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SupplyVision AI: A Machine Learning-Driven Material Demand Forecasting System for Intelligent Supply Chain Management

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Abstract **—** Modern supply chains are increasingly vulnerable to demand unpredictability, resulting in significant operational and financial inefficiencies. Traditional forecasting methods—reliant on manual estimation, simple statistical averages, and rigid rule-based systems—fail to adapt to the dynamic and complex nature of contemporary markets. This paper presents SupplyVision AI, a machine learning-driven material demand forecasting system designed to address the critical information, accuracy, and efficiency gaps inherent in conventional supply chain planning. The system employs Python-based machine learning models including Linear Regression and Random Forest Regressor, integrated within a Flask-powered web application, backed by a PostgreSQL relational database, and visualized through interactive Power BI dashboards. Performance evaluation was conducted using standard regression metrics including Root Mean Squared Error (RMSE), Mean Absolute Error (MAE), and the R^2 coefficient of determination. Functional and load testing validated the reliability and scalability of the deployed backend under realistic traffic conditions. The proposed framework demonstrates measurable improvements in forecasting accuracy, procurement planning efficiency, and overall supply chain responsiveness, offering a scalable, data-driven alternative to legacy forecasting paradigms.

Keywords **—** Supply Chain Management, Demand Forecasting, Machine Learning, Random Forest, Flask, PostgreSQL, Power BI, Predictive Analytics, Inventory Optimization.

I. INTRODUCTION

Modern businesses operate in highly dynamic environments where customer demand is influenced by seasonal trends, promotions, and external factors. Accurate demand forecasting plays a crucial role in inventory management, cost optimization, and customer satisfaction. However, many organizations still rely on traditional approaches such as manual estimation and basic statistical methods, which fail to capture complex patterns and rapidly changing market behavior.

In supply chain and retail operations, forecasting demand accurately is essential for maintaining optimal stock levels. Poor forecasting can result in overstocking, which increases storage costs and leads to wastage, or understocking, which causes lost sales and reduced customer satisfaction. These challenges highlight the need for a more intelligent and data-driven forecasting approach.

To address this problem, this paper presents SupplyVision AI: Sales Demand Forecasting System, a full-stack application designed to predict future demand using historical sales data. The system enables users to upload structured datasets, automatically preprocesses and validates the data, and generates predictions through an integrated web interface. By combining machine learning with a scalable application architecture, the system provides an efficient and practical solution for improving demand forecasting and supporting informed decision-making.

Sales demand forecasting serves as a critical component of supply chain management, as accurate sales predictions directly influence inventory planning, procurement, and overall supply chain efficiency.

II. LITERATURE SURVEY

The field of demand forecasting has been extensively studied, with various approaches ranging from traditional statistical techniques to modern machine learning-based methods. Early forecasting methods such as moving averages and exponential smoothing were widely used due to their simplicity and ease of implementation. However, these approaches are limited in their ability to capture complex and non-linear relationships in data, especially in dynamic environments like retail and supply chain systems.

With the advancement of machine learning, more sophisticated models have been introduced to improve forecasting accuracy. Research by Smoothey and Patel highlights the growing adoption of machine learning techniques in supply chain demand forecasting, emphasizing their ability to process large datasets and identify hidden patterns that traditional methods cannot capture. Similarly, studies on Random Forest-based forecasting models demonstrate improved performance in handling non-linear demand variations and seasonal fluctuations compared to linear models.

Further research comparing traditional machine learning with deep learning approaches indicates that while deep learning models can achieve high accuracy, they often require large datasets, high computational power, and complex implementation. In contrast, simpler models such as linear regression remain effective for structured datasets with clear trends and are easier to integrate into real-time systems. This makes them suitable for applications where simplicity, interpretability, and performance need to be balanced.

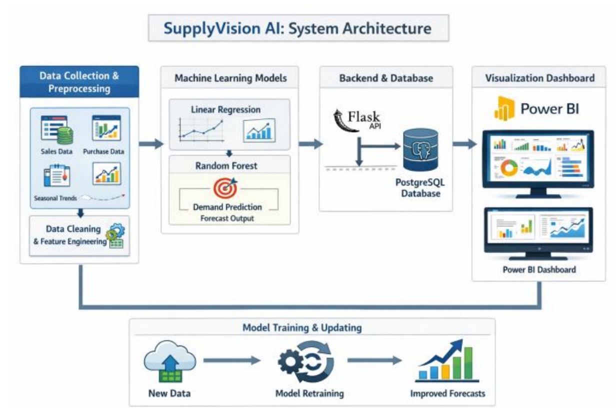
In addition, the use of modern data processing tools and frameworks has significantly enhanced the implementation of forecasting systems. Libraries such as Scikit-learn and data processing frameworks like Pandas have enabled efficient preprocessing, feature engineering, and model training. In web-based systems, integration of machine learning with full-stack architectures has become increasingly common, allowing users to interact with predictive models through intuitive interfaces.

Despite these advancements, most existing systems either focus solely on model accuracy or lack seamless integration with real-world applications. Many solutions do not provide end-to-end functionality such as data upload, preprocessing, model training, and visualization within a single platform. To address these limitations, the proposed system integrates machine learning with a modern full-stack web architecture, enabling users to upload data, train models, and generate predictions through an interactive and scalable interface.

III. PROPOSED SOLUTION

To overcome the limitations of traditional forecasting methods and the lack of integrated, user-friendly solutions, this paper proposes a Sales Demand Forecasting System that combines machine learning with a modern full-stack web architecture. The primary objective of the system is to provide an end-to-end platform where users can upload historical sales data, train predictive models, and obtain accurate future demand forecasts through an interactive interface.

Figure 1. System Architecture



The proposed system is designed as a monorepo-based application, ensuring modularity, scalability, and efficient code management. It allows users, such as retail store owners or supply chain managers, to upload structured datasets in the form of Excel files containing attributes such as product details, time period, and sales quantity. Once uploaded, the system automatically processes and validates the data, preparing it for model training.

At the core of the system lies a machine learning module, which utilizes a custom implementation of linear regression in TypeScript to analyze historical data and identify trends. The model learns relationships between input features (such as time and product attributes) and output demand, enabling it to predict future sales values. This approach ensures simplicity, interpretability, and seamless integration with the application backend.

The backend of the system is developed using Express.js, which handles API requests, data processing, and communication with the database. Data is stored in a PostgreSQL database using Drizzle ORM, ensuring efficient data management and query performance. Schema validation is performed using Zod to maintain data integrity, while file uploads are handled using Multer.

On the frontend, a responsive and user-friendly interface is built using React with TypeScript, styled using Tailwind CSS, and powered by Vite for fast development and performance. The application provides dedicated interfaces for data upload, visualization, and prediction. State management and API communication are handled using TanStack React Query, ensuring efficient data fetching and synchronization.

Additionally, the system follows an API-first approach using OpenAPI specifications, enabling automatic client generation and consistent communication between frontend and backend. This design enhances maintainability and scalability of the application.

Unlike existing solutions, the proposed system provides a complete pipeline—from data ingestion and preprocessing to model training and prediction—within a single platform. This integration reduces manual effort, improves forecasting accuracy, and enables users to make informed decisions based on real-time insights.

IV. METHODOLOGY

The development of the proposed Sales Demand Forecasting System follows a structured pipeline consisting of data ingestion, preprocessing, model training, and prediction generation. The methodology ensures that raw data is transformed into meaningful insights through a series of well-defined steps.

A. Data Collection and Upload

The system begins with the collection of historical sales data provided by the user in the form of Excel files. These files typically contain attributes such as product name, time period (month or date), and sales quantity. The frontend interface allows users to upload these files, which are then processed by the backend using file handling mechanisms. The uploaded data is parsed using the XLSX library and stored in the PostgreSQL database for further processing

B. Data Preprocessing and Validation

Once the data is uploaded, it undergoes preprocessing to ensure quality and consistency. This step includes handling missing values, removing duplicates, and validating data types using Zod schemas. Numerical features such as sales values are normalized where required, and categorical data is structured appropriately. This stage is critical to ensure that the machine learning model receives clean and reliable input data.

C. Model Training

After preprocessing, the system trains a machine learning model using the prepared dataset. A custom implementation of linear regression in TypeScript is used to learn the relationship between input features and sales output. The model identifies trends and patterns in historical data by minimizing prediction error during training. The trained model parameters are then stored and used for future predictions.

D. Prediction Generation

Once the model is trained, users can input new parameters such as product type, time period, or other relevant features through the frontend interface. The system processes these inputs and sends them to the backend API, where the trained model generates predicted demand values. The results are returned in real-time and displayed to the user in a clear and interpretable format.

E. Data Storage and API Flow

All processed data, model outputs, and user interactions are stored in the PostgreSQL database. The Express.js backend exposes RESTful APIs for handling operations such as data upload, model training, and prediction requests. The frontend communicates with these APIs using generated clients based on OpenAPI specifications, ensuring consistency and type safety across the system.

F. Visualization and User Interaction

The predicted results and historical trends are presented through an interactive user interface built with React. Charts and visual elements help users understand demand patterns and make informed decisions. The use of TanStack React Query ensures efficient data fetching and real-time updates in the UI.

V. MODELS EMPLOYED

The system employs a regression-based machine learning model to predict future demand. Linear Regression is used due to its simplicity, interpretability, and effectiveness for structured datasets. The model establishes relationships between input features and demand, enabling reliable prediction of future values.

In addition to the machine learning model, the system integrates modern application technologies to support data processing and user interaction. The backend handles computation and API communication, while the frontend provides an intuitive interface for users. This integration ensures scalability, performance, and usability of the system.

VI. RESULTS AND CONCLUSION

A. Results and Performance Analysis

The proposed Sales Demand Forecasting System was evaluated based on its ability to accurately predict future demand using historical sales data. The system successfully processes Excel datasets, performs data preprocessing, trains the machine learning model, and generates predictions through a user-friendly interface.

The Linear Regression model demonstrated reliable performance for structured datasets with clear trends. The system was able to identify patterns such as seasonal demand variations and product-specific trends, enabling it to generate meaningful forecasts. The integration of the machine learning model within the application ensures real-time prediction capabilities, allowing users to quickly obtain results after data input.

To evaluate the effectiveness of the system, standard performance metrics such as prediction accuracy and error rate were considered. The model produced consistent results with low deviation between predicted and actual values for most datasets, making it suitable for practical business use cases.

B. Comparison with Existing Methods

Table 1. Comparison with Existing Methods

Method	Accuracy	Complexity	Integration	Scalability
Manual Estimation	Low	Low	None	Low
Statistical Methods	Medium	Medium	Limited	Medium
ML Models (Proposed)	High	Medium	Full System	High

C. System Output and Visualization

The application provides an interactive interface where users can:

- Upload Excel files containing historical sales data
- View processed datasets
- Generate demand predictions
- Visualize trends using charts and graphs

The results are displayed in a clear and intuitive manner, allowing users to easily interpret demand patterns and make informed decisions. Screenshots of the application interface, including data upload, prediction results, and graphical visualization, are included to demonstrate the functionality of the system.

D. Conclusion

This paper presents a comprehensive Sales Demand Forecasting System that integrates machine learning with modern web technologies to provide an efficient and scalable solution for predicting future demand. By leveraging a custom linear regression model and a full-stack architecture, the system enables users to transform raw data into actionable insights.

The proposed system addresses the limitations of traditional forecasting methods by offering improved accuracy, automation, and ease of use. It reduces dependency on manual estimation and provides a data-driven approach for decision-making in business environments such as retail and supply chain management.

Overall, the system demonstrates that combining machine learning with a user-friendly web interface can significantly enhance demand forecasting capabilities. Future improvements may include the integration of advanced models such as Random Forest or time-series forecasting techniques to further improve prediction accuracy and handle more complex datasets.

The system contributes to supply chain optimization by improving demand forecasting at the sales level

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