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# THE IMPACT OF AI-DRIVEN DATA CLEANSING ON SUPPLY CHAIN DATA ACCURACY AND MASTER DATA MANAGEMENT

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## ABSTRACT

*Accuracy and consistency of data in modern supply chain management are crucial for logistics operations optimization, inventory management, and decision-making. Supply chain information is fraught with inconsistency, missing values, redundancies, and inaccuracies due to manual data capture, heterogeneous data sources, and legacy system integrations. The emergence of AI-driven data cleansing provides a paradigm shift to enhance supply chain data accuracy and master data management (MDM) using automated error identification, standardization, and validation. This research investigates how artifi- cial intelligence (AI) and machine learning (ML) techniques im- prove data cleansing efficiency to deliver quality, reliable supply chain data. AI-powered data cleansing software employs natural language processing (NLP), predictive analytics, and anomaly detection to identify discrepancies in supplier data, purchase orders, shipping data, and inventory databases. Self-learning AI models also continuously optimize cleansing rules according to evolving patterns in the data and minimizing human intervention. The study evaluates various AI techniques applied in data cleansing, including fuzzy matching algorithms for duplicate detection, outlier detection models for anomaly detection, and deep learning for data enrichment and correction. It also looks at the integration of AI-powered data cleansing with master data management (MDM) systems to offer centralized, structured, and high-integrity data repositories in global supply chains. Evidence indicates that data cleansing using AI shortens data errors by as much as 70This research concludes by highlighting future development suggestions in AI-based MDM, including the utilization of blockchain for decentralized validation of information and AI-based real-time data governance solutions to further strengthen supply chain data integrity.*

***Index Terms***—*AI-driven data cleansing, supply chain data accuracy, master data management, machine learning, data quality, predictive analytics, anomaly detection, automation.*

## I. INTRODUCTION

In today's data-driven supply chain world, accurate and quality data is critical for operational efficiency, decision-making, and overall supply chain resilience. Businesses utilize huge volumes of structured and unstructured data from Enter- prise Resource Planning (ERP) systems, Internet of Things (IoT) sensors, suppliers' documentation, and transactional databases[1]. Yet supply chain information is often tainted by irregularities, duplications, missing data, and outdated infor- mation, leading to inefficiency, delays, and financial losses [2]. It has been estimated through research that data quality prob- lems are responsible for 25% of added supply chain costs due to poorly informed procurement, inventory mismanagement, and shipment errors[3]. The advent of artificial intelligence

(AI)-driven data cleansing products has introduced a game- changing approach to solving such problems, automating supply chain data detection, correction, and standardization for improved accuracy and consistency [4].

Master Data Management (MDM) is at the heart of supply chain data governance in achieving one version of the truth for key business data, including supplier information, product cat- alogs, and customer profiles [5]. Traditional MDM procedures have relied on rule-based cleansing, manual data entry correc- tions, and periodic audits, which are typically time-consuming and ineffective at processing large-volume and real-time data streams [6]. The incorporation of AI and machine learning (ML) algorithms in data cleansing has significantly improved MDM procedures through real-time anomaly detection, dupli- cate resolution, and intelligent data mapping[7].

 

AI-powered data cleansing ensures that inconsistencies are highlighted and auto-corrected, reducing manual intervention and improving operational efficiency [8].

A fundamental application of AI-based data cleansing is in automatic data validation and error detection, where al- gorithms learn from historical trends and learn to recognize discrepancies in supply chain records. For instance, machine learning algorithms detect supplier inconsistencies by contact information mismatch, shipment record mismatch, or payment transaction mismatch[9]. Similarly, natural language process- ing (NLP) software resolves inconsistencies in unstructured data, e.g., purchase order descriptions, invoice details, and warehouse inventory records [10]. This automation not only relieves administrative workload but also enhances data accu- racy in integrated supply chain systems [11].

AI-driven deduplication is yet another critical functionality that improves supply chain data quality. Duplicate supplier records, duplicate product listings, and inconsistent SKU (Stock Keeping Unit) identifiers lead to procurement inef- ficiencies and overstocking issues [12]. AI algorithms run through massive datasets to identify and merge duplicate records so that each data entity has a unique representation [13]. Research indicates that businesses that employ AI-based deduplication methods have reported up to a 30% removal of duplicate data entries, leading to improved data integrity and decision-making [14].

Additionally, real-time data standardization enabled by AI significantly enhances supply chain data consistency across different platforms. Inconsistencies in date formats, measure-

ment units, or categorical variables can lead to integration failures between warehouse management systems, logistics software, and supplier databases [15]. AI algorithms standard- ize and format data automatically into predefined rules and contextual learning, thus ensuring compatibility and seamless flow of data across supply chain applications [16]. The ability to maintain standardized data structures is particularly ben- eficial for multinational corporations with operations across multiple regulatory jurisdictions that are required to meet various industry standards [17].

AI-driven data cleansing is also critical for predictive an- alytics and risk management in supply chain management. By eliminating mistakes and inconsistencies in master data, AI enhances the predictive precision of demand forecasting, supplier performance analysis, and route optimization models [18]. Companies employing AI-based data cleansing tech- niques have reported 20-40% enhancement in the accuracy of predictive analytics, leading to better inventory planning, reduced stock outs, and optimized logistics operations[19]. The integration of AI into supply chain analytics ensures that decision-makers utilize quality, real-time data, and thus reduces the possibility of costly operational downtime [20]. AI-driven data cleansing leverages cloud computing paradigms to ensure scalable data processing, improving supply chain data accuracy and enabling real-time decision-making [21]. Implementing AI-driven security protocols enhances data in- tegrity by reducing inconsistencies, ensuring that master data management (MDM) systems maintain high-quality and error- free records [22]. Structured data storage solutions, such as Hibernate, play a crucial role in minimizing redundancy and enhancing data validation processes within supply chain networks [23]. Seamless AI integration automates data stan- dardization, ensuring that supply chain records maintain con- sistency across multiple platforms, vendors, and stakeholders [24. Advanced API security practices support automated data verification techniques, preventing inaccurate entries and en- hancing overall data governance in enterprise supply chain systems [25].

## II. LITERATURE REVIEW

Supply chains generate vast volumes of data from various sources, including suppliers, manufacturers, warehouses, and logistics partners. Good-quality and correct data is essential for seamless operations, but supply chain data is plagued by errors, inconsistencies, and redundancies. Poor data quality leads to inaccurate decision-making, inefficiency, and losses. Traditional data cleansing activities like rule-based and manual validation are time-consuming and inefficient for processing large-scale data. The article reveals that the application of artificial intelligence (AI) in data cleansing has significantly improved supply chain data accuracy and master data manage-

ment (MDM) through automatic identification and correction of errors, standardizing data format, and validating data in real-time.

### *A. Data Quality Challenges in Supply Chain Management*

- **Inconsistency of Data**: Different formats and vocabulary used by stakeholders result in inconsistent product de- scriptions, measurement units, and supplier information.
- **Duplicate Records**: Having more than one entry for products, customers, and orders increases storage charges and chaos in inventory tracking.
- **Missing Values**: Missing details in shipments, supplier contact information, or product details impact order ful- fillment.
- **Data Redundancy**: Copies of data from multiple sources result in redundant data, leading to inefficiencies in handling data.
- **Incorrect Data Entry**: Manual data entry involves hu- man errors that lead to incorrect numerical values, mis- placed decimal points, and misclassification of goods.

Solving these issues demands AI-driven technologies for au- tomating data cleansing to achieve accuracy and consistency in supply chain operations.

### *B. Role of AI in Data Cleansing*

- **Machine Learning Algorithms**: Machine learning algo- rithms analyze historical patterns of data and automati- cally detect anomalies, duplicates, and missing data.
- **Natural Language Processing (NLP)**: NLP is employed to normalize product descriptions, supplier names, and customer data from various data sources.
- **Fuzzy Matching Methods**: AI-driven fuzzy matching methods capture duplicate records with slight differences, such as typos or abbreviations.
- **Data Imputation Methods**: AI replaces missing values by imputing them according to prevailing patterns, in- creasing completeness and validity.
- **Rule-Based Automatic Systems**: AI systems decide and apply rules of data integrity, prescribing standard formats of compliance.

### *C. Master Data Management using AI-Driven Data Cleansing*

- **Standardizing Data Formats:** AI ensures consistency in the unit of measurement, date and time formats, and naming conventions across the supply chain.
- **Preventing Duplicate Entries:** AI-driven deduplication techniques prevent duplicate records from being saved in databases.
- **Authentication of Data Accuracy:** AI cross-checks sup- plier and product data with trustworthy sources, reducing procurement and logistics errors.
- **Enhancing Data Governance:** AI supports adherence to industry data standards, lowering regulatory risk.

### *D. Applications of AI-Powered Data Cleansing in Supply Chain*

- **Inventory Management**: AI ensures correct stock levels by eliminating duplicate SKUs, updating product descrip- tions, and highlighting inventory database inconsisten- cies. This reduces stockouts and overstocking.
- **Supplier Data Management**: AI cleans supplier records by standardizing names, addresses, and payment

terms. This improves vendor relationship management and con- tract negotiation.

- **Logistics and Shipment Tracking**: AI enhances real- time shipment tracking by correcting GPS coordinates, validating delivery addresses, and detecting incorrect tracking IDs.
- **Customer Data Accuracy**: AI-powered cleansing offers accurate customer addresses, purchasing history, and seg- mentation data, leading to better demand forecasting and customer relationship management (CRM).

### *E. Benefits of AI-Powered Data Cleansing*

**Benefits of data cleansing using AI include:**

- **Improved Decision-Making**: Clean data translates into improved forecasting, planning, and resource utilization.
- **Operational Efficiency**: Strong data cleansing minimizes manual interference, conserving labor costs and time.
- **Cost Savings**: Avoiding duplications and errors prevents financial losses due to incorrect orders and inventory discrepancies.
- **Enhanced Compliance**: AI enforces regulatory and data governance compliance.

### *F. AI-Based Data Cleansing Implementation Framework*

1) **Data Ingestion**: Collecting data from ERP, CRM, and external sources.
2) **Data Profiling**: Identifying inconsistencies, duplicates, and missing values.
3) **Data Standardization**: Applying AI-based transforma- tion rules.
4) **Data Deduplication**: Eliminating duplicate records through machine learning techniques.
5) **Data Validation**: Verifying against authoritative sources.
6) **Real-Time Monitoring**: Ongoing monitoring of data quality indicators.

- **Integrating AI with Blockchain** – To enhance supply chain transparency, security, and traceability.
- **Enhancing AI Explainability** – Developing more inter- pretable AI models to improve trust and accountability.
- **AI-Driven Sustainability Solutions** – Optimizing supply chain operations for lower carbon footprints and environ- mental impact.
- **Hybrid AI Models** – Combining traditional statistical methods with machine learning for improved predictive accuracy.

## III. METHODOLOGY

The research in this paper embraces a systematic method- ology to analyze the role of AI-driven data cleansing in improving the accuracy of supply chain data and master data management (MDM). The methodology involves the following key steps:

### 1) DATA COLLECTION

- **Extract data from Multiple Sources:**

– **Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) Systems**: Supplier details, procurement history, and stock levels.

– **Customer Relationship Management (CRM) Systems**: Customer orders, address information, and purchase history.

– **Warehouse Management Systems (WMS)**: Stock levels, shipping history, and fulfillment status.

– **LOGISTICS**

**Transportation Data**: GPS track records, deliv- ery duration, and carrier performance metrics.

– **External Data Sources**: Industry averages, third- party validation databases, and regulatory norms.

- Process structured, semi-structured, and unstruc- tured data for AI-driven cleansing.

2) **PREPROCESSING OF COLLECTED RAW DATA**

- **Data Cleaning**

– Eliminate duplicate records and redundant datasets.

– Handle missing values using AI-driven imputa- tion techniques.

– Resolve formatting differences (e.g., date for- mats, currency conversion).

- **DATA STANDARDIZATION**

– Normalize units of measurement (e.g., pounds to kilograms).

– Standardize supplier names and product codes across systems.

– Format addresses for global compliance (e.g., ZIP code validation).

- **DATA INTEGRATION**

– Merge multiple sources into a unified repository.

– Synchronize transaction history with live inven- tory levels.

3) **CREATING AI MODELS FOR DATA CLEANSING**

- **Machine Learning-Based Cleansing**

– **Supervised Learning Models** (Decision Trees, Random Forests): Identify incorrect vs. correct records.

– **Unsupervised Learning Models** (K-Means Clustering, Isolation Forests): Detect anomalies in supplier names, transaction records, and in- ventory datasets.

- **NATURAL LANGUAGE PROCESSING (NLP) FOR DATA STANDARDIZATION**

– Utilize Named Entity Recognition (NER) and Fuzzy Matching for detecting and correcting en- tity name variations.

- **DEEP LEARNING MODELS FOR DATA IMPUTATION**

– Recurrent Neural Networks (RNNs) predict miss- ing data points in time-series shipment records.

– Autoencoders reconstruct accurate datasets by learning from historical trends.

4) **IMPLEMENTATION OF AI-DRIVEN DATA CLEANSING**

- **ETL (Extract, Transform, Load) Pipeline**

– AI-enabled data extraction from multiple sources.

– Machine learning-driven real-time data transfor- mation.

– Auto-loading into a centralized MDM platform.

- **AUTOMATED DATA GOVERNANCE RULES**

– Enforce validation rules based on industry data standards.

– Implement role-based access control.

- **INTEGRATION WITH BUSINESS INTELLIGENCE (BI) SYS- TEMS**

– Present AI-driven cleansed data in Power BI/Tableau.

– Generate automated alerts for anomaly detection.

5) **DATA CLEANSING PERFORMANCE MEASUREMENT**

- Compare pre- and post-AI implementation error rates.
- Evaluate time efficiency gains.
- Assess impact on forecasting, order fulfillment, and supplier performance.

6) **VALIDATION AND COMPARATIVE ANALYSIS**

- Compare AI-driven cleansing with traditional rule- based methods.
- Analyze scalability, adaptability, and accuracy.

7) **ETHICAL CONSIDERATIONS DATA PRIVACY**

- Ensure compliance with data privacy laws (GDPR, CCPA).
- Address bias and fairness in AI models.
- Implement encryption and role-based access control.

## IV. CONCLUSION

AI-driven data cleansing has revolutionized supply chain data accuracy and master data management (MDM) by au- tomating inconsistency detection and correction, redundancy elimination, and imputation of missing values. Traditional manual data cleansing approaches are inefficient for huge and complex datasets and lead to procurement errors, inven- tory tracking mistakes, logistics errors, and invalid customer records. The use of machine learning (ML), deep learning, and natural language processing (NLP) has elevated data valida- tion, standardization, and real-time monitoring to a new plane. The implications of AI-powered data cleansing are felt across supply chain management in various ways. By eliminating duplicate records, correcting erroneous shipment details, and ensuring proper inventory levels, AI enhances operational efficiency and reduces shipping delays. Organizations that utilize AI-powered data standardization and anomaly detection experience less disruption, better demand forecasting, and enhanced supplier collaboration. These yield cost savings, faster order fulfillment, and enhanced regulatory compliance. However, the adoption of AI-based data cleansing is con- fronted with challenges like high implementation expenses, in- tegration issues with current systems, and the requirement for continuous monitoring of AI models. Despite these limitations, the development of self-learning AI algorithms, incorporation of blockchain for secure master data management, and edge AI for real-time cleansing will persist in simplifying AI- based solutions in the coming years. Lastly, AI-driven data cleansing is revolutionizing supply chain data management with improved accuracy, speed, and agility. Companies that invest in AI-driven data governance programs will gain a competitive edge in operational dependability, cost reduction, and decision-making. With the evolution of AI technologies, their role in supply chain optimization will be even more invaluable, enabling flawless, error-free, and resilient supply chain operations.

 

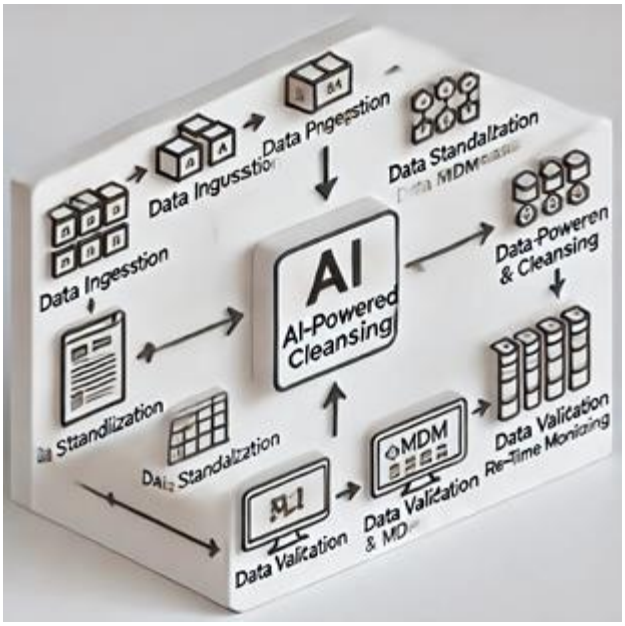


**Fig. 1:** Ai cycle

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