How to Improve Supply Chain Information Management with Artificial Intelligence

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Abstract. This paper discusses how to make full use of artificial intelligence technology to improve supply chain information management, through the application of data analysis and forecasting, intelligent warehousing and inventory management, and intelligent transport and logistics, to achieve accurate monitoring and efficient management of supply chain segments, and at the same time, in-depth study of the support of artificial intelligence in supply chain decision-making, including intelligent decision-making system, risk management, and real-time feedback and adjustment capabilities to improve the accuracy and flexibility of supply chain decision-making.

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1. Introduction

With the increasing complexity and competition in global supply chains, making full use of AI has become the key to improving the effectiveness of supply chain information management. This paper will delve into the multifaceted application of AI in supply chains, from data processing to decision-making support, to provide new ideas and methods for improving the transparency, efficiency and flexibility of supply chains.

2. Application of artificial intelligence in supply chain information management

2.1. Data analysis and forecasting

With the increasing complexity of the global supply chain, the application of artificial intelligence in supply chain information management has become more and more important, in which data analysis and forecasting has become a key part of artificial intelligence, providing enterprises with the ability to gain a deeper understanding of the market trend, real-time adjustments to the production plan and optimise the inventory. The application of data analytics in the supply chain is the use of artificial intelligence algorithms to conduct in-depth excavation of massive amounts of data. analysis of historical sales, inventory, transaction records and other data, enterprises can better understand the demand patterns and seasonal changes of products. Comprehensive data analysis helps to predict future demand trends and provide targeted adjustment plans for the supply chain. Meanwhile, the application of AI in forecasting is mainly reflected in the demand prediction and inventory optimization. Through the establishment of complex machine learning models, AI can make accurate predictions of the accurate forecasting of future market demand.

In terms of demand forecasting, enterprises can make use of the data models provided by AI to better plan their production plans and supply chain processes, and keep abreast of changes in demand for their products. Enterprises can avoid problems caused by overproduction or insufficient inventory, and improve the agility and responsiveness of their supply chains. On the other hand, inventory optimisation is a key aspect of supply chain information management, and the optimisation algorithms of AI can help enterprises achieve optimal inventory levels, including reasonable inventory reserves based on demand forecasts, avoiding excessive funds being fixed in inventory, while ensuring timely supply of products [1].

2.2. Intelligent Warehousing and Inventory Management

With the intensification of market competition and the diversification of consumer demand, enterprises are relying more and more on artificial intelligence technology in supply chain information management, especially in intelligent warehousing and inventory management, the application of intelligent warehousing in the supply chain mainly covers the operation and management inside the warehouse, through the introduction of artificial intelligence, the management of goods inside the warehouse becomes more intelligent and efficient, for example, the intelligent warehouse can achieve automatic classification, storage and retrieval of goods through automated equipment, such as robots and sensors, to achieve automatic classification, storage and retrieval of goods, which not only reduces the need for manual operation, but also improves the storage density and utilisation of the warehouse, in addition to this, the application of AI in inventory management is to achieve the optimisation of the inventory level through intelligent algorithms, the traditional inventory management is usually based on static rules and cyclical stocktaking, whereas the AI technology can be used according to the real-time market changes and demand fluctuations to dynamically adjust inventory strategies. By building machine learning models, AI is able to predict the demand for products, helping companies to ensure supply while avoiding excessive inventory backlogs.

In the application of intelligent warehousing and inventory management, AI is also able to provide real-time data analysis and reporting. By monitoring inventory flows, goods status, and order fulfilment, companies are able to gain a real-time understanding of the warehouse situation, which provides management with timely decision-making support, enabling them to respond more flexibly to changes in the market, adjust supply chain strategies, and ensure the efficient management of inventory.

2.3. Intelligent Transport and Logistics

With the expansion of globalised trade and the continuous development of the consumer market, the logistics link of the supply chain has become the core of corporate concern, and the application of intelligent transport mainly includes the intelligent optimisation of transport routes, traditional logistics planning is often based on static factors, while artificial intelligence can achieve intelligent optimisation of transport routes through real-time data monitoring and analysis, based on traffic conditions, weather changes and other factors, which can not only reduce transport time and improve the timeliness of goods, but also reduce transport costs and improve transport efficiency, while AI can achieve intelligent fleet management, by carrying various types of sensors and intelligent equipment on vehicles, enterprises can monitor the operating conditions of vehicles in real time, carry out remote scheduling and management, which improves the transport efficiency of the fleet and better adapts to the changes in market demand, and achieves the supply chain's flexibility and Adaptability.

In logistics, AI is also widely used in the intelligent tracking and management of goods. Through RFID technology, sensors and other devices, companies can monitor the location, status and environmental conditions of their goods in real time, and intelligent cargo tracking systems can improve logistics visibility and reduce information lag. In terms of intelligent transport and logistics, AI also provides the supply chain with means for predictive maintenance and cost optimization. In terms of intelligent transport and logistics, AI also provides the supply chain with the means for predictive maintenance and cost optimisation. By analysing data on vehicles and equipment, the system is able to predict potential equipment failures, allowing maintenance to be carried out in advance and reducing the risk of disruption in transport.

3. Artificial intelligence support for supply chain decision-making

3.1. Intelligent decision-making system

In today's competitive business environment, the quality of supply chain decision-making is directly related to the operational efficiency and market competitiveness of enterprises, in order to better cope with this challenge, more and more enterprises are introducing artificial intelligence technology into supply chain decision-making, and constructing intelligent decision-making systems in order to improve the accuracy, efficiency and flexibility of decision-making, the core of intelligent decision-making systems lies in its ability to use big data and advanced algorithmic technology to Comprehensive and in-depth analysis of all aspects of the supply chain, first of all, the system is able to deal with a huge amount of data from various data sources, including sales data, inventory data, production data, etc. Through the deep mining of these data, the system is able to find out the laws and trends hidden behind the data, providing a more comprehensive information base for supply chain decision-making, and at the same time, the intelligent decision-making system can provide a more comprehensive information base through the introduction of machine learning and data mining algorithms, the system is able to learn patterns from historical data and make predictions and optimisations. For example, the system can predict future market demand by analysing past sales data and adjust production plans and inventory strategies in the supply chain accordingly, and this predictive decision-making support helps enterprises to better respond to changes in the market, reduces blind decision-making, and improves the scientificity and accuracy of decision-making [2].

In the framework of decision-making system, intelligent algorithms are not only limited to data analysis, but also cover optimisation algorithms. The system can automatically optimise the supply chain to find the best solution according to a specific objective function, e.g., in transportation and inventory management, the system can dynamically adjust the transportation routes and inventory levels according to the real-time traffic information and inventory status, in order to maximise cost reductions and improve efficiency.

3.2. Risk management

In a complex and changing business environment, supply chain decisions are affected by a variety of potential risks, and in order to deal with these risks more effectively, AI technology has become one of the indispensable tools in supply chain management. Artificial Intelligence in risk management in the supply chain identifies and evaluates potential risks by analysing a large amount of data and integrating real-time data from different sources, including market trends, political events, weather changes, and many other aspects to gain a comprehensive understanding of changes and potential risks in the supply chain environment. In addition, AI can quantitatively assess various types of risks by building risk models and algorithms. For example, through machine learning algorithms, the system can conduct predictive analyses of supplier performance, on-time delivery, logistics delays, etc., and identify risk factors that may lead to supply chain disruptions, which not only identifies potential problems ahead of time, but also provides decision makers with reasonable risk trade-offs and helps them make more scientific decision-making [3].

In actual operation, the diversity and complexity of risks make it difficult for traditional manual methods to cope with the task. The advantage of AI lies in its ability to process complex information and its high degree of adaptivity; through deep learning and other technologies, AI can extract patterns from large-scale data, identify anomalies, and provide more accurate and reliable risk warnings, providing enterprises with the means to effectively respond to risks in a complex environment.

3.3. Real-time feedback and adjustments

In a competitive business environment, supply chain decisions need to be timely and flexible in order to adapt to dynamic changes in the marketplace [4].

First, real-time feedback is a key link in supply chain decision-making. By integrating sensors, IoT devices, and other data sources, the AI system is able to monitor all aspects of the supply chain in

real time, including production, transport, and inventory, etc. The real-time data flow enables decision-makers to quickly understand the current state of the supply chain, identify potential problems, and detect anomalies in time, e.g., if bottlenecks occur at a production link. For example, if there is a bottleneck in a production process, the system can provide immediate feedback to alert decision makers to make adjustments to prevent further delays. At the same time, real-time feedback enables companies to respond more proactively to changes in market demand. By monitoring market trends, consumer behaviour and competitor dynamics, the AI system can provide targeted feedback to help companies adjust their product mix, pricing strategy, etc., which can help companies seize the first opportunity, maintain market sensitivity and improve competitiveness [5].

In supply chain decision-making, the adjustment strategy is a natural extension of real-time feedback, and the AI system is able to provide enterprises with more accurate adjustment suggestions by analysing real-time data. For example, in the production segment of the supply chain, if the system detects a surge in demand for a certain product, it can suggest to increase the productivity or adjust the production plan in order to quickly meet the market demand, enabling enterprises to be more flexible in responding to the ever-changing This enables enterprises to respond more flexibly to changing market conditions, reduce inventory risk, and improve the resilience of the supply chain.

4. Conclusion

In supply chain decision-making, the wide application of artificial intelligence has brought unprecedented advantages to enterprises, from real-time feedback to intelligent decision-making system to risk management, each step has strengthened the flexibility and efficiency of the supply chain, the application of this technology not only improves the scientific and accuracy of decision-making, but also enables enterprises to better adapt to changes in the market, reduce the risk, and improve the competitiveness of enterprises, in the future, as the continuous innovation of artificial intelligence technology, supply chain decision-making will usher in greater development space, providing a solid foundation for enterprises to achieve sustainable development and operational excellence.

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