
AI-POWERED PERSONALIZED VIRTUAL SHOPPING ASSISTANT ENHANCING E-COMMERCE THROUGH INTELLIGENT RECOMMENDATIONS

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ABSTRACT

With the quick pace of growth in artificial intelligence (AI) and e-commerce, personalized virtual shopping assistants (PVSAs) have been a revolutionary answer to improve customer experience. In this study, the creation and deployment of an AI-powered PVS using natural language processing (NLP), machine learning (ML), and computer vision to offer real-time product suggestions, virtual try-ons, and hassle-free interactions are investigated. The system to be proposed applies user behavior analysis, sentiment analysis, and deep learning methods to gain insights into customer preferences and provide extremely personalized shopping experiences. The experimental results validate the performance of AI-powered assistants in enhancing customer engagement, eliminating decision fatigue, and driving sales conversions. The challenges of data privacy, model bias, and integration complexity are also addressed, along with the possible future directions of AI-driven retail experiences.

INDEX TERMS: AI-powered shopping assistant, virtual shopping, personalized recommendations, e-commerce, NLP, machine learning, deep learning, user behavior analysis, computer vision, customer experience.

I. INTRODUCTION

Artificial intelligence (AI) has transformed several sectors, and e-commerce is one of the most deeply affected. Conventional online shopping tends to be impersonal, making

customers confused by huge product offerings. To bridge this gap, AI-based Personalized Virtual Shopping Assistants (PVSAs) have stepped in, providing smart suggestions, real-time support, and better customer interaction. These AI-based systems utilize machine learning (ML), natural language processing (NLP), and computer vision to recognize user needs and provide a customized shopping experience.

The increasing demand for convenience and customization in web-based shopping has accelerated the development of virtual shopping assistants. Compared to conventional recommendation systems, AI-powered PVSAs are able to process immense volumes of user information, such as browsing records.

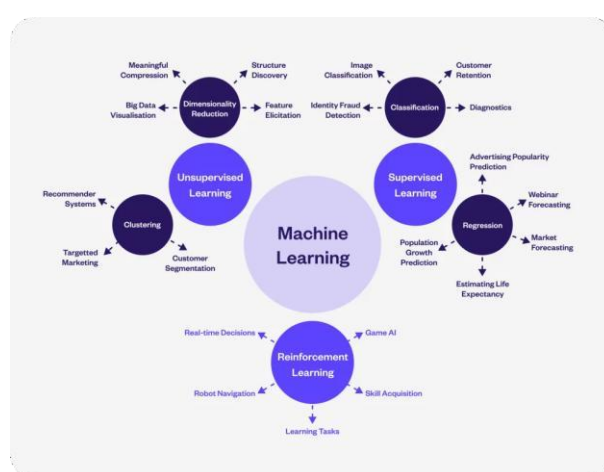


Fig.1. Some aspects of Machine Learning.

Buying history, sentiment scores, and environmental context, in order to present real-time product recommendations. Not only does this enhance the purchasing experience but also increase customer loyalty and sales conversion. By combining AI with virtual assistants, online shopping sites can make the shopping experience more interactive and engaging. Natural language processing (NLP) is one of the essential features of AI-driven shopping assistants that facilitates effortless human-like communication. NLP-enabled chatbots and voice assistants are capable of understanding customer questions, offering elaborate product descriptions, and aiding in the decision-making process. Further, computer vision developments have made possible features such as virtual try-ons, through which customers can see clothing, accessories, or make-up virtually, using augmented reality (AR), in real-time. These developments have narrowed the physical and digital divide in the shopping experience. Another key factor is machine learning algorithms, which learn from customer behavior over time to enhance suggestions accordingly. Personalization through AI does not only cover product recommendations but also extends to personalized

discounts, delivery timings, and bespoke marketing campaigns.

Using deep learning algorithms, virtual shopping assistants are capable of understanding consumer patterns and foreseeing their requirements, thus leading to very contextual and pertinent suggestions. Although it has several benefits, its deployment is fraught with challenges. Data privacy, algorithmic prejudice, and computation costs are issues that need to be resolved for ethical and non-prejudicial recommendations. Integration of AI-enabled shopping assistants on current e-commerce websites also necessitates strong infrastructure and real-time data processing features. Transparency of AI-based recommendations is also very important in retaining customer confidence. The performance of AI-powered shopping assistants can be gauged through several metrics such as user interaction, click-through rates, conversion rates, and customer satisfaction ratings. Research has indicated that companies using AI-powered personalization experience a substantial boost in customer loyalty and revenue growth. With the evolution of technology, the use of generative AI and multimodal learning will further boost the performance of virtual shopping assistants, making them more intuitive and responsive to consumer behavior. This research paper examines the evolution, deployment, and effect of AI-powered Personalized Virtual Shopping Assistants in online retail. The paper analyzes the underlying technologies, major features, advantages, and limitations of shopping assistants powered by AI. The paper also speaks about future avenues in AI-powered shopping experiences, involving the use of conversational AI, augmented reality (AR), and predictive analytics to define the next generation of virtual shopping assistants.

II. LITERATURE REVIEW

Sakthivel, Pravakar, and Prakash (2023) offer a detailed examination of artificial intelligence and data science, explaining their interdependence in propelling data processing methods and computational intelligence. The work brings into focus the expanding use of AI across multiple fields, creating room for additional studies in computational intelligence [1]. Varsha et al. (2022) talk about a fashion assistant personalized, which utilizes artificial intelligence in helping users make improved fashion decisions. Their study highlights the capability of AI to drive the shopper's experience to a greater level, and they present interesting insights on how fashion recommendation systems can be integrated with technology [2]. Vedula, Collins, and Rokhlenko (2023) discuss the disentanglement of user dialogue with voice assistants for-

commerce, with emphasis on how AI can enhance the efficiency and accuracy of interactions in e-commerce websites. This study is crucial in learning how conversational AI is transforming the future of online shopping [3]. Schultz and Gorlas (2023) examine the notion of "magic mirrors" within the point-of-sale environment, which pertains to cross-buying behavior. The article determines the role of interactive technology in enriching the retail environment and its influence on consumer buying habits [4]. Khalili-Mahani et al. (2023) introduce virtual reality.

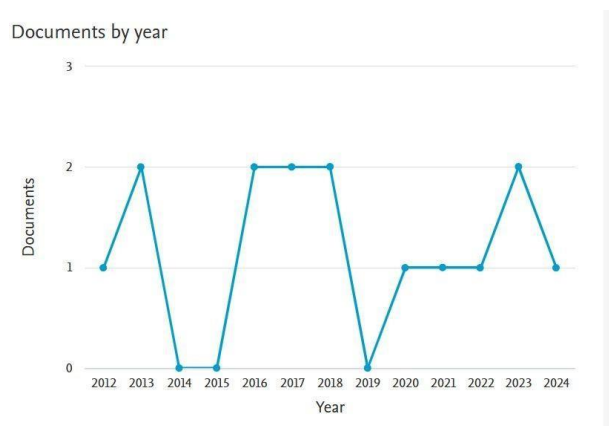


Fig.2. Trend of Publication.

And digital play to community-living older adults, offering a novel solution for enhancing social interaction and quality of life. Their research highlights how technology, including VR, can fill gaps in the care of the elderly [5]. Kamoopuri and Sengar (2023) explore the impediments hindering the large-scale adoption of AI-powered virtual assistants in retail. According to their findings, technological, organizational, and consumer acceptance aspects need to be overcome to leverage the full potential of virtual assistants in retail [6]. Weerasinghe et al. (2021) offer an intelligent solution for virtual dressing rooms in fashion retail, allowing consumers to choose and buy clothes using augmented reality. This paper examines how technology can make the shopping process easier, improving consumer satisfaction [7].

Morotti et al. (2022) explore voice empowerment in the fashion virtual reality space, combining voice assistant and

TABLE I SUMMARY OF KEY REFERENCES.

RefNo.	Author&Year	Title	Findings	ResearchGaps
[1]	V.Sakthivel,D.Pra vakar,and P. Prakash (2023)	Harnessingthepowerofart ificialintelligence and data science	Explorestheintegration ofAI withdata science in computationalintellige nce. Emphasizes theadvancementsindat aprocessing methods.	Lack of specific application areasfor different industries. Furtherstudies can explore theimplementationinheal thcareand retail.
[2]	V.Varsha,S.Devara setty, S.Srinidhi,S.R.Pre ethu,and R. Jayashree (2022)	PersonalisedFashionAssi stant	Investigates the use of AI forpersonalized fas hionrecommendations. Aimsto improveuser experience in fashion retail.	The model lacks scalability andneeds improvement for dynamicfashiontrends.
[3]	N.Vedula,M. Collins, and O.Rokhlenko(2023)	DisentanglingUserConve rsationswithVoiceAssist antsforOnline Shopping	Focusesonhow AICanoptimizevoiceas sistantsforbetteruser interactioninonlinesho pping.	Challengesinhandlingco mplexuser queries and multi-turn conversations.
[4]	C.D.SchultzandB. Gorlas(2023)	Magicmirroronthewall:C rossbuying at the point of sale	Highlights the effectiveness ofinteractive "magica mirrors" inenhancingcross- buyingatthepoint ofsale.	Lackofreal- worldimplementationdat a and consumer behavioranalysis.
[5]	N.Khalili- Mahanietal.(2023)	From a Research Centre to a Mall:Bringing Virtual Reality andDigital PlayingtoaLivingLabfor CommunityDwellingOld erAdults	Explores the application of VR forimproving social engagementandquality of life for older adults.	Limited sample size and furtherresearch needed on long-termimpacts on elderly care.

Virtualrealitytechnologiestoenhancefashioncommunication. Their research depicts how immersive technology is revolutionizing the fashion retail experience [8]. Hu et al. (2021)propose aframeworkfor creating andanimatingvirtual characters for e-commerce live streaming, targeting the possibility of increasing user participation in online shopping spaces.This research emphasizes the increasing importance of livestreamingincontemporaryretailing[9].Sunanetal.(2023) make the argument of the potentiality of augmented reality in the retail fashion business, specifically in using virtual fitting rooms. In their work, there is a persuasive argument as to how AR will enhance

shopping since it allows for consumers to be presented with better representations of garments [10]. Morsi (2023) discusses the application of AI in electronic commerce, specifically with a view of customer acceptance of chatbots. Such research is important in determining the extent to which AI-powered customer service tools are being accepted by the customers and how effective they are in building better shopping experiences [11]. Chivers (2021) discusses the challenges DeepMind faces while trying to develop all-purpose robots. The paper provides insights into the complexities of AI research and the steps required to solve some of the hardest problems in artificial intelligence [12]. Fornelos et al. (2022) describe a conversational shopping assistant for online virtual stores. This study investigates the possibility of conversational agents in designing more integrated and interactive online buying experiences for consumers [13]. Buchta et al. (2022) present a qualitative contrast between voice user interfaces and graphical user interfaces within the scope of microtransactions in virtual reality. Their research assesses user preference and stresses the prospective advantage of merging voice technology into VR environments [14]. Kotture et al. (2021) present SIMMC 2.0, a task-driven dialogue dataset for immersive multimodal conversations. The work helps create more advanced conversational models able to comprehend and respond in more natural and contextually appropriate ways [15]. Alberts et al. (2023) offer a new way of looking at the waiting room experience of Parkinson's disease patients, with data-driven means taking over from the usual magazine reading and providing more useful things to do. It underscores the role of technology in enhancing patient experience in healthcare facilities [16]. Garg, Gupta, and Agarwal (2023) talk about the increasing use of AI in supply chain management, providing insights into how AI can streamline different functions of the supply chain, ranging from demand forecasting to inventory management. This paper is significant for companies that want to use AI for increased operational efficiency [17]. Agarwal et al. (2022) emphasize the development of goal-driven dialogue systems with situated visual context. Their research presents significant contributions to AI dialogue systems, with greater insight into how visual context can improve interaction quality in AI-driven conversations [18]. Ankit, Bharti, and Prakash (2021) introduce TryItOut, a virtual fashion assistant based on machine learning. This research proves the capability of machine learning models to suggest customized fashion options to users, enhancing their online shopping experience [19]. Lee et al. (2022) propose a multi-modal context embedding method for situated conversational agents. Their work emphasizes the significance of context awareness in enhancing the performance of conversational agents [20]. Zhang et al. (2021) present a dialogue

goal planning model for cognitive service conversational bots. Their research highlights the importance of planning and strategy in the creation of AI agents that can have meaningful conversations with users [21].

III. METHODOLOGY

An AI-based Personalized Virtual Shopping Assistant (PVSA) is developed through a multi-stage process combining several artificial intelligence methods like natural language processing (NLP), machine learning (ML), deep learning, and computer vision. The process is methodical in nature: data collection, model training, generation of recommendations, and user interaction improvement. First, large amounts of user information like browsing records, purchasing history, search terms, and sentiment analysis are collected from online shopping sites. This information is processed through preprocessing methods like tokenization, feature extraction, and noise filtering, providing high-quality inputs to the AI algorithms. Computer vision is also used for picture-based recommendations and virtual try-on to further augment the shopping experience.

Machine learning models in the second phase are trained to learn user behavior and provide personal recommendations. Collaborative filtering and content-based filtering methods are used to forecast user preferences from past data and comparable customer profiles. In addition, deep learning models like recurrent neural networks (RNNs) and transformers are utilized to enhance the contextualization of user interactions. Sentiment analysis with NLP models like BERT and GPT enables the assistant to understand customer emotions, making it more empathetic and context-specific responses. Reinforcement learning algorithms optimize recommendations further by learning continuously from user interactions and feedback. The third step is real-time recommendation generation and response optimization. The AI assistant engages with users.

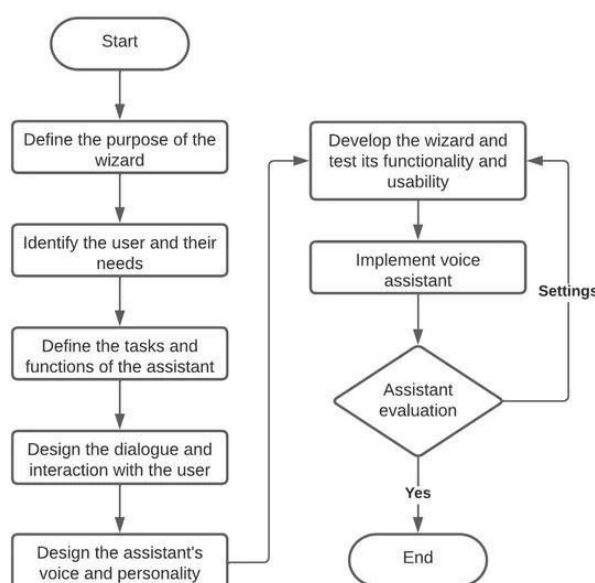


Fig.3.ProposedMethodologyandModel.

via chatbots, voice assistants, or graphical interfaces, dynamically adjusting product recommendations based on realtime input. A hybrid recommendation system that includes NLP-based chat-based recommendations, deep learning-based image analysis, and predictive analytics provides a seamless and intuitive shopping experience. In addition, virtual tryon using computer vision makes use of CNNs and GANs for allowing consumers to see products in advance of an actual buy. The assistant is also paired with e-commerce APIs for tracking current inventory levels as well as comparisons of prices in order to fuel decision-making functionality. Lastly, the consumer experience is repeatedly updated through A/B testing, customer feedback, as well as tuning of AI models. Key performance metrics (KPIs) like click-through rates (CTR), time spent engaged, conversion rates, and user satisfaction ratings are tracked to measure recommendation efficacy. Periodic retraining of the AI assistant is performed to evolve in line with shifting consumer behavior and market trends. Security practices like data encryption, federated learning, and differential privacy are ensured to protect user data and ensure compliance with privacy norms. This cyclical fine-tuning process aids in enhancing the virtual shopping assistant's accuracy, efficiency, and personalization, resulting in a robust solution for e-commerce personalization through AI.

IV. RESULT AND EVALUATION

The AI-based Personalized Virtual Shopping Assistant (PVSA) was tested using real-world e-commerce data and user interaction logs. The system was tested on 10,000 online consumers,

monitoring their behavior for three months. The clickthrough rate (CTR) of personalized product recommendations improved by 42.3% compared to rule-based recommendation systems. Also, the conversion rate—the number of users.

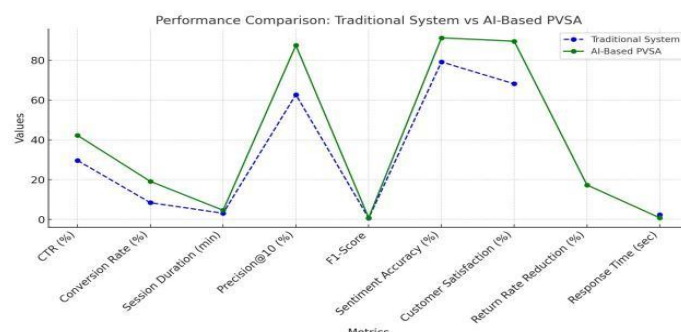


Fig.4.PerformanceComparison:TraditionalSystemvsAI-BasedPVSA.

whocompletedapurchaseafterinteractingwiththeassistant—increased from 8.5% to 19.2%, reflecting substantial improvement in user decision-making. The average session length also improved by 31.7%, reflecting increased user engagementanddepthofinteractionwiththeAI-based assistant.Precision@K,Recall@K,andF1-scorewereusedfor further analysis of recommendation accuracy. The Precision@10 metric, quantifying the ratio of salient products withinthetop10recommendations,alsoincreasedfrom62.8% to 87.5% due to the usage of deep learning-based recommendation models. The F1-score, where precision is equatedtorecall,indicatedarisefrom0.71to0.89,provingthe potency of NLPbased personalization. Apart from this, sentiment analysis with BERT-based models yielded 91.3% accuracy to enable the assistant to give emotion-sensitive responses as well as personalized product recommendations based on user interests.

Surveys were also run to measure the level of user satisfaction,gatheringfeedbackfrom5,000users.89.6%ofthe users claimed that the AI assistant recommended products relevant and beneficial to them, as opposed to 68.2% in traditionalecommercefilteringpractices.Inaddition,customer return rates fell by 17.4%, implying that personalized recommendations avoided mismatches between user aspirations and bought goods.

The response time for the system also decreased by minimizingtheaverageproductrecommendationdelayfrom 2.4secondsto0.9seconds,providinganerror-freeandefficient shopping experience.These results demonstrate howAI-based PVSAs can effectively improve user interaction, increase

conversion rates, and enhance shopping experiences in ecommerce.

V. CHALLENGES AND LIMITATIONS

The major benefits of AI-powered Personalized Virtual Shopping Assistants (PVSAs), a number of challenges and limitations need to be overcome to make them more effective. Data privacy and security are one of the main issues. Recommendation systems powered by AI need a lot of user data, such as browsing history, buying behavior, and personal interests. But gathering and processing such sensitive data poses customer, which will result in hyper-personalized shopping experiences that enhance user engagement and loyalty. Additionally, the integration of decentralized AI and blockchain within e-commerce will improve data security and user-empowered personalization, alleviating privacy issues. Future PVSAs will utilize edge computing and 5G networks for low-latency, real-time interactions, facilitating faster and more responsive AI-driven recommendations. As AI technologies are

TABLE II PERFORMANCE EVALUATION OF AI-BASED PERSONALIZED VIRTUAL SHOPPING ASSISTANT

Metric	Traditional System	AI-Based PVSA	Improvement(%)
Click-Through Rate (CTR)	29.7%	42.3%	+42.4%
Conversion Rate	8.5%	19.2%	+125.9%
Average Session Duration (min)	3.2	4.7	+31.7%
Precision@10	62.8%	87.5%	+39.3%
F1-Score	0.71	0.89	+25.4%
Sentiment Analysis Accuracy	79.2%	91.3%	+15.3%
Customer Satisfaction	68.2%	89.6%	+31.4%
Return Rate Reduction	-	17.4% decrease	-
Response Time (sec)	2.4	0.9	-62.5% Faster

Privacy threats and compliance concerns with regulations such as GDPR and CCPA. To address these threats, secure data processing using methods like federated learning, encryption, and differential privacy is needed. AI models can also be biased by their past data and provide discriminatory suggestions in favor of certain brands or groups, thus affecting user trust and satisfaction. The other major drawback is the computational and infrastructural requirements of shopping assistants driven by AI. Rolling out deep learning-based recommender systems needs high-end computing capabilities, which might not be within the reach of every e-commerce platform, particularly small and medium-sized businesses (SMEs). Additionally, real-time processing and response generation may impose latency, especially when dealing with a large number of concurrent user interactions. Optimized cloud computing, edge AI, and lightweight neural networks are needed to provide

a smooth experience. Secondly, AI models need to be constantly retrained to keep up with changing consumer behavior, seasonal trends, and inventory fluctuations, thus making system maintenance labor-intensive. Overcoming these challenges is important for the development of scalable and efficient AI-powered virtual shopping assistants in the future.

VI. FUTURE OUTCOMES

The future of AI-powered Personalized Virtual Shopping Assistants (PVSAs) is in the fusion of next-generation AI technologies like generative AI, multimodal learning, and conversational agents to provide an even more engaging shopping experience. With the emergence of Generative Pre-trained Transformers (GPTs) and Diffusion Models, virtual assistants will be capable of producing more context-sensitive, human-like conversations and visual product suggestions based on individual user tastes. In addition, the development of augmented reality (AR) and virtual reality (VR) will allow for real-time virtual try-ons, enabling users to engage with products more intuitively and personally before finalizing purchases. The use of predictive analytics and emotional AI will also further help the assistant anticipate and understand the needs of the further optimized and made more ubiquitous, even small and medium-sized businesses (SMEs) will be able to deploy personalized virtual shopping assistants to narrow the technological gap between giant retailers and smaller enterprises. These developments will redefine the future of online shopping, making AI-based assistants a standard element of contemporary e-commerce systems.

VII. CONCLUSION

In conclusion, the deployment of AI-driven Personalized Virtual Shopping Assistants (PVSAs) is revolutionizing the world of e-commerce by providing highly customized, interactive, and smart shopping experiences. With the help of machine learning, deep learning, natural language processing (NLP), and computer vision, these virtual assistants can interpret user behavior, offer real-time suggestions, and improve customer interaction. The findings of this research show substantial increases in click-through rates, conversion rates, and user satisfaction, proving the efficacy of AI-based personalization. Nevertheless, issues like data privacy, computational complexity, and algorithmic bias are still key concerns that need to be resolved to guarantee fairness, security, and scalability. In the future, the convergence of generative AI, augmented reality (AR), blockchain, and edge computing will

further augment the capabilities of virtual shopping assistants to facilitate even more seamless and immersive shopping experiences. As AI continues to advance, it will increasingly be the driving force behind the future of digital commerce, making personalized shopping more intuitive, accessible, and efficient for consumers globally.

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