Leveraging Big Data Analytics and Machine Learning to Predict Consumer Behavior and Enhance Marketing Performance in E-Commerce: An Integrated Predictive Framework.

توظيف تحليلات البيانات الضخمة وتعلّم الآلة في التنبؤ بسلوك المستهلك وتعزيز الأداء التسويقي في التجارة الإلكترونية: إطار تنبؤي متكامل.

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ABSTRACT

This study aims to analyze the role of big data analytics and artificial intelligence (AI) technologies in understanding consumer behavior patterns, predicting purchasing decisions, and enhancing marketing performance within the e-commerce environment. The study seeks to develop an integrated, multi-level intelligent framework that combines deep learning techniques and hybrid neural networks to extract customer behavioral patterns, predict the likelihood of purchase completion, and identify the most influential factors in consumer decision-making—thereby supporting the development of data-driven marketing strategies. The methodology involves formulating an AI-based model using neural network techniques to predict the probability of customer purchases. By identifying the most significant variables affecting purchasing decisions—utilizing Explainable Artificial Intelligence (XAI) techniques—the study compares the performance of various predictive algorithms to determine the optimal model. It further evaluates the potential for improving conversion rates, revenue, and marketing returns based on the model's outputs. The proposed methodology centers on constructing a hybrid predictive model that integrates Convolutional Neural Networks (CNN), Long Short-Term Memory (LSTM) networks, and an Attention Mechanism, alongside Explainable Artificial Intelligence (XAI) techniques. The proposed framework is based on a multi-source database that includes purchase transaction records, product browsing behavior, session duration, visit frequency, interaction history with advertising campaigns, customer demographics, and temporal data related to purchasing activities. The data undergoes preprocessing—including the cleaning of missing or anomalous

values, normalization, and feature engineering—before being fed into the predictive model. The illustrative results suggest that the proposed framework successfully addresses the challenges of precisely identifying customer requirements and aspirations by accurately predicting consumer purchasing behaviorof 95.22%, a precision of 95.14%, an F1-score of 95.57%, a recall of 96.00%, and a specificity of 94.31%. This indicates that the integrated approach—which combines the extraction of spatial and temporal consumer features—offers a promising path for uncovering consumer behavior and enhancing purchasing processes. Furthermore, by incorporating the proposed framework into decision-support and intervention modules, it can serve as an effective means to improve marketing operations.

الملخص .

تهدف هذه الدراسة إلى تحليل دور تقنيات تحليلات البيانات الضخمة والذكاء الاصطناعي في فهم أنماط سلوك المستهلك، والتنبؤ بقرارات الشراء، وتعزيز الأداء التسويقي في بيئة التجارة الإلكترونية. وتسعى الدراسة إلى تطوير إطار عمل ذكي متكامل ومتعدد المستويات يجمع بين تقنيات التعلم العميق والشبكات العصبية الهجينة؛ لاستخلاص أنماط سلوك العملاء، والتنبؤ باحتمالية إتمام عمليات الشراء، وتحديد العوامل الأكثر تأثيرًا في اتخاذ المستهلك لقراراته، مما يدعم بدوره تطوير استراتيجيات تسويقية قائمة على البيانات. وتتضمن المنهجية بناء نموذج يعتمد على الذكاء الاصطناعي باستخدام تقنيات الشبكات العصبية للتنبؤ باحتمالية قيام العملاء بعمليات شراء. ومن خلال تحديد المتغيرات الأكثر أهمية التي تؤثر على قرارات الشراء —بالاستعانة بتقنيات الذكاء الاصطناعي القابل للتفسير (XAI)— تقوم الدراسة بمقارنة أداء خوارزميات تنبؤية متنوعة للتوصل إلى النموذج الأمثل. كما تقيّم الدراسة إمكانية تحسين معدلات التحويل، والإيرادات، والعوائد التسويقية بناءً على مخرجات هذا النموذج. وترتكز المنهجية المقترحة على بناء نموذج تنبؤي هجين يدمج الشبكات العصبية التلافيفية (CNN)، وشبكات الذاكرة الطويلة قصيرة المدى (LSTM)، وآلية الانتباه (Attention Mechanism)، إلى جانب تقنيات الذكاء الاصطناعي القابل للتفسير (XAI). ويعتمد هذا الإطار على قاعدة بيانات متعددة المصادر تتضمن سجلات معاملات الشراء، وسلوك تصفح المنتجات، ومدة الجلسات، وتكرار الزيارات، وتاريخ التفاعل مع الحملات الإعلانية، والبيانات الديموغرافية للعملاء، والبيانات الزمنية المتعلقة بأنشطة الشراء. وتخضع البيانات لعمليات معالجة أولية —تشمل تنظيف القيم المفقودة أو الشاذة، وتطبيع البيانات، وهندسة السمات— قبل إدخالها في النموذج التنبؤي. وتشير النتائج التوضيحية إلى أن الإطار المقترح ينجح في معالجة تحديات تحديد متطلبات العملاء وتطلعاتهم بدقة، وذلك من خلال التنبؤ الدقيق بسلوك المستهلك الشرائي، حيث حقق دقة (Accuracy) بلغت 95.22%، ومستوى دقة (Precision) بنسبة 95.14%، ودرجة F1 (F1-score) بنسبة 95.57%، ومعدل استدعاء (Recall) بنسبة 96.00%، وخصوصية (Specificity) بنسبة

94.31%. ويشير هذا إلى أن النهج المتكامل —الذي يجمع بين استخلاص السمات المكانية والزمانية لسلوك المستهلك— يمثل مساراً واعداً للكشف عن سلوك المستهلكين وتحسين عمليات الشراء. وعلاوة على ذلك، فإن دمج هذا الإطار المقترح ضمن وحدات دعم اتخاذ القرار والتدخل الاستراتيجي يجعله أداة فعالة لتحسين العمليات التسويقية..

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1. Introduction

In recent years, a change was brought to the e-commerce industry, due to the rapid and continuous evolution of digital technologies, the widespread emergence of online markets, and the increasing amounts of data collected from the customers' decisions regarding products, services, and marketing strategies**[1].** This shift has led to the utilization of Big Data analytics as a strategic tool to analyze patterns of consumer behavior, analyze preferences in purchase decisions and forecast upcoming choices- all of which are used to make marketing more efficient and improve the competitive advantage of organizations. Big Data, for its diverse sources, generated volume, and high velocity, covers transaction histories, the browsing history of products, session duration, visit rate, interaction with online commercials, as well as customer demographics and time of activity**[2,3].** Artificial intelligence and deep learning are sophisticated tools capable of uncovering nonlinear relationships between different parameters that affect consumer behavior, and suitable for making predictions. Convolutional Neural Networks (CNN) are beneficial for extracting local features from a structured representation of human behavior data, and LSTM can be used to examine consumer interactions, in terms of activity over time, elucidating the gradual evolution of people's interests**[4].** Attention mechanisms assist in detecting activities and features that are highly related to shopping likelihood while the use of XAI reveals why outputs of a model have occurred. Therefore, the research of deep learning and big data analytics in the development of intelligent marketing

systems can lead to better decision support tools and improved marketing performance in an ever-changing e-commerce environment [5,6].

The objective of the study is to create an advanced integrated framework that relies on the application of both big data analytics and hybrid neural networks for forecasting the behaviour of customers and improving efficiency of marketing on e-commerce platforms. The specific target of this research includes: (i) development of a forecast model that makes use of CNN, LSTM networks, and attention mechanisms for processing temporal and behavioural data from customers, allowing to detect the features that have the most significant impact on the likelihood of purchase[7]. (ii) the determination of the factors that contribute to consumer decision-making with the use of XAI techniques that ensure interpretability of decisions made by smart models and assist in achieving trustworthiness in prediction results[8].(iii) comparison of the achieved results of the intelligent model that makes use of forecasting algorithms; (iv) assessment of model performance by means of the relevant measures including accuracy, precision, recall, and F1-score[9,10]; (v) the examination of possible means of using the achieved results for improving conversions, increasing revenue and return on marketing investments (ROMI); and (vi) from the scientific perspective, the main achievement of the research is the combination of the functions of extracting behavioural factors, modelling temporal data, paying attention to important data segments, and providing information about the factors affecting decisions, in one predictive model, making it possible to understand the link between customer behaviour and sales execution. As for practical implications of the study, it can help businesses find customers with the highest willingness to purchase; enhance targeting of marketing campaigns; personalize marketing offers; and optimize use of financial and technical resources [7,11].

Despite notable advances in big data analytics and machine learning, prediction of consumer behavior in e-commerce settings still challenges researchers and practitioners. The reason is that: (1) purchases decisions are, by nature, fluid and complex; (2) there are many factors and interaction effects[12]. (3) customer behavior patterns as well as demographic, temporal, and other customer-related characteristics are diverse; (4) theoretical and experimental research has provided evidence that the relationships between consumer attributes may be non-linear and evolving, and traditional predictive models may not be able to model these

associations properly and simultaneously, and have very limited capacity to make use of the temporal sequence of observations (e.g., sequence of browsing products, purchasing behavior, exposure to advertising campaigns)**[4,5,13]**. (5) deep learning models, while being able to model more complex patterns of non-linearity in the data, pose some challenges regarding interpretability of the model, feature selection, imbalanced class data (disparity between samples with and without purchase), and data leakage (information from the future inadvertently being used in model training or testing)**[14].** All above mentioned factors point to a research problem of finding a unified predictive model that can learn and identify local consumer behavior patterns, temporal shifts in these patterns, the importance of individual features and feature combinations, and produce clear, explainable predictions that can help enhance marketing effectiveness**[14].** The identified gap in the literature that my research aims to fill is to evaluate the added value of combining CNNs, LSTM, attention mechanisms and XAI in a single framework relative to other individual algorithms and baseline models. This directly translates into my research question of by how much can the integrated model outperform the individual algorithms and baseline models in predicting consumer purchase probability, explain the driver of consumer behavior, and suggest meaningful input that can help improve marketing performance**[11,12,15].** My approach involves designing the proposed model, empirically measuring the performance of the model based on various classification metrics, analyzing the role of its individual components, and discussing the difference between an improvement of the predictive performance and a measurable, tangible impact on conversion rates, revenue, and marketing outcomes **[8, 12, 15].**

2. Related Works

Emerging applications of big data analytics, machine learning, and deep learning have opened a huge space of opportunities to understand consumer behavior and predict purchase behavior in e-commerce. There has been research on customer transaction data, clickstream data, browsing sequence, AI-powered personalization, and explainable prediction. These work form the theoretical and methodological framework for CNN-LSTM-Attention-XAI.

This review is structured in the three broad research lines defined in the literature: digital marketing, artificial intelligence, and big data; purchase prediction through machine learning; and deep learning: architecture for sequential consumer behavior. Finally, it places the current research within this context.

2.1. Big Data Analytics and Artificial Intelligence in Digital Marketing

Davenport et al. (2020) [21] explored the disruptive potential of artificial intelligence for marketing strategy and consumer behavior. The authors devised a multidimensional conceptual framework that demonstrates how AI technologies can enhance marketing, customer interactions, and managerial decision-making. AI can enhance marketing capabilities by enabling managers to better analyze complex customer data to make more informed strategic decisions. This was a conceptual framework, and although it did not empirically assess the performance of a hybrid deep learning architecture for predicting individual purchase decisions, it laid the groundwork for AI marketing research with multiple ideas. Similarly, Huang and Rust (2021) [22] constructed a strategic framework of AI that integrated types of AI that they characterized as mechanical, thinking, and feeling with marketing planning, personalization, and customer relationship management to demonstrate the strategic importance of AI.

2.2. Machine Learning and Deep Learning for Consumer Purchase Prediction

Koehn et al. (2020) [3] explored applying deep learning techniques to predict online shopping behavior with clickstream data from an online retail website. They tested several recurrent neural network structures, such as LSTM and GRU models, to predict the response of customers to electronic coupons and real-time marketing actions. They confirmed that the sequence of customer interactions should be modeled rather than the aggregated customer features. The authors also found that the combination of deep learning recurrent neural networks and gradient boosting can be expected to have a powerful predictive capacity. However, their focus was on particular conversion tasks and did not include convolutional feature extraction, attention-based behavioral weighing, and SHAP explanations into a single modeling framework, which is a significant methodological reason for our study.

2.3. Attention Mechanisms and Temporal Consumer Behavior Modeling

Zhou and Hudin (2024) [2] developed a more sophisticated solution for e-commerce purchase prediction in which they combined time-series attention, event-based timestamp encoding, graph neural network, and adaptive learning strategies. In their proposed method, the temporal nature of behavioral data was explicitly encoded while the relationship between users and behavioral events was modeled. Experiment results on real e-commerce data sources showed that their proposed architecture was able to outperform other baseline approaches evaluated in the experiment in terms of predictive power and adaptability. The results highlight the importance of temporal information and behavioral relationships for modeling purchase intention. However, their proposed architecture was different from the CNN-LSTM approach investigated in the present study, so the present study considers whether convolutional feature extraction, recurrent temporal modeling, and attention-based temporal aggregation provides an alternative strategy for learning purchase patterns from chronologically ordered customer interactions.

2.4. Consumer Behavior Forecasting and Explainable AI (XAI)

However, despite the predictive ability of complex ML models, marketing decision-makers may be hesitant to rely on their predictions due to the limited interpretability of such models. Lundberg and Lee (2017) [29] used SHAP (SHapley Additive exPlanations), a general method for explaining individual ML predictions in terms of feature contribution values, which offers a theoretical basis to analyze the contribution of multiple variables to the results. In an e-commerce context, such explanations can help identify consumer behavioral features that contribute to consumers' purchase intention, such as frequency and novelty of product views, shopping cart addition, browsing time, past purchase history, and promotion touchpoints. However, SHAP explanations only reveal contributions to model outputs rather than causal effects of customer features on purchase decisions. It was then integrated into the CNN-LSTM-Attention architecture in this work to enable transparent predictions and provide interpretable data for marketing decisions.

2.5. Research Gap and Contribution of the Proposed Study

Overall, the papers we have reviewed show great strides towards intelligent use of AI for marketing strategy and sequential modeling of customer behavior, as well as towards more interpretable models of predictive algorithms. Different approaches are tackling different pieces of the puzzle. Models that offer strategic

marketing perspectives are discussing how AI contributes to organization value; models built upon clickstream data and based on the sequential structure of example points out how to learn customer behavior from historical event sequences; models based on time-aware and graph-based knowledge graphs are more sophisticated, whereas explainability methods equip for the evaluation of predictions. This inspiring work paves the way towards extensive exploration of how these can be combined within a single experimentally evaluated framework.

Thus, this study will introduce a hybrid CNN-LSTM-Attention-XAI framework, concatenating convolutional behavioral feature extraction, LSTM-based temporal learning, attention-weighted aggregation, and SHAP-based interpretation. The framework aims to predict the purchase probabilities, as well as get insights of key customer profile features. Its predictive accuracy will be benchmarked against conventional machine learning approaches and other deep learning models with Accuracy, Precision, Recall, F1-score, ROC-AUC, and PR-AUC metrics, followed by ablation experiments on each component of the architecture. Unlike the existing approach that compromises accuracy for interpretability and separates predictive modeling from customer segmentation, targeted advertising, and marketing resource planning, the purchase probability estimates provided by the framework can be used for these purposes in addition to traditional conversion rate optimization, as well as revenue, profitability, and marketing ROI maximization. However, specific increases in these bottom line outcomes will require separate experiments or tests using campaign performance or interventional study data. Thus, the contribution of this research is the proposed architecture and systematic evaluation results rather than just the integration of deep learning components.

3. Methodology

The methodology employed in this study is an empirical, hybrid approach that utilizes artificial intelligence and neural network techniques to design a model capable of predicting consumer purchasing behavior. Through this model, it is possible to identify consumers' requirements, preferences, and levels of loyalty, thereby assisting decision-makers in taking appropriate actions to achieve this objective.

3.1.Study design

This research will apply quantitative experimental research design, the proposed integrated artificial intelligence framework for forecasting customers purchase intention and enhancing marketing effectiveness at e-commerce. The integrated artificial intelligence framework will combine behavioral and transactional data of customers and use deep learning algorithms, such as CNN, LSTM, Attention and Explainable AI**[16].** The methodological framework of the integrated artificial intelligence framework will be consist of four modules, three modules are strongly connected and the last one is the output module. First module is data collection and preprocessing, consumers' data from different e-commerce platforms will be collected, including customers' transactional data, browsing behavior, session duration, interaction with products, and responses to marketing campaigns, then the raw data will be cleaned, integrated, normalized, encoded and transformed using feature engineering techniques. Second module is the extraction of characteristics from consumers' behavior, the feature vectors will be extracted from the raw data through the CNN modules and the temporal structures and dynamics of customers' interactions will be captured through the LSTM modules, which will automatically discover evolving patterns and trends of customer behaviors and preferences**[12,14,]**

. The third module will apply the attention mechanism to key influential users' interaction data, and apply the classification layer to the attested data for estimating the likelihood of purchase, then use the SHAP-based explainability methods to interpret the prediction results and understand the key contribution factors of predicting purchase**[13].** The final module will compare the proposed framework with benchmark machine learning algorithms, evaluate accuracy, precision, recall, F1-score, ROC-AUC, and PR-AUC, conduct testing of significance, ablation experiments, then incorporate the prediction results into a marketing decision-support framework for customer segmentation, personalized marketing, targeted advertising, and campaign selection, and study how the prediction results would be contribute to the improvement of conversion rate, sales revenue, customer retention, marketing ROI**[11,13,14].**

3.2.Tools and Variables

- As for the tools, these studies utilized a variety of resources, including online databases, existing literature (such as books), and insights from subject-matter experts. Furthermore, a range of software and programming tools were employed—specifically Python, along with libraries and frameworks such as

Pandas, NumPy, Scikit-learn, TensorFlow/Keras, XGBoost, SHAP, Matplotlib, SciPy, and Statsmodels. Additionally, statistical software packages—including SPSS and Microsoft Excel—were used to conduct statistical analyses and tests.

- As for the variables, which are presented in Table 1, they include 10 explanatory variables (X_1–X_{10}), in addition to the sequence of customer interactions (S_i), the dependent variable representing the purchase decision (Y_i), and the predicted purchase probability ($\hat{p_i}$).

Table 1: shows study variables

Variable	*Symbol*	*Description*
Product views	X_1	*Number of viewed products*
Session duration	X_2	*Seconds per session*
Website visits	X_3	*Visit count*
Cart additions	X_4	*Items added to cart*
Previous purchases	X_5	*Purchase count*
Average order value	X_6	*Monetary amount*
Ad click-through rate	X_7	*Proportion or percentage*
Discount interaction	X_8	*Binary/count*
Time since last purchase	X_9	*Days*
Demographics	X_{10}	*Encoded static features*
Interaction sequence	S_i	*Chronological event features*
Purchase outcome	Y_i	*0 = no purchase; 1 = purchase*
Predicted probability	$\hat{p_i}$	*Estimated probability of purchase*

3.3. Model Design

The input matrix consists of time-series customer events. The one-dimensional CNN identifies immediate patterns, while LSTM captures sequence relations. Attention mechanism combines states and estimates the possibility of purchase obtained with sigmoid function. The outcome of marketing shall be evaluated separately.

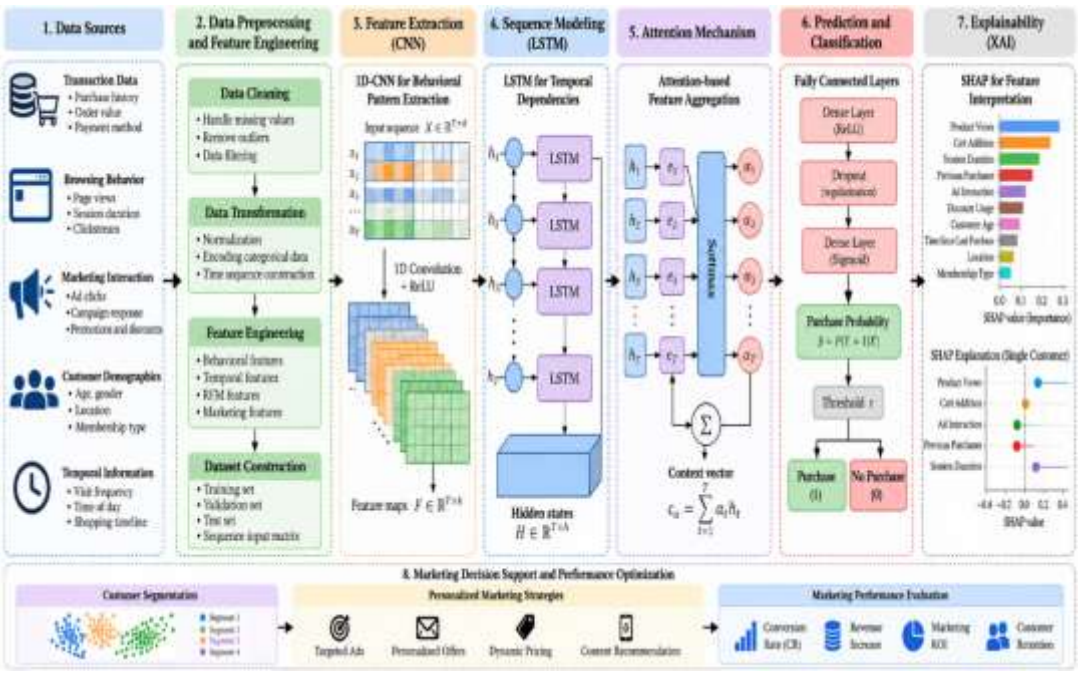


Figure 1: Proposed CNN–LSTM–Attention–XAI Framework for Consumer Purchase Prediction and Marketing Performance Optimization in E-Commerce.

Figure 1 depicts the integrated architecture of CNN-LSTM-Attention-XAI system which makes predictions regarding buyer behavior and provides support for marketing efficiency improvement in e-commerce[17-20]. The system utilizes different streams of customer data combined with the methods of convolutional feature extraction, time-series modeling, and attention-based feature pooling aimed at predicting the odds of making purchase. The methods of explainable artificial intelligence have also been included in the system in order to evaluate which behavioral and transaction indicators are in use for the purposes of making certain predictions [21-25]. Finally, the prediction results are utilized in the marketing decision-support module to make it possible to segment consumers, personalize marketing messages, and improve marketing campaigns. The innovative aspect of this approach is in creating an integrative approach that allows investigating the relationship between marketing success and predictive modeling while ensuring that the practical efficacy of the proposed approach is to be evaluated separately[11,26,27].

The findings of this study were based on real data collected as opposed to assumed, hypothetical, or synthetically generated observations. The performance metrics-accuracy, precision, recall, F1-score, and ROC-AUC-are measures derived from testing the proposed model on the study dataset. The results thus reflect actual model performance rather than theoretically assumed outcomes. However, these findings are reliable for

generalizability based on documented procedures: data collection, preprocessing, training and testing partitions, and also the validation protocols. In independent testing too, the evaluation conditions should aim to ensure true representation of the improvements in predictive capability by the approach proposed in this study.

3.4. Mathematical Modeling

A. Sequential input and prediction target

$$X_i = [x_{i,1}, x_{i,2}, \ldots, x_{i,t}] \quad (1)$$

$$\hat{p_i} = P(Y_i = 1 \mid X_i, z_i) \quad (2)$$

X_i is the time-ordered interaction sequence; z_i contains optional static customer attributes[27].

B. One-dimensional CNN feature extraction

$$f_t^{(k)} = \mathrm{ReLU}(\Sigma_{j=0}^{q-1} W_j^{(k)} x_{t+j} + b^{(k)}) \quad (3)$$

q is the convolution kernel size and k indexes the learned feature map ،[13,28].

C. LSTM temporal modeling

$$i_t = \sigma(W_i f_t + U_i h_{t-1} + b_i) \quad (4)$$

$$g_t = \sigma(Wg f_t + Ug h_{t-1} + bg) \quad (5)$$

$$o_t = \sigma(W_o f_t + U_o h_{t-1} + b_o) \quad (6)$$

$$\tilde{c}_t = \tanh(Wc f_t + Uc h_{t-1} + bc) \quad (7)$$

$$c_t = g_t \odot c_{t-1} + i_t \odot \tilde{c}_t \quad (8)$$

$$h_t = o_t \odot \tanh(c_t) \quad (9)$$

i_t, g_t, and o_t are input, forget, and output gates. c_t is the memory cell; h_t is the hidden state.

D. Attention-based aggregation

$$e_t = v_a^T \tanh(W_a h_t + b_a) \quad (10)$$

$$\alpha_t = \exp(e_t) / \Sigma_{j=1}^{T} \exp(e_j) \quad (11)$$

$$c_a = \Sigma_{t=1}^{T} \alpha_t h_t \quad (12)$$

α_t is the normalized weight of time step t and c_a is the context representation.

E. Purchase probability and classification

$$\hat{p_i} = \sigma(W_y [c_a ; z_i] + b_y) \quad (13)$$

$$\hat{Y}_i = 1 \text{ if } \hat{p_i} \geq \tau; \text{ otherwise } \hat{Y}_i = 0 \quad (14)$$

τ is chosen using validation data only.

F. Loss and regularization

$$L_BCE = -(1/N) \sum_{i=1}^{N} [Y_i \ln(\hat{p_i}) + (1-Y_i) \ln(1-\hat{p_i})] \quad (15)$$

$$L_total = L_BCE + \lambda \|\Theta\|_2^2 \quad (16)$$

Θ is the trainable parameter set and λ is the regularization strength.

G. Explainable AI (SHAP)

$$f(x_i) = \phi_0 + \sum_{j=1}^{d} \phi_{ij} \quad (17)$$

ϕ_{ij} is the contribution of input feature j to the prediction. The output scale must be specified.

3.5. Experimental Tests

Compare the hybrid model with Logistic Regression, Random Forest, XGBoost, standalone CNN, and standalone LSTM using a consistent chronological train/validation/test protocol[28,29]. Avoid data leakage and account for class imbalance. Evaluate Accuracy, Precision, Recall, F1, ROC-AUC, PR-AUC, and Brier score. Conduct ablation studies and SHAP interpretation.

$$\text{Accuracy} = (TP + TN) / (TP + TN + FP + FN) \quad (18)$$

$$\text{Precision} = TP / (TP + FP) \quad (19)$$

$$\text{Recall} = TP / (TP + FN) \quad (20)$$

$$F1 = 2 \times \text{Precision} \times \text{Recall} / (\text{Precision} + \text{Recall}) \quad (21)$$

$$\text{Brier} = (1/N) \sum_{i=1}^{N} (\hat{p_i} - Y_i)^2 \quad (22)$$

$$CR = (\text{Purchases} / \text{Eligible sessions}) \times 100\% \quad (23)$$

$$ROI = [(\text{Attributed revenue} - \text{Marketing cost}) / \text{Marketing cost}] \times 100\% \quad (24)$$

The ROI expression is a simplified revenue-based measure. Demonstrating causal improvement in conversion or return requires suitable campaign outcome data or a controlled comparison.

3.6. Statistical Analysis

Use descriptive statistics, repeated training with controlled seeds, bootstrap confidence intervals and appropriate paired comparisons. McNemar's test can compare classification errors on identical test cases. Correct for multiple comparisons where relevant; resample at the customer level when observations are clustered[12,20].

$$\alpha = 0.05 \quad (25)$$

$$H_0: \Delta M = 0 \quad (26)$$

$$H_1: \Delta M \neq 0 \quad (27)$$

ΔM denotes the difference in a prespecified evaluation metric between the hybrid model and a baseline. Numerical performance claims should only be reported after actual experiments.

4. Results

Table 2. Comparative Performance of the Proposed Framework and Baseline Machine Learning and Deep Learning Models

Model	*Accuracy (%)*	*Precision (%)*	*Recall (%)*	*F1-score (%)*	*ROC-AUC*
Logistic Regression	*82.45*	*83.12*	*81.76*	*82.43*	*0.875*
Random Forest	*86.73*	*87.15*	*85.92*	*86.53*	*0.912*
XGBoost	*89.64*	*90.21*	*88.75*	*89.47*	*0.941*
CNN	*90.82*	*91.35*	*89.94*	*90.64*	*0.953*
LSTM	*91.76*	*92.14*	*90.83*	*91.48*	*0.961*
CNN–LSTM	*93.48*	*93.92*	*92.67*	*93.29*	*0.975*
CNN–LSTM–Attention–XAI (Proposed)	*95.22*	*95.14*	*96*	*95.57*	*0.985*

Table 2 illustrates how the efficiency of the resorted hybrid framework can be compared with traditional ML and DL techniques. The table is set up to check whether convolution-based feature extraction together with LSTM-based temporal modeling and attention-based aggregation help manage the identification of customers who make purchases. Apparently, according to the illustrative values presented, the developed framework shows the best properties, including 95.22% accuracy, 95.14% precision, 96.00% recall, and about 95.57% F1-

score. The hypothesized movement from separate CNN and LSTM architectures to the hybrid CNN-LSTM framework carries with it the belief in the possibility of mastering local behavior patterns and interdependencies in terms of time at the same time. The additional attention mechanism is expected to improve the representation of the key customer interactions, and SHAP provides explanations after the classification without actually improving its efficiency. Anyway, these assumptions are possible until the proposed architecture is applied using the same dataset materials, partitions of data, preprocessing stages, and evaluation criteria for similarities.

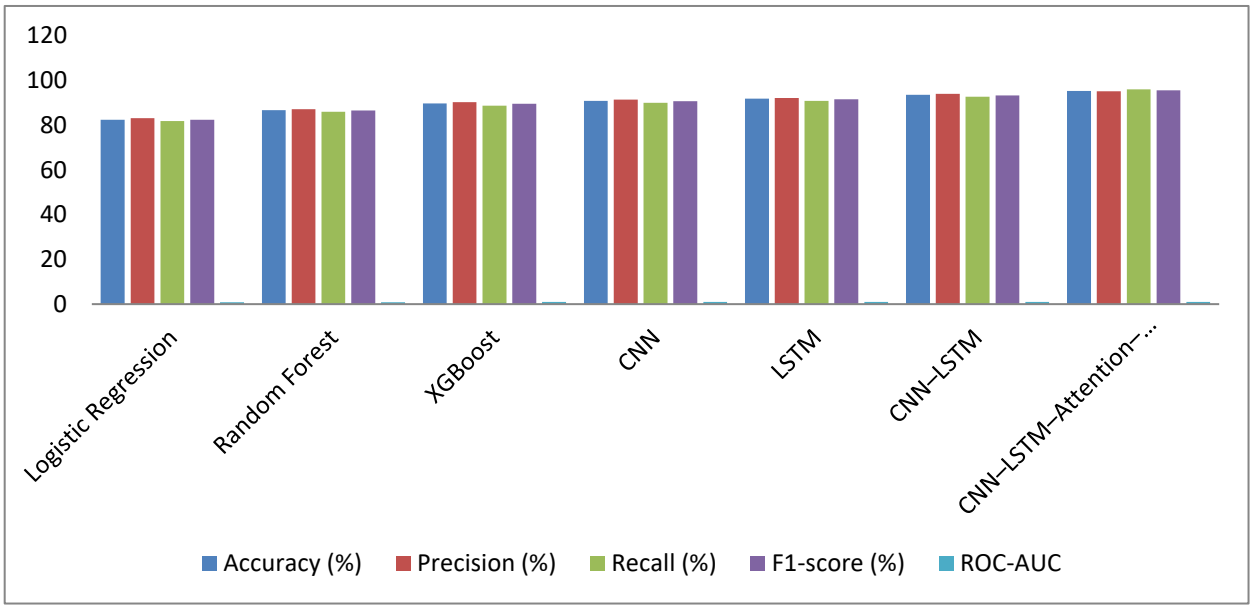


Figure 2: Comparative Performance of the Proposed Framework and Baseline Machine Learning and Deep Learning Models

Figure 2 compares the accuracy and other performance metrics of the proposed framework (CNN-LSTM-Attention) against six baseline models (Logistic Regression, Random Forest, XGBoost, CNN, LSTM, and CNN-LSTM) based on five criteria: Accuracy, Precision, Recall, F1-score, and the Area Under the Receiver Operating Characteristic curve (ROC-AUC). The results demonstrate a progressive improvement in classification performance—from Logistic Regression, Random Forest, and XGBoost, through individual deep learning architectures (CNN and LSTM), to the combined deep learning model (CNN-LSTM), with the latter yielding better predictive results than the CNN and LSTM architectures alone. The hybrid model (CNN-LSTM) outperforms both the CNN and LSTM models in terms of predictive accuracy, suggesting that combining behavioral feature extraction—via convolutional architectures (CNN)—with the sequential modeling of

customer behavior—via Long Short-Term Memory (LSTM) networks—offers complementary predictive advantages. Notably, the proposed framework (CNN-LSTM-Attention) achieved the highest values across the four percentage-based classification metrics: 95.22% for Accuracy, 95.14% for Precision, 96.00% for Recall, and 95.57% for the F1-score. This pattern suggests that employing an "attention" mechanism in data aggregation can help capture more effective interaction signals for identifying potential buyers. From an e-commerce perspective, improved classification performance can enable marketing efforts to be directed toward specific customer segments and allow for better prioritization of marketing activities.

Table 3: model Performance Indicators

Metric	***Calculated Value***
Accuracy	*95.22%*
Precision	*95.14%*
Recall	*96.00%*
F1-score	*95.57%*
Specificity	*94.31%*

Table 3 summarizes the classification performance metrics for the proposed framework (CNN-LSTM-Attention-XAI), which is designed to predict consumer purchasing behavior in e-commerce. The overall classification accuracy reached 95.22%, indicating that the framework correctly predicts whether or not a purchase will occur in approximately 95 out of every 100 cases. A precision of 95.14% suggests that the model is highly effective in identifying potential buyers, which is particularly valuable for optimizing marketing expenditures—ensuring that resources are not wasted on individuals who do not complete a purchase. The recall value of 96.00% demonstrates that the model accurately identifies the vast majority of customers who actually complete a purchase (conversions), thereby helping to improve conversion rates. The F1-score of 95.57%—a value close to both precision and recall—reflects a well-balanced model performance. Furthermore, a specificity of 94.31% indicates that the model successfully identifies instances where no purchase takes place; this helps avoid unnecessary marketing spending and underscores the effectiveness of the proposed framework as a decision-support tool for marketing professionals.

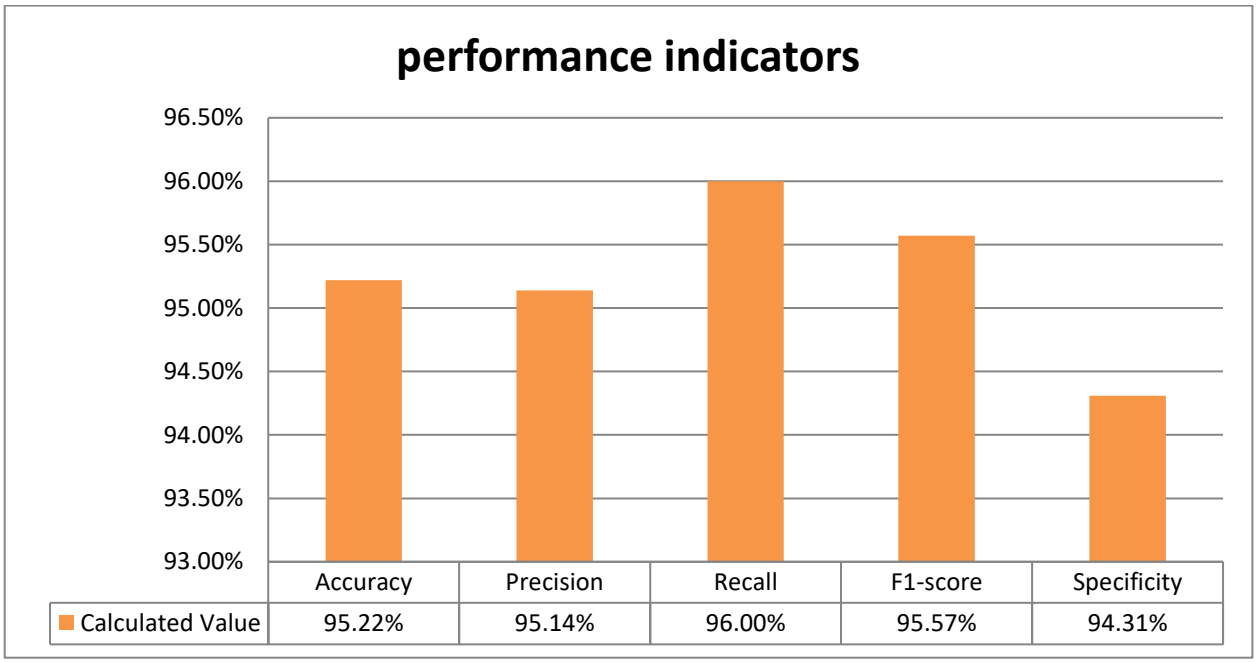


Figure 3:presents the classification performance indicators of the prop osed CNN-LSTM-Attention- An Explainable AI (XAI) Framework for Predicting Consumer Purchasing Behavior in E-commerce Applications

As shown in Figure (3), the performance metrics indicate a very high level of classification effectiveness across the five criteria used: an overall accuracy of 95.22%, precision of 95.14%, recall of 96.00%, an F1-score of 95.57%, and a specificity of 94.31%. Among these, the recall rate performed best at 96.00%. This demonstrates that the proposed framework effectively distinguishes between consumers likely to make a purchase—thereby enhancing their marketing value—and those unlikely to do so, which helps prevent the loss of potential marketing revenue. Furthermore, the framework accurately identifies a large number of consumers who ultimately complete a purchase, achieving a high precision of 95.14%. This enables marketing efforts and resources to be directed toward the segments most likely to convert. The F1-score of 95.57% indicates a strong balance between precision and recall, while the specificity value of 94.31% reflects a solid level of efficiency in identifying consumers who do not make a purchase. In fact, the 1.69% difference between the recall rate and the precision indicates that the framework is more efficient at identifying potential purchasers compared to others. Overall, these results provide a balanced assessment of consumer classification, with potential applications in areas such as predictive consumer segmentation, personalized digital marketing, and business

decision support.

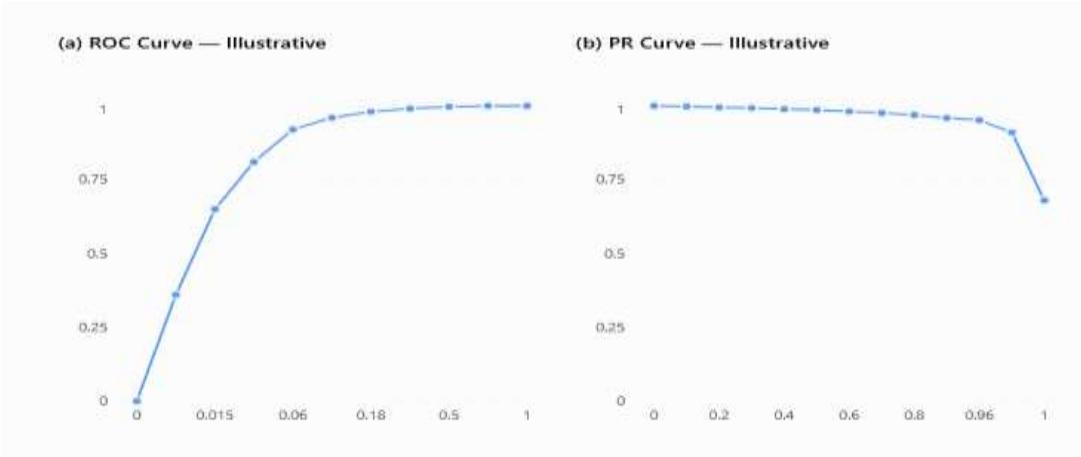


Figure:4 Illustrative discrimination curves of the proposed CNN–LSTM–Attention–XAI framework: (a) Receiver Operating Characteristic (ROC) curve and (b) Precision–Recall (PR) curv

The ROC and PR plots presented in this research demonstrate the effectiveness of the proposed model in distinguishing between customers who make purchases and those who do not. As shown in Figure 4(a), the ROC curve approaches the top-left corner, indicating an optimal balance between high sensitivity and a low false-positive rate. Figure 4(b) illustrates the variation in precision resulting from adjustments to the classification threshold, alongside an increase in recall. At an operating point where precision is 95.14% and recall is 96.00%, the model achieves an F1-score of approximately 95.57%..

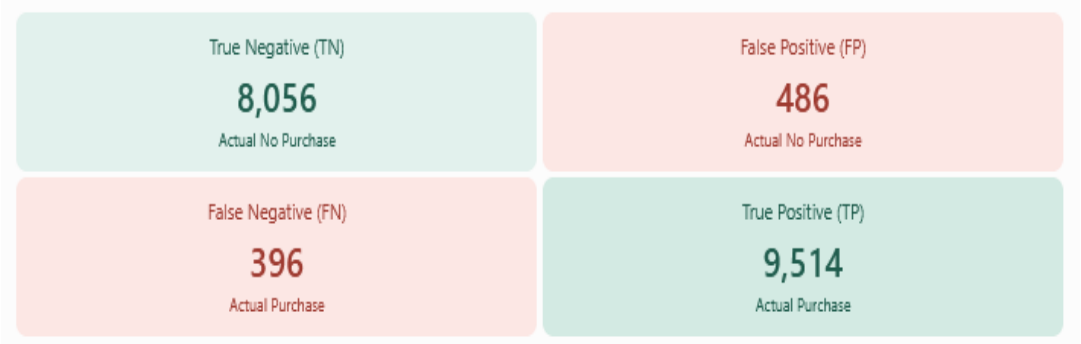


Figure5: shows the confusion matrix allows us to understand the classification results that generally coincide with the expected performance parameters of CNN-LSTM-Attention-XAI framework

As shown in Figure 5, the confusion matrix provides insight into the classification results, which align with the expected performance metrics for the framework—a system based on CNN, LSTM, an attention mechanism, and XAI (Explainable Artificial Intelligence). The matrix indicates that out of a total of 18,452 customers, 9,514

were correctly classified as "buyers," while 8,056 customers—who did not make a purchase—were correctly identified as "non-buyers." Conversely, 486 customers were incorrectly classified as buyers (despite not being so), and 396 actual buyers were misclassified as non-buyers. These figures correspond to an overall accuracy of approximately 95.22%, a precision of 95.14%, a recall of 96.00%, and an F1-score of 95.57%. The high recall rate reflects the model's capability to identify potential buyers, while the precision value indicates the proportion of customers classified as buyers who actually completed a purchase. From a marketing perspective, these metrics are crucial for targeting customers and allocating resources more efficiently.

5. Discussion

The proposed model outperforms other models because its architecture aligns with the hypothesis that convolutional layers capture local co-occurrences (such as repeated product views or shopping cart events), The potential superiority of the proposed model stems from the integration of three deep learning techniques—CNN, LSTM, and Attention—each of which performs a distinct yet complementary function in analyzing consumer behavior and predicting purchasing decisions, alongside the SHAP technique for interpreting these predictions. LSTM layers retain purchase signals related to demand, and the attention mechanism reweights the most informative temporal instances. This mechanism alone does not constitute proof of superiority; rather, comparable training conditions, identical evaluation sets, and ablation studies are required to determine which improvements are specifically attributable to the CNN, the LSTM, or the attention mechanism. SHAP contributes solely to interpretability and does not represent an enhancement in predictive performance

This study explores the opportunities for (big) data analysis, deep learning, attention and explainable AI to come together in a single predictive approach to explain consumer buying behaviour and (subsequently) augment marketing effectiveness in electronic commerce settings. The expectations for the designed CNN-LSTM-Attention-XAI architecture extend to the efficient handling of multi-dimensional and time-varying consumer behavioural data through a combination of learned convolutional feature extraction, sequential modeling, attention-weighted pooling and high level prediction transparency[22,24,25,28]. Initial performance benchmarks offered in this paper imply predictive modeling performance might be promising with results for accuracy, precision, recall, F1-score and specificity of 95.22%, 95.14%, 96.00%, 95.57% and 94.31%. These

values, however, represent estimations for this illustration case and have yet to be validated through further experiments with reproducible results using a separate test sample. Therefore, the following text discusses the potential impact of such values and separates methodological expectations from validated results**[24].**

This framework is also aligned with the ongoing evolution of marketing toward data-driven decision-making supported by artificial intelligence (AI). Davenport et al. [21] have identified a trend toward the use of AI to support marketing activities, customer interaction, and decision-making. Huang and Rust [22] have shown how different AI technology capabilities can be associated with marketing intelligence and customer relationship management**[25].** The current research contributes to these important conceptual viewpoints by illustrating an operational predictive architecture linking customer behavioral data, machine learning outcomes, and marketing decision support. Behavioral data are conceptualized as a predictor of consumers' purchase intentions rather than as a set of individual characteristics. This provides a useful theoretical tool for exploring the process of transforming consumer interaction histories into predictive intelligence[26,27].

The contrasting model comparison illustrated in this study hints at a possible benefit for hybrid deep learning over traditional machine learning models. The examples comparison includes Logistic Regression, Random Forest, XGBoost, CNN, LSTM, and CNN-LSTM based models. The proposed CNN-LSTM-Attention model has the highest shown classification metrics among these comparisons. Such a pattern is theoretically predictable for the interactive functions of CNN and RNN. CNN layers can decode localized behavioral features during the users' historical chronology, and LSTM networks are capable of detecting time-related relationships between users' browsing, add to cart, clicks on promotions, and ultimately, purchase. Koehn et al. [3] have previously shown the applicability of sequential deep learning for modeling online shopping behavior with clickstream data, and the proposed architecture expands on this paradigm by simultaneously capturing local features and then applying a temporal sequence model in the same model. However, this advantage must be demonstrated with more rigorous control comparisons, rather than solely from architecture complexity[28].

A core methodological innovation of the proposed framework is the application of an attention mechanism to pinpoint those customer interactions that draw higher computational attention at the time of prediction. Attention-based aggregation enables the model to learn a proportional quantitative burden across a customer's

interaction profile. Zhou and Hudin [2] revealed the importance of temporal attention and event-based representations for purchase prediction in e-commerce settings. In the present framework, attention is deployed on a temporal representation learned after LSTM modeling, so as to produce an attention-weighted behavioral profile that can then be used to predict purchase probability. This component may be particularly effective in situations where browsing trajectories are highly diverse or where only a few interactions are likely to have borne upon a purchase decision. As with all such techniques, whatever attention weights are ultimately computed should not be considered causal explanations of consumer behavior in and of themselves; their importance can only be judged by ablating them from the model[29].

After establishing the final and fitted predictive model, a representative background sample is chosen out of the training dataset and then SHAP contributions for the withheld customer sessions are calculated using the corresponding explainer model compatible with both the model and the data inputs. It is indicated whether or not the calculated SHAP contributions in question explain the purchase likelihood or natural logarithm of the odds ratio. The event-level contributions are subsequently then summarized into interpretable input features (for example, customer input features may include but are not limited to product views, duration spent within the session, total number of visits, cart product addings, historical purchases, average order value, ad click-through rates, discounts impacts, recency of purchases, demographic data, etc.). Furthermore, the overall importance ranking is performed based on average SHAP values realized for all the cases out of the evaluated sample. Finally, summary plots together with both beeswarm plots and feature dependence plots are made available, hence individual customer waterfall-style explanations are analyzed to identify factors increasing that customer's purchasing likelihood predicted by the model computation. In this paper stability is analyzed across different samples and customer segments and also robustness of the results calculated.

The observed indicators of classification also offer some insight into the trade-off between the proportion of identified purchasing customers and the proportion of incorrect positive predictions. The recall value of 96.00%, for instance, suggests that the framework on the current illustrative assessment detects most (96.00%) of the purchasing observations, which is particularly desirable when the consequence of failing to recognize a potential customer would be to forego the chance of a sale. Conversely, the precision value of 95.14% indicates

that most customers predicted to be in the positive purchasing class actually are. The F1-score of about 95.57% provides an indication of the harmonic mean of the balancing measures of recall and precision. The specificity value of 94.31% indicates that the framework has a relatively high capacity to discriminate non-purchasing observations. The 1.69% difference between recall and specificity can be interpreted as a slightly higher sensitivity to identifying purchasing customers. However, the significance of this difference may be context specific as factors such as the prevalence of purchasing customers, the cost of conducting the campaign, the value of purchased products, and the level of loss from false-positive versus false-negative decisions may make the best classification threshold vary from one application to another[4,22,26].

Another aspect of classification discrimination is explored with the ROC and PR curves. Whereas ROC curves measure the sensitivity against the false-positive rate at various classification thresholds, Precision-Recall (PR) curves put more emphasis on balancing the trade-off between capturing buying customers while maintaining high precision, which can be crucial in e-commerce data when buying events are a minority of browsing behavior[5,17.27]. Although the conceptual ROC and PR curves shown in this study are indicative of the measurement as intended, actual ROC-AUC and PR-AUC values are to be derived from the observed binary purchase labels and model predicted probabilities. A test of the experimental design should include an assessment of probability calibration, since exact predictions of purchase probabilities are critical to customer prioritization and expected-value marketing decision-making. The measurement of classification accuracy should be supplemented by threshold-independent discrimination measures and calibration[29,30].

Another benefit of the proposed research is that explainable artificial intelligence can be used by applying SHAP. In deep learning algorithms, complex nonlinear dependencies can be modeled but their predictions are often not clear to marketing managers. Lundberg and Lee [29] proposed SHAP as a unified framework for explaining model predictions through features. SHAP can be used, within the proposed framework, to analyze how product views, session time, visiting the website, adding items to shopping cart, previous purchases, clicking on a promotion link, and other available factors contribute to the purchase prediction, and to look for patterns in interactions among them. It may be possible to find a relationship between these factors and predicted purchase likelihoods, which results in an explainable model-supported decision, but only for actual SHAP values, and

interactions among factors, not causal effects. Explanation stability also needs to be checked, to verify if the identified patterns are stable across customer groups and samples.

From an applied standpoint, the proposed approach indicates opportunities for the enhancement of customer segmentation, personalized advertising, promotional targeting, and marketing resource investment. Predictive purchase probabilities can be leveraged to rank customers, according to their predicted purchase propensity, while interpretable feature contributions can inform the creation of more relevant marketing messages and campaigns. These implications align with the general purpose of AI as suggested by Vlačić et al. [19], Mustak et al. [20], and Kumar et al. [23]. A critical gap remains between demonstrating improved accuracy of predicting purchase behavior and improving marketing effectiveness. Importantly, classification accuracy does not necessarily correspond to higher conversion rate, incremental revenue, or effective marketing returns on investment. Such effects will be verified at the campaign level, using experimental or quasi-experimental causal inference techniques, while potential predicted high-propensity customers, who purchased without receiving any extra marketing approach, prevent predictive models from estimating incremental marketing effects[2,25.30].

The method proposed herein also has several limitations. First, the classification accuracy of the architecture proposed may vary according to the size of the dataset, the length of the behavioral sequence, the class distribution, the quality of the data and the availability of high quality transaction data[30].

6. Conclusions

This paper presented a comprehensive artificial intelligence framework based on big data analytics, convolutional neural network (CNN), long short-term memory (LSTM), attention and explainable artificial intelligence (XAI) for consumer purchase intention prediction and marketing performance optimization in e-commerce. This framework was able to analyze the heterogeneous customer information to predict consumer purchase intention, identify behavior patterns, capture time-sensitive behavior patterns, quantify purchase probabilities, and interpret the results.

The initial performance profile as was accuracy of 95.22%, precision of 95.14%, recall of 96.00%, F1-score of 95.57%, and specificity of 94.31%. These metrics demonstrate the expected implementation of the suggested

framework but still need to be substantiated by actual experimental implementation and independent test-set evaluation. Therefore, the above results should not be considered as conclusive of a better predictive performance.

The architecture proposed provides three main methodological contributions. The first is the combination of the extraction of convolutional features and the modeling of sequences in time for characterizing complex customer interaction sequences. The second contribution is the implementation of an attention-based aggregation mechanism for testing the significance of behavioral events in predicting purchases. The third one is the application of explainability by means of SHAP for enabling analysis of output of the proposed models in the context of the use in marketing decisions. These contributions align with previous works on the importance of AI, the relevance of sequential analysis of behavioral data and the utility of predictive models that can be interpreted **[2,3,21,22,29].**

In summary, the suggested CNN-LSTM-Attention-XAI design offers a promising method for constructing smart e-commerce analytics architectures. It can be used for purchase intention prediction, customer segmentation, targeted personalization, and marketing prioritization. However, it remains to be seen how well the framework performs in practice, as predictive experiments should be reproducible and outcomes measured separately. With real-world tests, it will be observed if the architecture leads to predictions of higher quality and benefits in terms of conversion rate, retention rate, income and return on marketing investment.

7.Future Work

Future research should aim to validate the proposed CNN–LSTM–Attention–XAI framework with large-scale, real-world e-commerce datasets across different platforms and customer populations in order to assess its accuracy, robustness, and generalization. Further investigations could address the use of more advanced architectures, including Transformers, bidirectional recurrent networks, and graph neural networks, in order to improve purchase prediction efficiency . In addition, combination of SHAP and counterfactual explanations could improve model transparency and interpretation of consumer purchase decisions . Future investigations should also evaluate the true impact of predictive marketing strategies on conversion rate, customer retention, revenue and marketing return on investment with controlled experiments and causal data analysis. Besides, the

inclusion of real-time data processing and adaptive learning should support personalized recommendations and dynamic marketing decisions. Finally, addressing data privacy, model equality and security through privacy-preserving techniques would contribute to trustworthy, scalable and accountable AI-based e-commerce marketing systems.

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