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AI-Assisted Design Systems for Automated Fashion Creation and Pattern Generation

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Abstract

The foundations of fashion design and pattern making, specifically referring to the process of leaving manual operations and transitioning to the digital workflow assisted by AI. It examines the most significant design approaches, including sketch-based, draping-first, pattern-first, textile-led, and concept-driven, and their contribution to the transformation of ideas into a prototype garment, via the process of fitting and refinement. The importance of Computer-Aided Design (CAD) systems in improving accuracy, efficiency, grading, and virtual prototyping is addressed, combined with such advanced features as 3D body scanning, parametric modeling, and simulation. The paper also investigates the revolutionary nature of Artificial Intelligence in automatic design creation, trend predicting, one-to-one suggestions, and virtual clothing fashioning. Significant AI methods, such as GANs, CNNs, VAEs, reinforcement learning, and NLP, are discussed as having a role to play in the creative design process, visual interpretation, and consumer-driven fashion systems. The traditional pattern-building techniques, flattening and computerized garment solutions are also discussed. Lastly, the paper outlines the main issues, including data quality, high implementation cost, creativity issues, sustainability integration, and lack of standardization, which should be considered as future direction of intelligent fashion design systems

KEYWORDS

Artificial Intelligence (AI) in Fashion, Automated Pattern Generation, Computer-Aided Design (CAD), Generative Models (GANs, VAEs) and Personalized Fashion Recommendation.

INTRODUCTION

The fashion business is experiencing a radically new turn due to the fast development of digital technologies linked to the Fourth Industrial Revolution [1]. The conventional methods of fashion designing are mostly manual, time-consuming and reliant on human skills and thus a challenge to react to the changing market trends and meet individualistic consumer needs and wants immediately [2]. The digital transformation in fashion is using high-level computational devices throughout the value chain, such as design and product development, manufacturing, and retail, thereby transforming the operational models, customer experiences, and sustainable practices[3].

Artificial intelligence (AI) is one of these technologies, which has become one of the enabling factors of next-generation fashion systems. The applications of AI can study large volumes of visual, textual, and behavioral data and draw conclusions, predicting trends and creating new designs [4][5]. This ability facilitates the creation of automated design systems that save time in the development, have an optimal use of resources and create mass customization designs [6]. Moreover, AI-based solutions enable the smooth collaboration between the design, production, and distribution processes, which enables organizations to react to the changing consumer demands quickly.

The intelligent design tools have also been accelerated by the introduction of computer-aided design (CAD), simulation technologies, and automation. Garment simulations can be performed efficiently, prototyped and evaluated using AI-based simulations without a significant level of physical testing [7]. These abilities are enhanced by automation in manufacturing that enhances the quality of products, decreases the lead times and minimizes the use of manual labor. The combination of these technologies enables flexible and driven fashion manufacturing in the most competitive environment.

Over the past few years, AI-based design systems have attracted a lot of interest due to their fashion creation/pattern generation capabilities. AI and neural networks like DL, computer vision, generative modeling, and image recognition enable machines to produce new designs of garments, textile patterns, and variations of styles and also maintain aesthetic coherence [8][9][10]. Moreover, the AI-based systems can consider the tastes and preferences of users and incorporate market trends to create customized apparel designs, which will increase customer satisfaction and commercial feasibility [11][12]. It is also through the growing availability of digital fashion information and access to online resources that interactive design systems can be created to provide real-time feedback and refinement[13]. These systems facilitate human-AI creativity, with the designers controlling the creative process but using computational effectiveness to search through broad repertoires of design options.

A. Organization of the Paper

This paper is organized as follows for the remainder: The foundations of fashion design and pattern creation, including conventional techniques, CAD software, and AI integration, are covered in Section II. Section III presents core AI techniques for automated fashion design and trend analysis. Section IV discusses AI-driven pattern generation and garment construction methods. Section V reviews recent studies on AI-driven fashion design and automation. Finally, Section VI wraps up the work by summarizing major results and identifying future research areas.

II. FUNDAMENTALS OF FASHION DESIGN AND PATTERN MAKING

The principles of fashion design and patterning, the main design strategies, the use of CAD tools, and the disruptive influence of AI on contemporary garment design. It also identifies major issues related to the adoption of AI, such as data quality, cost, creativity issues, insufficient research, and integration aspects caused by sustainability.

A. Types of fashion design and pattern-making practice

Fashion design practices can be categorized according to the stages through which a design idea evolves into a final sample garment. Typically, the process begins with the initial conceptualization and ends with the production of a prototype garment, often referred to as a toile. A toile is a preliminary sample made using inexpensive fabrics such as muslin or calico to evaluate fit, structure, and design intent.

1) Sketch–Based Design Approach

It is the most widely used approach both in industry and in education. The patternmaker translates the sketch made by the designer into a pattern. A toile is made using the pattern, and pattern alterations and the end product, a sample garment, is made.

2) Pattern-First Design Approach

In this method, patternmakers create the patterns they want bypassing the sketching stage and developing the patterns directly. Other designers like Yeohlee Teng and Julian Roberts have used large geometric shapes of pattern to experiment with unusual structure of clothing. It is obtained, and the final design may be determined only after construction and fitting, regardless of a predetermined type of garment.

3) Sketch–Draping–Pattern Approach

In this case, design is started by sketching and then taking a piece of fabric and fitting it on the mannequin to experiment with form. The pieces of the draped fabric are then turned into flat patterns through which a toile and a final garment are made [14]. Draping is a continuation of patternmaking in which the design is developed by manipulating fabric physically.

4) Draping-First Design Approach

Draping gives the opportunity to investigate the behavior of fabric and the interaction of the body at the very beginning. The technique focuses on the development of the 3-dimensional design and has been used by the couture designers in the past. There is also modern research on virtual draping by use of simulation software.

5) Existing Garment–Inspired Design

Designers may analyze an existing garment and create a modified sketch based on it. A pattern is then developed using both the original garment and the new design concept. This practice is common in commercial fashion development.

6) Garment Copying Approach

In some cases, a pattern is directly derived from an existing garment without substantial design modification. Although often associated with mass-market production, this method can serve as a learning tool for understanding garment construction and technique.

7) Concept-Driven Pattern Development

Certain avant-garde practices begin with an abstract idea rather than a detailed sketch. Designers communicate concepts verbally or symbolically to patternmakers, who interpret them into patterns. This collaborative process grants patternmakers significant creative responsibility.

8) Textile-Led Design Approach

Here, the design originates from textile prints or materials. Designers can cover the body with printed fabric or paper to figure out the shape of patterns and the structure of the garments. The focus of this approach is on material efficiency and visual composition, which tends to reduce the waste of fabrics.

B. Role of Computer-Aided Design (CAD) in fashion

CAD is an important element of the fashion industry today, increasing efficiency, precision, and versatility of the Garment Design and Production Process. Being a key pattern development and customization tool, the CAD systems allow designers to develop, modify, grade and visualize patterns digitally, greatly saving time and effort spent on the same in manual systems. CAD also helps to respond to small-production run and multi-size needs quickly by way of simple modifications and reuse of computerized templates [15]. Also, the virtual prototyping allows designers and students to test the fit, structure, and design of garments in a simulation setting prior to the physical production process, therefore, a waste of material and development expenses are reduced.

More sophisticated CAD technologies are also applied to three-dimensional body scanning, parametric modeling, avatar-based design, and virtual garments simulation. These tools are used to make accurate pattern constructions, adjust garments, model surfaces and automatically flatten 3D shapes to 2D patterns [16]. Pattern design, grading, marker making, and visualization are specialized functions that are available in widely used CAD software platforms for apparel and are essential in the industrial production process as well as in fashion education.

C. AI in Transforming Fashion Design

AI has become a disruptive technology in the fashion sector with its core ability to fundamentally alter the traditional system of design and provide the possibility of automated fashion development and pattern-generation. Traditional fashion design is an extensive process involving manual sketching, real-life prototyping, and trial-and-error development to perfect the design, and this is a time-consuming and resource-intensive process. These shortcomings can be overcome by AI-endowed design systems which combine machine learning, computer vision, and data analytics to help to create intelligent, data-driven workflows. Through analyzing big data of trends of the past, taste, and trends in the market, AI can predict new fashions and create new garment designs, patterns on textiles, and design alternatives to match the demand at the moment. Figure 1 shows the deep-learning AI-powered workflow on 3D bodily scanning to pattern-free distortion and 3D fit visualization.

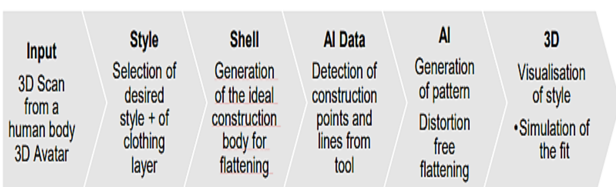

Fig. 1. Workflow AI-Assisted Pattern Generator

Virtual prototyping tools powered by AI will allow realistic simulation of garment fit, drape, and appearance, which will enable a designer to test and improve designs prior to actual production, thus saving on the amount of time and material wastage during development. One-on-one fashion manufacturing is also assisted by the recommendation systems that can design the favorable style and fit clothes to the particular body shapes to make it mass customizable. In general, AI-enhanced design systems will contribute to creativity, efficiency, and responsiveness throughout the fashion design cycle, including the idea and consumer relationship, and lead to intelligent and automated fashion systems.

D. Challenges and Limitations of AI in The Textile Industry

AI in fashion design and pattern making has high benefits in terms of automation and efficiency, yet issues like data quality, privacy, expensive implementation, loss of human creativity, sparse research and compliance with sustainable Industry 4.0 technologies have impeded its general use.

1) Data Quality and Privacy Issues

The high-quality design creation and pattern generation require a mass of accurate data to be provided to AI systems, and the administration of consumer data is associated with the appearance of privacy, security, and ethical standards[17].

2) High Implementation Cost and Technical Complexity

Implementing AI systems is costly in terms of infrastructure, software, and human resources, and their implementation with the current processes may have a complex nature[18].

3) Over-Automation and Reduced Human Creativity

The overuse of computerized design technology can serve to curb the creativity of humans and their crafts, as well as lead to the creation of designs that lack novelty or even meaning.

4) Limited Research and Lack of Standardization

Fashion design and pattern-making AI applications are only in their initial state of development, resulting in the lack of standardized approaches and practical guidelines to be adopted by the industry.

5) Sustainability and System Integration Challenges

Even though AI can simplify the production process and minimize waste, when applied in practice, it is frequently combined with other Industry 4.0 technologies, complicating the system and raising energy consumption.

III. CORE AI TECHNIQUES USED IN AUTOMATED FASHION DESIGN

The emerging AI tools that are advancing fashion design are DL, generative models, and data-driven pattern-generation, trend, and visualization tools[19]. Additionally, it demonstrates how AI promotes intelligent, effective, and customer-driven fashion creation via the use of AI in forecasting and tailored suggestions.

A. Key Technologies

The fashion business has been the focus of much attention over the last few years, and scholars and professionals have explored the possibility of AI and ML to transform customer interaction, production, and design. This section gives a summary of notable technologies and their use in the fashion industry.

- Generative Adversarial Networks (GANs): GANs are now an effective method of generating creative patterns and designs. GANs are made up of a discriminator and a generator that cooperate to generate realistic results [20]. GANs play a critical role in AI-enabled creative design systems applied to the fashion industry to design unique textiles and clothing designs.
- Convolutional Neural Networks (CNNs): CNNs are quite effective in image recognition and image classification issues. It showed their ability to process visual input well, and they are ideal for categorizing fabrics and recognizing styles. The CNNs have been deployed, such as to categorize clothing items on e-commerce sites[21][22].
- Natural Language Processing (NLP): NLP derives information based on the written material, such as the trends in social media and reviews by consumers. BERT is a transformer-based model that has been customized to analyze sentiments in the fashion industry by estimating customer preference.

B. Generative Adversarial Networks (GANS)

GANs are an emerging, promising technique in generative modeling in artificial intelligence, particularly in creative fields like fashion design. The generator and discriminator neural networks that make up the GAN are trained in an adversarial[23] . The generator is fed with the synthetic data, e.g. Fabric Patterns or Clothing Photographs, and the discriminator determines whether the generated samples can be compared to the real data. The generator is progressively conditioned by the competitive feedback, generating very realistic and coherent outputs [24][25]. The fashion sector may use GANs to automatically create new clothing, textile patterns, and photographs. GAN-based systems can produce new designs with aesthetic features by training on datasets of the existing styles and creating significant yet meaningful variations. Figure 2 illustration of 2 garment designs with front views with a waist tie that can be adjusted to vary the fit.

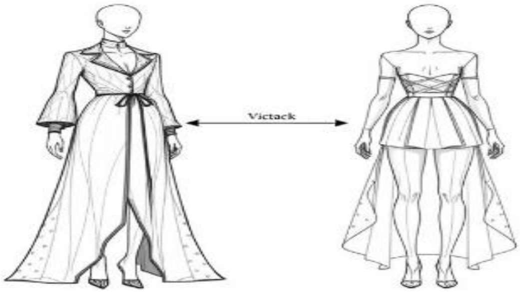

Fig. 2. GAN Architecture for Fashion Design Generation

It is also possible to manipulate other features with conditional GANs, including color, type of garment or pattern, which allows applying them to concrete design creation and mass personalization. GANs particularly are good at learning intricate visual variables, including textures, shapes and color distributions, which are required to produce realistic apparel generation. This can be used to prototype quickly, discover designs virtually, and create personalized fashion recommendations. Nevertheless, GAN training can frequently demand large data sets and extensive computing and problems such as training instability can affect the variety of output.

C. Variational Autoencoders (VAEs)

Vanes are generative models that receive small latent representations of input data and reconstruct them back to them without losing the valuable features. The VAEs are applied to fashion design to encode the images or patterns of clothes in an organized latent space where novel image variations can be sampled and interpolated. This enables designers to experiment with fashion across styles and create design variations that are controlled and generate a wide variety of yet consistent concepts of garment styles. VAEs find particular application in automated design systems and interactive design systems, as they can be used to search design space efficiently, and they can be compatible with learned aesthetic properties.

D. Trend Forecasting with Machine Learning

Data Collection and analysis are the basis of fashion designing using AI [26]. These advanced systems are powered by ML algorithms that consume a diverse range of data. Recommendation process of fashion based on body data, preferences, purchase history with AI-based personalized recommendations, collaborative filtering and learning algorithms, as illustrated in Figure 3.

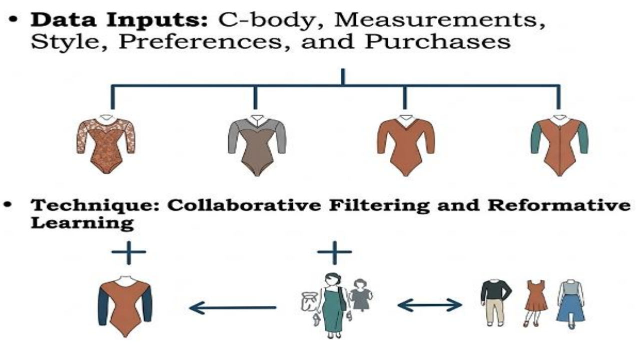

Fig. 3. Trend Forecasting Pipeline Using ML

These sources include

- Social Media: Instagram, Pinterest, and TikTok provide a rich source of visual content that emphasizes user preferences, the emergence of new styles, and the latest trends. Textual descriptions, videos, and images are all valuable insights into the popular and customer-appealing.

- Fashion Blogs and Websites: These digital magazines usually offer well-selected collections of clothes, accessories, and fashion advice [27]. They are helpful tools for comprehending professional viewpoints and spotting important trends.

- Runway Images: Global fashion week collections provide an insight into the premium trends that often influence mainstream fashion. These pictures display the most recent designs from renowned designers and businesses.

- Sales Data: Retailers' historical sales data provides important insights into customer buying behavior. Future demand may be predicted by analyzing this data to determine the most popular styles, colors, and sizes.

Several methods are used to examine this varied data effectively:

- Image Recognition (Convolutional Neural Networks CNNs): CNNs are strong DL models that perform very well in feature extraction and image categorization. Their ability to recognize items, patterns, and styles in photos makes it possible to analyze visual trends in fashion blogs, runway events, and social media. Transfer Learning often applies specific fashion-related tasks to pre-trained CNNs, such ResNet or Efficient Net.

- Sentiment Analysis (Natural Language Processing NLP): Textual data, including blog entries, product evaluations, and social media captions, are analyzed using NLP approaches. Sentiment analysis may identify the general attitude (positive, negative, or neutral) toward certain trends, brands, or styles. Predicting the success of new ideas and comprehending customer views may both benefit greatly from this knowledge.

E. Personalized Fashion Recommendations

The goal of personalized fashion recommendations is to provide people apparel recommendations based on their unique preferences and requirements. A crucial component of this approach is user profiling, which entails collecting and analyzing data to thoroughly comprehend the style preferences of each user. A strong user profile is constructed using a variety of data types:

- Body Measurements: A person's height, weight, bust, waist, and hip measurements, among others, are crucial for making garment suggestions that fit properly [28]. AI-powered body-scanning technologies are increasingly being used to gather this data, as is user input.

- Style Preferences: Users have the option to show their style preferences via the use of graphic interfaces, style tests, or questionnaires. Internet usage, social media habits (such as like or storing fashion-related material), and interactions with recommendation algorithms may all provide information about latent preferences.

- Purchase History: A user's chosen brands, styles, colors, and sizes might be inferred from past purchases [29]. Analyzing a user's buying history allows you to see patterns and trends in their fashion selections.

Personalized design suggestions are often made using two basic techniques:

- Collaborative Filtering: This method makes suggestions based on the preferences of comparable users. The algorithm may recommend things that one user has purchased or appreciated to the other if the two users have similar purchase histories or style preferences [30]. This method works well for finding new items that consumers could find appealing even if they haven't stated their desire for them.

- Reinforcement Learning: The recommendation-making capabilities of Reinforcement Learning systems are enhanced by social interaction and feedback. By seeing which recommendations lead to more positive outcomes (such a purchase or positive remarks), the algorithm may adjust its future recommendations accordingly. As the system gains more knowledge about the user's tastes, it may adjust its suggestions accordingly.

IV. AI FOR PATTERN GENERATION AND GARMENT CONSTRUCTION

Several pattern systems have been developed throughout the years, each with its own set of garment construction procedures. The fashion industry expects the chosen pattern system to be as versatile as possible. As a result, the decision is determined by specific criteria, personal preferences, and available resources. The best-known now is Michael Müller's M. Müller & Sohn pattern system, which was created in Munich in the 19th century [31]. This system has been refined or updated to be up-to-date with current industry standards; it has acquired worldwide acceptability [32][33]. It involves creating patterns for men, women, and children based on anatomical and garment-making-specific measurements. In a similar vein, the Hohenstein pattern system places an emphasis on basic and model-specific patterns while prioritizing final, pure visual appearances.

An important system developed as a result of a study at Niederrhein University of Applied Sciences is the Option [34]. This closed-loop technique is adaptable since it makes it possible to create outerwear for both men and women.

A. Conventional Pattern Construction Methods

There are several pattern systems with various methods for building development, each with unique benefits and target groups. The particular needs, tastes, and resources of the application often influence the choice of system:

- Michael Müller invented: the M. Müller & Sohn pattern system in Munich in the 19th century, which is extensively utilized in the worldwide apparel business. Since then, it has been consistently improved and adapted to the current industrial needs [35]. It is separated into three categories: children, men, and women. Additionally, its design is predicated on the generation of a measurement set employing building formulae and body measurements.

- Hohenstein: The Hohenstein pattern system, like the M. Müller & Sohn design approach, is used to create basic and model structures using dimension sets. On the other hand, in this case, the model cuts are created based on the final look, namely the silhouettes.

- The Optikon system,: developed by the Niederrhein University of Applied Sciences as a research effort, is now used in industry [36]. The so-called closed system Optikon may be used to create the whole outerwear collection for both men and women. The key body measurements needed for the e-signature are Chest

- Circumference,: Body Height, Buttock Circumference, Waist Circumference, and Figure Type. The secondary body measurements are also determined through the application of formulas. The construction-related coordinate system, which depicts the connection between the human body and the many planar elements that will surround this body, is established using the main and secondary body measurements.

B. Flattening

Flattening is a very important process of developing a pattern of a garment whereby 3D (three-dimensional) body or garment shapes are translated into 2D(two-dimensional) patterns which can be used in the production process. This allows the designers and the pattern makers to translate the design ideas into precise, scalable templates without compromising the fit and strength of the garments. It is based on geometry and mathematics in order to map curved surfaces onto flat surfaces with a minimum distortion [37]. One such design splits the upper torso into several parts, usually eight when the upper torso is concerned and other parts when the lower body is involved making symmetrical parts to both the left and right sides. The main anatomical elements that help in this segmentation include the bust, the waist, hips and side seam whereas in 2D pattern, darts are used to rebuild the original 3D form.

This method is very precise, particularly at the production of customized clothes but issues are raised when patterns are produced directly through body-scan information and no suitable allowances are made [38]. These may limit it to tight and snug items consisting of elastic materials, which may interfere with the comfort and appearance. The process of flattening is thus effective only when it takes into account garment silhouette (e.g., X, O or A), layering (undergarments or outerwear) and desired fit (tight, regular, or loose) [39]. As an example, O-silhouette clothes require more ease in the mid-section than X-silhouette clothes and outer clothes more allowances than undergarments. The slim-fit X-silhouette body forms can be taken as a baseline model in many studies, and vertical displacement value is usually taken to be zero, where actual body measurements are compared against ideal pattern dimensions in form of reference tables.

Consequently, it is necessary to adjust the vertical-axis displacement values to zero. Table I provides a summary of the original forms' ideal-making dimensions as well as the actual body measures.

TABLE I. SUMMARY OF OFFSET CLASSIFICATIONS FOR GARMENT SILHOUETTES (X, O, A) FOR INITIAL PATTERN SPACING

Offset Location	A-Silhouette	X-Silhouette	O-Silhouette
			
Knee Offset	High	Medium	Low
Hip Offset	High	Medium	Medium
Waist Offset	Medium	Low	High
Bust Offset	Low	Low	Medium

C. The digital solutions in garment design

A wide range of features and tools are available in current digital garment development programs to facilitate the entire Production Process, from the conception of the design to the manufacture of the garment. Some of the most well-known programs in this field include:

- Ophite: It is a software program with several capabilities for the apparel industry, such as virtual fitting, sizing, 3D visualization, and pattern creation. Designers and technicians may produce virtual prototypes and realistic 3D models of clothing using this program.

- Assyst / Style3D: An apparel technology solution that includes both 2D and 3D features is the CAD system Assyst. With the use of Assyst's 2D software, exact pattern drawing and construction development are made possible, accommodating a range of sizes and designs, including grading. It allows for the modeling and viewing of these patterns in a three-dimensional setting when integrated with Style3D, a 3D simulation application [40]. Designers may create renderings, mimic materials and colors, and realistically experiment on clothing with Style3D. The integration of 2D and 3D design processes made possible by Assyst's CAD system with Style3D results in more accurate and efficient apparel creation.

- Gerber: This technology provides a range of software solutions for the apparel manufacturing industry, including as production management, sizing, and marker creation. Lectra Modarres is affiliated with a significant supplier of apparel industry software. Design, patternmaking, production planning and control, and automated cutting technologies are all covered by Lectra software.

- Brow wear: Its primary focus is on the apparel industry's Stitcher 3D design software. Designers can generate realistic 3D garment models and engage in virtual try-ons to evaluate fit and design prior to production using Bronzeware's software. GRAFIS, the accompanying 2D parametric pattern construction software, is integrated into the V-Stitcher 3D CAD program.

- CLO: The program allows designers to generate realistic 3D models of clothing and do virtual try-ons. It is used in the apparel industry and is useful for both 2D and 3D design. To cover every step of manufacturing, the program has a wide range of capabilities for patternmaking, sizing, and textile simulation.

Table II presents the progressive offset values applied to chest, waist, and hip circumferences across multiple garment layers based on a base Size 38 measurement. The data illustrates how dimensional allowances increase with each layer to ensure proper fit, mobility, and accommodation of layered clothing while maintaining consistent body height

TABLE II. SUMMARY OF OFFSET VALUES FOR BUST, WAIST, AND HIP CIRCUMFERENCES ACROSS DIFFERENT GARMENT LAYERS

Garment Layer	Body Height (cm)	Chest Circumference (cm)	Waist Circumference (cm)	Hip Circumference (cm)	Shoulder Width (cm)
Size 38 (Base)	168	88	72	97	12.7
Offset 1	0	+4	+4	+4	0
1st Layer	168	92	76	101	12.7
Offset 2	0	+5	+5	+5	+1.5
2nd Layer	168	97	81	106	14.2
Offset 3	0	+5	+5	+5	+0.5
3rd Layer	168	102	86	111	14.7

D. Artificial Intelligence and Resources for Advanced Garment Design

AI has revolutionized the fashion design industry in many ways, including the ability to predict trends, provide style advice, and even create virtual models that might spark a whole new industry. ML, a branch of AI, is revolutionizing the fashion business by mining massive databases for insights into consumer behavior, market trends, and past fashion trends in order to usher in new designs and preferences [41][42][43]. The capacity to anticipate trends offers designers critical information, facilitating the process of customizing their products to meet the demands of consumers. Virtual prototype technologies enabled by AI can greatly simplify the design process through rapid digitalization and repetition of clothing prior to the physical production process.

It is also important to use AI to make the fashion business more sustainable. Predictive analytics minimizes overproduction and material waste, enhances demand forecasting, optimizes the supply chain, and facilitates the use of environmentally friendly materials and production methods [44]. In addition, high-tech AI-based design tools have been designed, which is made possible by massive datasets of garments, 3D clothing models, and simulation software. The tools of garment modeling currently available allow to simulate the exact behavior of fabrics, pattern structures, and garment fit in a virtual environment, which helps to evaluate and refine a design more precisely.

V. LITERATURE REVIEW

The literature review shows that the variety of methods, main discoveries, practices, and results testify to the increasing role of AI in the automation of design procedures and the possibility of personalized clothing development. Table III offers a comparative evaluation of the existing studies in AI-powered fashion design, pattern building, garment simulation, and customer interaction.

M. Han (2025) provides details on an innovative pattern-generating tool that uses ML models to transform the way patterns are created for use in the fashion industry. The proposed approach uses 3D body scans as a starting point, transforms them into 3D shell meshes, and then uses sophisticated data augmentation techniques and CAD flattening algorithms to reduce them to 2D patterns. This technique allows the transformation of 3D models into lifelike clothes designs without understanding traditional pattern-making methods [37].

N. Kim and J. Park's (2025) study integrates design considerations and ease allowances into fundamental patterns to give a parametric production pattern for the automated manufacture of garments. They established fundamental parametric patterns by expanding upon earlier work's zero-ease allowance pattern and adding constant values to parametric nude designs' ratio formula. The conditions to include design features were subsequently introduced to ease the production patterns of different proportions. The patterns that were created were compared to those that were produced using traditional grading methods. It shows that production designs that are parametric maintain tightness of fit and silhouette, and are therefore capable of being used as automated substitutes to traditional drawing processes driven only by body measurements and size requirements [45].

C. Liu, W. Xu, Y. Yang, and H. Wang (2024) enable a physics-based simulator to seamlessly integrate them into a digital garment, thereby preventing the occurrence of undesirable local minima. In order to accomplish this, they implement numerical optimization, heuristics, and AI classification. As a result, a novel hybrid system that reduces the requirement for human input in the initialization of clothing parts has been developed. Their system's seeding procedure entails training a classification network to choose seed pieces, then solving an optimization problem to ascertain their locations and shapes. After that, a phased initialization strategy is used to minimize local minima in numerical optimization, and an iterative selection-arrangement process is used to automate the pattern piece selection [46].

Y. Zhang and C. Liu's (2024) study intends to evaluate Midjourney, an AI system, for its usefulness in fashion design and other business domains. Their theoretical foundation was the Functional, Expressive, and Aesthetic (FEA) Consumer Needs Model, and they used an action research technique. The study was divided into three parts: (1) developing clear textual design concepts from an initial idea; (2) validating these concepts through the creation of a new line of hemp-based products; and (3) validating the results of the online survey by evaluating them with specific consumers. It demonstrates how an AI technology may help fashion designers create ready-to-wear items and visually expressive attire while satisfying specific design requirements and customer demands [47].

M. Deng, Y. Liu, and L. Chen (2023) explores the cutting-edge use of AI and ML algorithms in ethnic fashion design, with a focus on Miao women's apparel. This is a giant leap forward in the world of fashion design as they unveil an AI-driven method that deftly combines contemporary technology with classic components. The three main points that their study highlights are the ability to customize the body form, the availability of fabrics, and unique design. The use of an AI-driven statistical technique allowed for accurate adaptation to the distinct body types of Miao women, showcasing the pattern recognition capabilities of machine learning [48].

S. F. Yeo, C. L. Tan, A. Kumar, et.al. (2022) use the Engel-Kollat-Blackwell (EKB) theory to study how Instagram users' impressions of AI-powered digital technologies influence their perceptions of five factors that influence their choices to buy fashion apparel: perceived price, perceived emotional value, perceived quality, and perceived risk. This study used SEM to assess its framework based on data gathered from Instagram users. In order to have a better grasp of Instagram users' profiles and behaviors, the study also included semi-structured in-depth interviews. The results from both methods show that Instagrammers' perceptions of the product's emotional worth, quality, and eWOM had a favourable and statistically significant impact on their fashion apparel purchase choices [49].

TABLE III. SUMMARY OF RECENT STUDIES ON AI-ASSISTED FASHION DESIGN AND PATTERN GENERATION

Authors (Year)	Study On	Aproches	Key Findings	Applications	Outcomes
Han (2025)	AI-assisted pattern construction from 3D body scans	Machine learning models, 3D shell mesh generation, CAD flattening, data augmentation	Automatically converts 3D body scans into accurate 2D garment patterns without traditional patternmaking expertise	Personalized garment design, custom apparel production, mass customization	Enables seamless 3D-to-2D pattern transformation with high personalization and fit accuracy
Kim & Park (2025)	Parametric production patterns for automated garment manufacturing	Parametric modeling, ease allowance integration, ratio-based pattern formulas, comparison with conventional grading	Parametric patterns maintain fit and silhouette comparable to traditional grading methods	Automated manufacturing, size-inclusive apparel production, CAD-based pattern drafting	Demonstrates feasibility of automated pattern generation solely from body measurements
Liu et al. (2024)	Automated digital garment assembly and stitching	Physics-based simulation, AI classification networks, heuristics, numerical optimization	A hybrid system automates pattern piece selection and arrangement while avoiding optimization issues	Virtual prototyping, digital fashion design, simulation-based garment testing	Reduces manual intervention and improves stability of digital garment initialization
Zhang & Liu (2024)	AI-generated fashion design using generative tool (Midjourney)	Action research, text-to-image AI, Functional-Expressive-Aesthetic (FEA) model, consumer evaluation	AI supports ideation, concept development, and design refinement aligned with consumer needs	Fashion concept design, product development, e-commerce visualization	Demonstrates effectiveness of generative AI in producing market-ready fashion concepts
Deng, Liu & Chen (2023)	AI in ethnic fashion design (Miao women’s apparel)	Machine learning, statistical analysis, body-shape customization, fabric property analysis	AI successfully integrates traditional cultural elements with modern design optimization	Cultural apparel design, personalized clothing, heritage preservation	Enhances comfort, aesthetics, and customization for specific demographic groups
Yeo et al. (2022)	Impact of AI-based digital experiences on fashion purchase decisions	Engel-Kollat-Blackwell (EKB) model, Structural Equation Modeling (SEM), interviews	Emotional value, perceived quality, and eWOM significantly influence purchase decisions	Digital marketing, social commerce, AI-driven recommendation systems	Validates role of AI technologies in shaping consumer behavior in fashion retail

VI. CONCLUSION AND FUTURE WORK

The changing nature of fashion design and pattern making, with the movement towards non-mechanical, information-based procedures. Traditional methods like sketching, draping and pattern construction are still considered as the foundation but the incorporation of CAD technologies has enhanced accuracy, efficiency, and clarity in the development of garments. The advent of Artificial Intelligence also makes the industry more transparent due to the possibility of automated design creation, forecasting trends, virtual prototyping, and customized suggestions. Generative models and deep learning can be used to facilitate innovative pattern design and consumer-focused design processes, and digital tools can be used to plan production processes in a sustainable way and build garments correctly. Nevertheless, barriers such as high implementation cost, problems with quality of the data, lack of standardization and fears of loss of human intelligence remain to curtail mass adoption. Altogether, AI-enhanced systems promise great opportunities to develop smarter, faster, and more sustainable fashion processes, given that the role of technology in the process should be balanced with human experience and ethical concern.

Further studies should be conducted to create standardized datasets, enhance the interpretability of models and combine AI and sustainable manufacturing systems. Development of real-time body scanning, virtual accuracy of fitting and energy-efficient computing will be vital. Cooperative AI/human designs should also consider building methods to retain creativity but to reap maximum benefits of automation.

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