satisfaction.

2. The Challenges of Traditional Inventory Management

Historically, physical inventory control systems have been a vital component of the supply chain, independent of the industry. Nevertheless, as the environments of the businesses change and become more complex, these systems show certain drawbacks that may negatively affect the activity and financial results of the businesses. The major drawback inherent in the concept of a classical inventory system is the problem of predicting future demand (Takyar, 2023). Traditional approaches are usually based on forecasted data and simple statistical tools to determine demand. However, these approaches can give an overall picture and are not suitable where there is some sort of market fluctuation, seasonality or any other externalities that can be either at the macro level, like an economic shift or at the micro level, like competitor response (Takyar, 2023). This inability interferes with a firm's capacity to respond rapidly to the ever-changing environment, which often leads to either overstocking or understocking, both of which have serious consequences for the company.

Lack of transparency is also another major problem, especially across the value chain (Ogunniyi, 2023 ; Takyar, 2023). Automating the current systems, which are traditional in most organizations and can be fully or partially decentralized, where departments or locations may have their inventory records, such fragmentation hinders the whole-some and real-time visibility of inventory in terms of location, movement, and status all through the organization. Not adopting this material/physical method results in inadequate decision-making processes concerning stock distribution, restocking, and overall management (Takyar, 2023).

These difficulties are then amplified by traditional methods and people's mistakes. Some of the current established inventory control solutions, even today, lack many of the elements associated with computerized systems, are still paper-based, and may include documentation, keying in of data and performing physical stock taking. These methods are, however, very slow, repetitive and are equally associated with high error levels. Slight differences in counting, inaccurate entry of data, and the unavailability of up-to-date data can create disparities between the recorded and actual stores, which in turn create hindrances in the supply chain field (Ogunniyi, 2023).

Also, conventional material planning systems can barely accommodate the intricate product offerings present in contemporary markets. As businesses supply a wide range of products, the styles, demand, time to replenish and space needed for storing these products differ and intricate methods are unable to control the stock levels properly in organizations.

The above considerations present us with problems that have severe and complex fiscal consequences. When inventory levels are too high, the money that could be used for other parts of the business is used to store the products. Excessive inventory costs money to store and can spoil or become obsolete. Stockouts can result in loss making due to a lack of sales, poor clientele trust, and future compromises of consumers' loyalty, among others (G, 2021). Additional shipping costs to ensure that stock outages are rectified or that slow moving merchandise is sold at a loss reduce the amount of money that can be made. Besides, traditional methods of inventory control are characterized by higher labor costs due to the many inefficiencies that are associated with the system. Employees invest substantial time in data entry, physical counting, and overall reconciliation of the inventory and other related processes instead of being more productive (Wynn, 2021). The drawbacks of conventional inventory control systems also have an effect on a company's capacity to seize market windows of opportunity or address threats (SEIDOR, 2022). A common problem in traditional forecasting is its slowness and inaccuracy, coupled with its short-term perspective, which can significantly impair a business's ability to respond to customer demand increases or optimize the supply chain in the event of interruptions (Takyar, 2023). In light of these difficulties and their high monetary consequences, it is possible to refer to the obvious and urgent need for a smarter and more dynamic approach to inventory management. Businesses require systems that can;

1. Organize the sales forecast data by finding the key determinants and making adjustments only if needed on the field.
2. Ensure the provision of end-to-end, real-time visibility to all the activities in the different stages of the supply chain.
3. Major on minimizing procedural errors while optimizing human resources to engage in more strategic work.
4. Maintain the right stock values for various ranges of products as well as multiple outlets in an organization.
5. Tackle fluctuations in market demand, variability in the supply chain, and the emergence of a new niche.

This is where artificial intelligence comes into play. The aforementioned limitations can only be overcome by the application of AI technologies, which include a tone of intelligence and adaptability alongside automation in order to revolutionize inventory management procedures for the modern business environment. Businesses may get beyond the limitations of conventional systems and raise the efficacy, precision, and economy of their inventory management procedures by utilizing machine learning, predictive analytics, and other AI capabilities.

3. Literature Review

3.1. AI Technologies in Inventory Management

The use of AI has been adopted in managing inventory, where most of the challenges that accrue to conventional systems have been solved. There are key AI technologies transforming inventory management, focusing on four critical areas: demand forecasting, inventory management, order replenishment, and inventory tracking.

3.1.1 Demand Forecasting

One of the most important activities in inventory management is demand forecasting and here, AI has proved to be a great help. Keen interest and modern developments of both AI algorithms and machine learning models have largely impacted the concept of demand forecasting since different data analyses are used to determine future demand (Dunlea, 2023). These AI systems can take large amounts of past selling performance data and parse them for nuanced patterns or trends that a human or raw statistical models may not be able to pick up on. However, their capability goes beyond the kind of historical analysis that is evident from the undertakings. AI models can also include a variety of factors from the outside that might be affecting the demand side of a business, including the trends in the market, the economic signals, the climatic conditions, the social media inclinations, and even the political events. There are numerous other attributes in which machine learning algorithms, especially deep learning models, can be optimized for discovering non-linear patterns in data. For example, a neural network may suddenly learn that sales of a certain product rise not only with temperature but also with certain humidity and days of the week. Such a level of analysis is much more precise as compared to conventional methodologies and hence enables one to make much more accurate forecasts.

Another type of flexible supply chain, reinforcement learning, is another subcategory in the machine learning field used in demand forecasting in a condition of high volatility. These algorithms can also modify their analytical patterns in a real-time format depending on the previous predictive results.

Also, it is necessary to mention that natural language processing (NLP) is another really important aspect of modern demand forecasting (Kuuse, 2023). A good example of unstructured data is the text from customer feedback, social media, and news reports, among others, that can be processed by using NLP to establish the prevailing and emerging trends that affect demand. For instance, an NLP system might identify rising interest in a specific product feature, enabling the business to project demand. Businesses can develop demand forecasting systems that are more accurate and flexible enough to adjust to shifting market conditions by integrating these different AI technologies. Better inventory management techniques are built on top of this improved forecasting capacity.

3.1.2. Inventory Optimization

Having forecasted demand accurately, there is another task of identifying the right inventory level to establish. Many factors have to be considered in order to determine the right classifications of stocks that have to be ordered and how much safety stock has to be kept. All this is best done by AI algorithms. These AI systems consider factors such as lead time, demand fluctuations, holding costs, and the company's loss due to stockouts as well as overstocking, (Kuuse, 2023; Takyar, 2023). Through this form of exposure to a wide variety of inputs, AI is able to carefully weigh the proportional standing of inventory according to its desired cost-sensitivity on the one hand and service sensitiveness on the other. Thus, it is possible to use machine learning algorithms to analyze historical data and find out the patterns of lead time and demand volatility in order to properly calculate the value of safety stock. Some of the inventory algorithms can also be dynamic, allowing the adjustment of related parameters with changes in conditions. When it comes to multi-layered supply chains, AI can assist in the use of Multi-Echelon inventory optimization (MEIO). MEIO addresses the total supply network topology involving suppliers, distribution facilities, and stores and adjusts stock amounts at all tiers at once (Raj, 2024). This approach, which would be practically impossible without the help of AI, can provide for extensive decreases in total stock levels and, at the same time, improve or even stabilize service levels. AI can also be used in the dynamic re-optimization of inventory based on current demand signals, disruptions in the supply chain, or similar conditions. This capability makes it possible for businesses to have much more flexibility than the conventional static inventory models that result from market conditions changing.

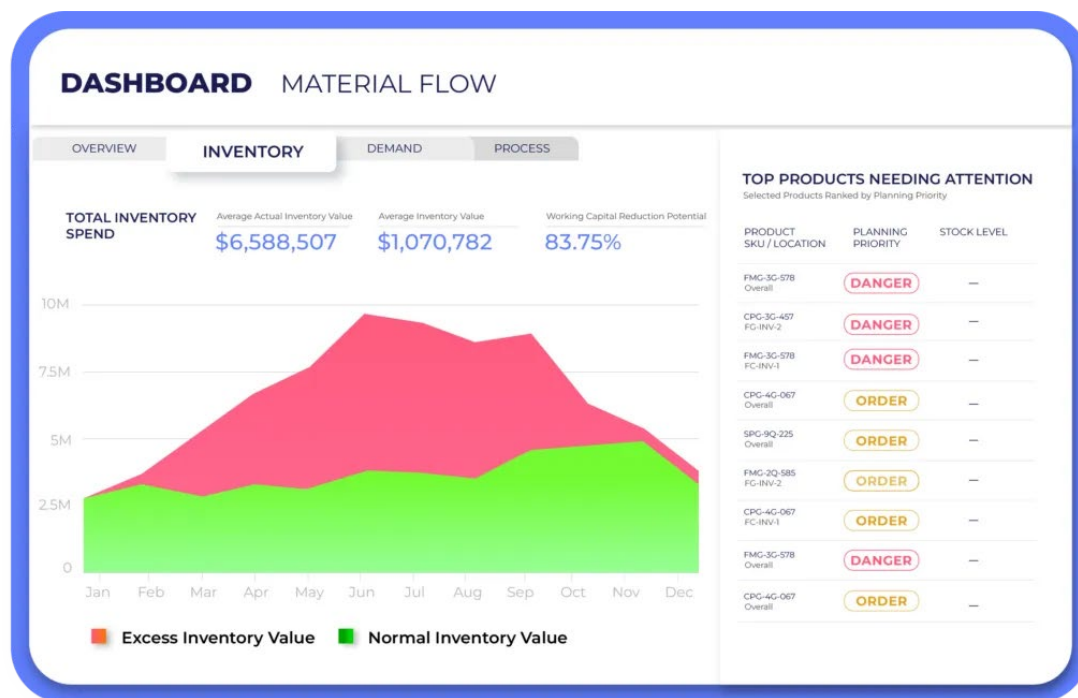


Figure 1. Cost Reduction Potential in AI inventory Management through Optimization (Raj, 2024).

As presented in Figure 1, lowering safety stock levels is one of MEIO's main advantages for an organisation. Extra inventory, or safety stock, is what businesses maintain on hand as insurance against unforeseen delays in the supply

chain or demand. But keeping a lot of safety stock on hand can be costly and inefficient. As seen in the figure above, addressing these issues can reduce the working capital potential by 83.75%.

3.1.3. Warehouse Automation

The application of robotics, computer vision, and big data analytics has revolutionized the way warehouses do business today. It essentially means such technologies are applied in the management of warehousing to automate key processes like inventory tracking, order fulfillment, etc., all of which work to greatly boost efficiency and accuracy. Computer vision systems can be applied to show robots what the floor of a warehouse looks like, and then the robots will move to the location of the products on their own (Kuuse, 2023). The speed and efficiency of picking and packaging processes can be greatly increased by these robots because they can operate continuously. For the tracking of inventory, computer vision technology and using machine learning algorithms make it possible to automate the process. The presence of cameras ensures that the status of the stocks of the products can be observed in real-time, knowing when items are taken out or put back on the shelves, among others (Inventory, 2024). This system can also be useful in automatically updating the record of stocks, eliminating the need to count the stock physically, thus introducing a lot of blindness. AI is also vital in determining the appropriate layout of warehouses. Based on the data collected regarding product demand, the frequency of pickings, and the traffic in the warehouse, AI algorithms can design the layout of the stocks that depicts lesser pick time for the products and better efficiency in the entire process (OmneelabWMS, 2023). Another AI application is known as predictive analytics; it can predict when and where there may be a heavy work load or speak of possible problems in warehouses. Such foresight enables the managers to plan and alter the workforce or optimize other activities to ensure a better workflow at a busier time (Dataforest, 2024). The changes introduced by these AI enabled automation technologies are fundamental in the case of warehouses. They were regarded as reducing the arm's length of labor costs, preventing mistakes, enhancing the turn-around, and enhancing the effectiveness of organizational systems. Furthermore, while these systems perform ordinary assignments, this relieves human employees, and thus they can perform other tasks that are more valuable.

3.1.4. Real-Time Visibility

Automated systems such as artificial intelligence, sensors in the Internet of Things (IoT), and radio frequency identification (RFID) technology have increased supply chain transparency (Singh, 2024). These technologies give real-time visibility to every operation within the supply chain concerning state and status of inventory. Connected IoT sensors can be applied at the product level, on pallets, or in shipping containers to always monitor the location, state, and environment of the items (Takyar, 2023; Singh, 2024). The large amounts of data comprising current and past inventory positions are instantly analyzed by AI algorithms, thus offering real-time management visibility. RFID transforms inventory tracking together with its companion AI to automatically track inventory from one supply chain leg to the next. RFID readers can feed data to the AI algorithms that then relay real-time updates about the position and number of stocks, as opposed to manually scanning or counting the stock (Petruk, 2023). Besides, AI systems are capable of utilizing this real-time data to diagnose or look for signs of possible problems. That is, an AI might observe that a shipment has started to move along a different route or that temperature-sensitive products are endangered because of a refrigerator breakdown. This way, a business organization can be rewarded for identifying these problems early and taking the necessary precautions.

The supply chain, when it comes to risk management, is also bolstered by the use of AI. Due to their information processing capability, AI systems can predict changes in the international scene, climate and other factors that may disrupt the supply chain (Magyar, 2023). This foresight enables the business to have back-up plans or causes of action or to effectively change its stock management plans before such events happen.

Furthermore, AI is capable of solving problems in terms of routing and logistics in real-time according to the current status. For instance, if there could be a problem like congestion in the areas to be used for delivery, an AI system may quickly reassign delivery to another route to ensure timely delivery is achieved.

The real-time visibility that is offered by the above described AI-aided systems revolutionizes decision-making capacities (Singh, 2024). Managers can gain real-time information about the location status of their inventories together with those of their supply chain, thereby enabling them to make prompt decisions. It is especially useful in fields where changes are very dynamic or during streaks of shortages of supplies in the chain.

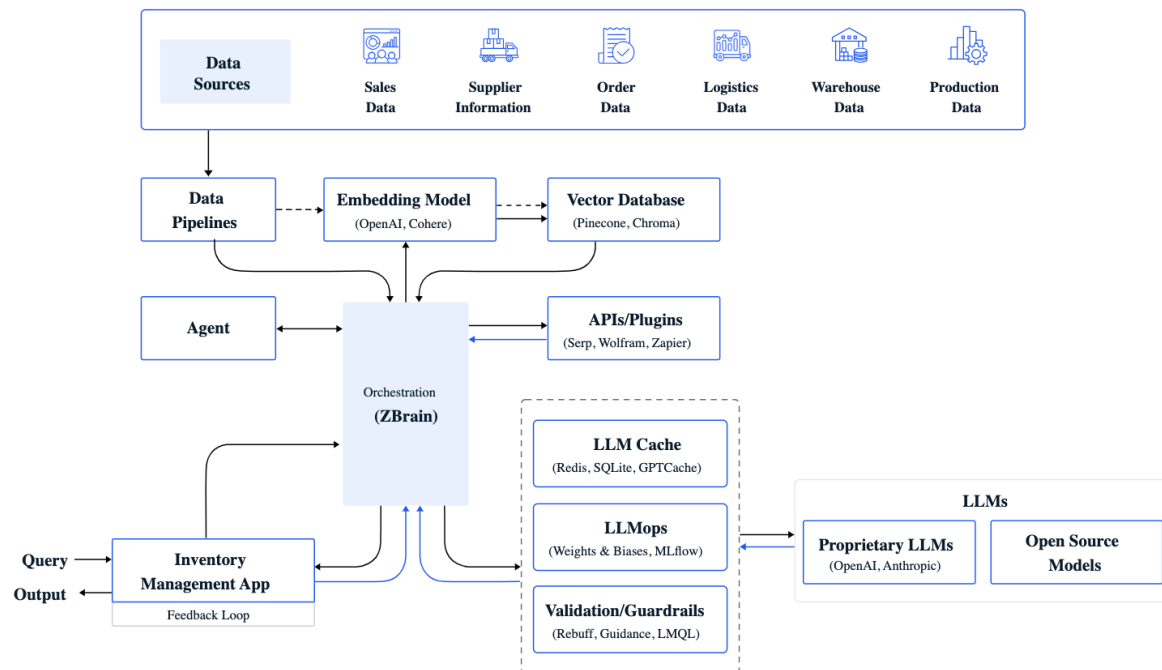


Figure 2. A Representation of how AI in Inventory Management Works (Takyar, 2023)

As presented in Figure 2 and keeping in mind the various technologies in inventory management, this architecture depicts a highly advanced AI-based system for managing an inventory that is made up of various parts. It starts with heterogeneous data measured in the availability of stocks, sales data, supplier information and market information. These are preprocessed through pipelines and then passed through the embedding models, which create vector representations of them, and then stored in a vector database for retrieval. It has a workflow layer, which is responsible for coordinating the workflow with the databases, APIs, language models and finally the user query. When a user inputs a query through the app used in inventory management, the orchestration layer pulls the required information and passes it on to suitable LLMs (Takyar, 2023). The LLMs produce information and conclusions, which are further checked and displayed in a format that is more comprehensible to the users. In the context of making the system more efficient, the following aspects are included: user feedback, the presence of AI agents for solving more complex problems, caching to speed up the process, as well as logging / LLMOps to monitor performance. The entire architecture of the system is based on LLM APIs, along with the platform for creating and hosting the program instance in the cloud to enable scalability. Intending to improve the decision-making process in inventory management astronomically, this architecture will rely on AI in the analysis of big data.

4. Results

AI is transforming the current flow of inventory management in several ways through several techniques (Figure 3). When it comes to forecasting demand with the increased effectiveness of possible sales, professional algorithms and calculations based on historical background and effective data are used. In reinforcement learning, cost and inventory depletion decisions are learned from different situations and feedback so as to optimize the available stock. NLP is a tool that utilizes processed language analysis algorithms that can help companies capture consumer insights from sources such as social media and customer reviews. The computer vision technology helps automate the inventory check, reducing manual counting and instances of error. Sensor information, with the help of predictive analytics, determines the more accurate periods for maintenance based on the arising issues. In particular, generative adversarial networks (GANs) help build test data for inventory strategies without using actual resources. Autonomous mobile robots that embrace AI and artificial intelligence improve warehouse efficiency in so far as picking is concerned, as it reduces human interference (Takyar, 2023; Elahi et al., 2023)]. Sentiment analysis makes and generates the effects of

assessing changing demand patterns from customer feedback for sentiment analysis to adjust inventory accordingly. Besides, MEIO is an AI-based approach that addresses the problem of inventories in an organization that span across different echelons in the supply chain; it aims to avoid mere stocking of inventory and associated costs. With the use of artificial intelligence, predictive restocking systems are used to replenish stocks based on several factors, including stock data analytics and forecasts, to ensure the best stock levels are obtained. Through the use of these four artificial intelligence techniques, business organizations will be able to enhance efficiency, low costs and high employee and customer satisfaction in the management of inventories. As one would expect with the advances in technology, there could well be newer opportunities opened up, and the overall prospects of this field will expand.

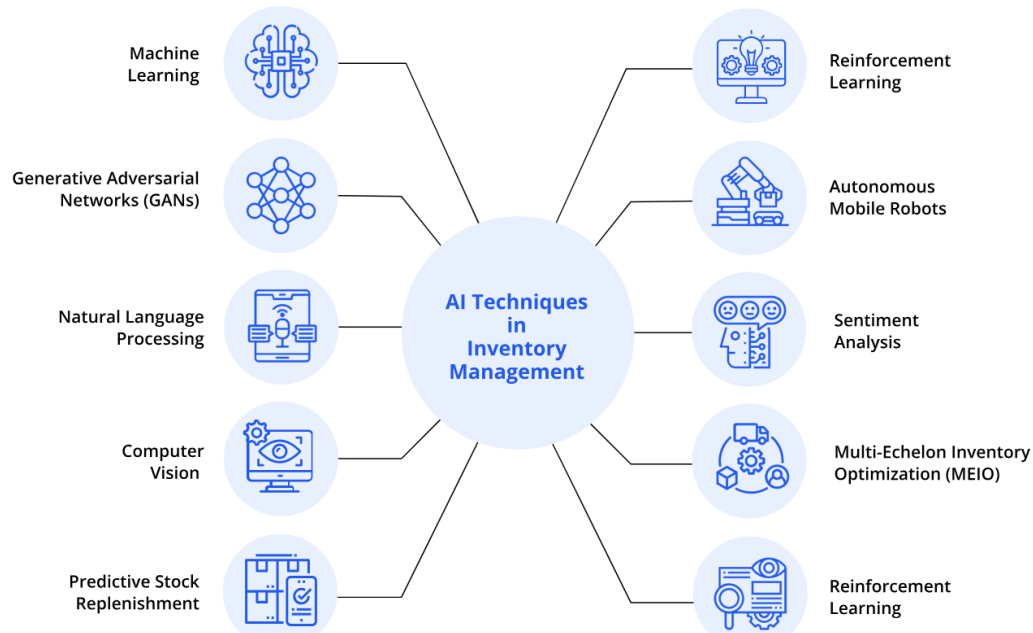


Figure 3. Various Techniques Applied in Inventory Management (Takyar, 2023)

5. Discussion

5.1. Implementing AI in Inventory Management

AI integration in inventory is a major change strategy that may take some time to plan, put in place and then manage. When incorporating AI into inventory management, the first thing to do is to review the existing system and understand where AI will be most useful. This involves reviewing the current activities, identifying the gaps, and describing goals for the use of artificial intelligence. For example, a company analyzing their current pain points might decide that demand forecasting is a core issue that results in too much stock or too little stock. Thus, it is crucial to define these challenges as clearly as possible so that AI implementation is most impactful within the company. However, after the objectives have been set, the next key steps are data collection and data preliminaries (Takyar, 2023; Kivimaa, 2023b). The accuracy of the AI systems largely depends on the data used to train them, thus making this phase very sensitive. Companies, in formulating their strategies, require information in the form of sales data, inventory details, supplier information, and even market trends, as well as sometimes extrinsic conditions such as economic factors or climate. In this process of data collection, it is also usual that various systems and databases are combined to form the dataset. Data cleaning and preprocessing are the processes that come immediately after data collection. There can be an error in the raw input data, there can be disparities in the data feed, and the information feed can contain much noise that degrades the model's performance. The other important activity that needs to be performed under data cleaning is to keep accurate records, work out missing values, and check the consistency of the data. Some of the preprocessing steps may be scaling of data, encoding of dictionaries, or feature engineering, as other data types may hold more useful

information for the models (Takyar, 2023). This stage could be time-consuming but is very important in order to avoid making costly mistakes when implementing the AI system.

Having obtained 'clean' preprocessed data in front of us, the next step is to identify the right AI methods that need to be applied, and the corresponding models that need to be constructed. Hence, the kind of technique selected for the problem is determined by the nature of the problem and the type of data available. In the area of demand forecasting, various machine learning algorithms, such as random forests or neural networks, might be used by businesses. For inventory optimization, the more suitable reinforcement learning algorithms might be at work. Using one of the techniques can be effective; however, it may be more effective to try all of them and see which one yields the best outcome in a given application. In fact, model development is a process of feeding the selected AI algorithms with the processed data (Chen, 2023). The need for such a process is to set the parameters of the model with the most optimal values for fine tuning. The best practice is to utilize more potent validation methodologies, like cross validation so that the models have the ability to generalize to fresh inputs. It also entails the design of a process through which data must go before it is analyzed and the model's predictions generated to inform inventory management.

Implementation of the AI models with the existing networks is a very important and, at the same time, very complex aspect (Turing, 2024b). This entails making interfaces between the intended AI system and current inventory management systems so that there can be an easy exchange of information. This process might involve adapting the current software or creating new middleware through which the systems will interact. This means that various integrations should be tested to a deeper level to see if the AI system can interact within the inventory management system and the external environment.

After the integration of the AI system, the next crucial process is pilot testing. This means the operation of the AI system alongside other processes to create the ability to compare the corresponding outcomes and look for problems and differences. The pilot phase is also used to calibrate the system, optimize the model and look at integration issues before full scale use.

When pilot tests have been completed successfully, the testing of the AI system can be extended to every stage of operation involved with inventory management (Takyar, 2023; RVJ, 2024). This should be done systematically, and the message dealing with changes in their processes and the expected gains in the new system should reach those stakeholders. In most cases, it is better to introduce the system gradually, perhaps starting with less sensitive areas of the operation and moving up to the most critical sections with time and when the organization has gained confidence in the new system (refer to Table 1). Systems require constant observation to detect the effectiveness of AI inventory management and enhance the system periodically (Takyar, 2023). Machine learning models may deteriorate with time as the distribution within the data is constantly changing, thus the need for constant updating. Specifically, for the development of similar systems, businesses should implement ways of evaluating the performance of the model, gathering feedback from users, and periodically improving the system. This might include continuous retraining of existing models, modification of inputs that feed the model, or acquiring newer AI methodologies when they are developed.

Besides, implementing user training, which is also necessary for the successful implementation of AI in inventory management, is crucial (Kunkle, 2024). The general public must therefore be able to comprehend how to engage with the AI system to obtain its results, and the results must be comprehensible with any appropriate moment for human control identified. This training should be progressive and consistent with the growth of the AI system and its additions. There is a need to ensure that the users of the developed AI system put their trust in that system while at the same time promoting skepticism and human supervision. The promotion of AI equality in businesses should be complemented by the determination of appropriate KPIs for analyzing the effects of the implementation (Takyar, 2023). These could be things like improvements in the accuracy of the forecast used, a decrease in the costs of holding inventory, an increase in order fill rates, or gains in customer satisfaction. Measuring and reporting such changes frequently can be used to explain why organizations are investing in AI and what else needs to be done (see Table 1). The use of AI in managing inventories is a process that is not very easy and hence it involves a lot of planning, resources and commitment. But when done right, it can completely change how inventory management is done, resulting in significant gains in productivity, cost savings, and customer satisfaction. Businesses that successfully integrate these systems will be well-positioned to adjust to shifting market conditions and preserve a competitive edge in their sectors as AI technologies continue to advance.

Table 1. The Critical Steps in Implementing AI in Inventory Management

Phase	Key Steps	Insights
Assessment	Identify areas where AI can add value.	Analyze current processes, pinpoint inefficiencies, and define clear objectives for AI implementation.
Data Collection	Gather relevant data from various sources.	Integrate multiple systems to create a comprehensive dataset that includes historical sales, inventory records, supplier information, market trends, and external factors.
Data Preparation	Clean, preprocess, and normalize the data.	Ensure data quality and consistency by correcting errors, handling missing values, and transforming data into a suitable format for AI models.
Model Development	Select AI techniques and develop models.	Choose appropriate algorithms, like machine learning or reinforcement learning based on the specific problem and data characteristics.
System Integration	Integrate AI models with existing systems.	Create seamless data flow between the AI system and inventory management software, ensuring compatibility and communication.
Pilot Testing	Run the AI system in parallel with existing processes.	Compare results, identify issues, and fine-tune the system before full-scale deployment.
Deployment	Roll out the AI system across the entire operation.	Manage the implementation carefully, communicate with stakeholders, and monitor the system's performance closely.
Monitoring and Optimization	Continuously monitor and fine-tune the system.	Retrain models, adjust input features, and implement new AI techniques as needed to ensure ongoing performance and adaptability.
User Training	Train employees on how to interact with the AI system.	Provide comprehensive training on how to interpret outputs, recognize when human intervention is necessary, and foster trust in the AI system while encouraging critical thinking.
Evaluation	Establish metrics to measure the impact of AI.	Track improvements in forecast accuracy, inventory costs, fill rates, customer satisfaction, and other relevant metrics to assess the value and effectiveness of the AI implementation.

6. Conclusion

Relative to the focus of this work, this paper has reviewed the revolutionary role of artificial intelligence in managing inventory. Now we have reviewed how some of the optimal technologies are changing key sectors such as demand planning, inventory management, warehouse management and real time visibility of the supply chain. Almost all the drawbacks of classical approaches to inventory management, such as inaccuracy in forecast, lack of visibility, and reliance on manual work, are solved by the use of AI technologies. These modern solutions contribute to higher results and organizational effectiveness, accompanied by increased accuracy and lower costs, as noted with regards to the overall improvement of organizational performance and customer satisfaction. The findings from our implementation results in this analysis are consistent with the structure across the different industrial sectors, thus showing the potential gains of the AI application in inventory management, where there is greater accuracy on the forecast in addition to inventory cost reduction, a boost in the storage section, and overall supply chain robustness. Using the AI system to manage inventories is not easy, but the return on investment for these businesses is relatively worth the effort. In fact, as mentioned in the previous sections, the implementation of such interventions is conditioned by proper planning, effective data management, and subsequent continuous evaluation of the process and its improvement. In modern business, therefore, the integration of AI in inventory management is not an option but a necessity in today's dynamic digital world. Any business that is able to incorporate these technologies will stand to benefit from the increasing flexibility in the market environment, thereby fulfilling customer needs and widening the competitive gap. In this way, AI increases its significance as technologies progress, and more and more inventory management and supply chains will be influenced by AI.

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