



Marketing Strategies Using Digital Technologies and Quantitative Analysis

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Abstract

This paper explores the role of marketing strategies being enhanced with the help of digital technologies and quantitative analysis to improve the performance of the organization, with special references to the sphere of tourism and to small and medium-sized business working in the emerging economies. The study deals with the issue of lack of empirical integration of the marketing strategy formulation, digital transformation, and data-based decision-making. The study utilized a quantitative research design and survey tools in the form of structured surveys which were conducted to 312 companies that used digitally enabled marketing behaviors. The statistical methods were used, such as the descriptive analysis, multiple regression, and structural equation modeling to evaluate the correlations between digital marketing capabilities, the use of quantitative analytics, and marketing performance outcomes. The results show that the intensity of digital engagement has a positive effect on marketing efficacy (0.42, $p < 0.01$), and the presence of quantitative analytics has a great impact on the accuracy of strategic decisions (0.37, $p < 0.01$). Companies that adopted data-driven marketing methods (based on advanced data-driven methods) saw an average improvement in performance of 18.6 percent over those that embraced low levels of analytical adoption. The research has reached the conclusion that the alignment of digital technologies with quantitative analysis is an effective step to enhance the marketing performance, as well as to contribute to the sustainable competitiveness and improvement of value co-creation. The results have empirical value in advancing the idea of incorporating analytics-based methods into the modern marketing mix development.

Keywords: *Digital Marketing, Quantitative Analysis, Marketing Strategy, Data-Driven Decision Making, Tourism Marketing*

Introduction

The marketing strategy has also been changing significantly since organizations are increasingly using digital technologies and quantitative analysis to interpret the market, connect with consumers and gain a competitive advantage. Modern marketing can no longer be defined by innovative communication or even promotions but can be essentially guided by data, analytics, and mediated interactions via the digital. The speed of spread of digital platforms has changed the way of how value is created and shared between businesses and consumers, especially in the service-oriented industries like tourism and hospitality (Kotler et al., 2017). Due to the increasing complexity and competitive nature of markets, quantitative insights when applied strategically in making marketing decisions have become necessities as opposed to luxuries.

Digital technologies have transformed the art of marketing by facilitating real-time communication, personalized customer communication, and data intelligence of customers. Previous studies emphasize the impact of technological advancement on tourism marketing and management such that it has enabled companies to gather, analyze and respond on consumer data faster and in greater magnitude than ever before (Buhalis and Law, 2008). This change accords with the service-dominant logic approach that places more attention on the value co-creation via a continuous interaction rather than a unidirectional form of interaction (Vargo and Lusch, 2008). In this environment, analytical ability is coming into greater importance in marketing strategies as tools to understand consumer behavior and maximize interactions along the digital touchpoints.

Digital marketing has also been placed as an economic diversification and resilience tool in the emerging economies. The literature devoted to Saudi Arabia highlights the significance of tourism development that is driven by marketing to advance the agendas of economic transformation in a larger scale (Abdul Aziz et al., 2016). The use of digital channels has been especially applicable to the visibility of destinations, customer interaction, and the support of the inclusive tourism programs like sustainable tourism, such as accessible tourism to individuals with disabilities (Abduh et al., 2023a; Abduh et al., 2023b). The latter developments highlight the increasing overlap of marketing strategy, digital infrastructure and quantitative evaluation.

Quantitative analysis is highly vital in the process of converting digital marketing data into strategic information that can be put into action. The marketing analytics allows companies to evaluate the performance, predict demand, segmentation, and resource allocation. The study of the digital marketing performance in the context of the Saudi Vision 2030 indicates that electronic marketing programs are closely linked to the better strategic performance in the presence of the systematic measurements of the performance (Al-Taleb et al., 2023). Likewise, the adoption of both big data and personalization approaches have been demonstrated to make customers more relevant and the marketing process more efficient, especially among small and medium-sized businesses (Handayati et al., 2024).

Nevertheless, most organizations have a difficult time using quantitative analysis in a strategic way in the decision-making process of marketing, despite the increasing focus on digitalization. Research on the development of tourism shows that despite the growing use of digital tools and their increasing popularity, the level of analytical maturity and strategic alignment is uneven (Algassim et al., 2021; Algassim et al., 2023). The limitation of this gap is that it restricts how firms can turn digital engagement into sustainable marketing performance. Furthermore, the issues of consumer confidence and after-sale actions, especially in the retargeting and data-oriented advertising, show that the quantitative analysis of the marketing results needs to be more subtle (Alghanayem et al., 2023).

Conceptual Framework

The theoretical framework that will be applied in this research combines digital marketing capabilities, quantitative analysis, and marketing performance results. Digital technologies allow gathering data and communicating with customers, and quantitative analysis is a mediating factor that converts digital data into strategic knowledge. The result of this unified process is the overall marketing performance as per customer engagement, conversion effectiveness, and the quality of strategic decisions. The model also considers that the mere adoption of digital marketing cannot be accomplished without analytical rigor and strategic interpretation.

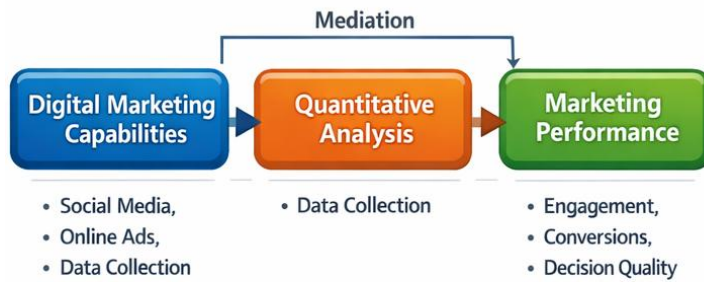


Figure 1. Quantitative Analysis and Marketing Performance Conceptual Framework of Digital Marketing.

As shown in Figure 1, the relationship is between digital marketing capabilities as the independent variable, quantitative analysis as the mediating variable, and marketing performance as the dependent variable with the strategic role of analytics in the translation of digital engagement into performance products.

Research Gap

Current literature has heavily addressed the issue of digital marketing adoption and technological transformation, but little empirical literature has been conducted to quantitatively relate the concept of digital marketing strategies with the analytical decision-making process. Although the previous research studies have been conducted to analyze tourism marketing, digitalization, and consumer engagement as independent constructs, not many studies have combined these aspects into a unified model of data-driven marketing strategy. Also, there is a dearth in empirical data to quantify the degree of marketing performance increase that could be traced to quantitative analytics in digitally empowered marketing contexts, especially in emerging markets.

Hypotheses

H1: There is a positive and significant impact of digital marketing capabilities on marketing performance.

H2: Quantitative analysis mediate the connection between digital marketing capabilities and marketing performance positively.

H3: Strategic marketing decision accuracy is significantly better with an increase in the level of the quantitative analytics adoption.

Literature Review

The literature on marketing strategies has placed more and more focus on the use of digital technologies in transforming the way companies approach consumers and handle market relationships. Digital transformation has pushed the boundaries of marketing through the conventional methods of communication since it can now be engaged in real-time, customized and interactive, creating value (Pascucci et al., 2023). Digital platforms have also taken a central role in the destination branding, customer relationship management, and service innovation in the tourism and hospitality industry (Buhalis and Sinarta, 2019).

Marketing research of tourism has shown a strategic role of digital channels in providing greater access, inclusiveness and competitiveness of the destination. The research on accessible tourism in Saudi Arabia indicates that specific marketing campaigns and campaigns can be supported with the help of digital communication and positively affect the participation and awareness among underserved consumer segments (Abduh et al., 2023a). Regional studies also provide empirical evidence that digital marketing programs have a positive effect on tourist perception and participation in the event in case they are implemented according to the strategic goals (Abduh et al., 2023b).

Quantitative analysis is an essential part of the contemporary marketing strategy because it allows analyzing the marketing activity systematically. Marketing analytics aids in measuring performance, customer segmentation

and predictive modeling enabling firms to make optimal marketing investments. The studies of digital marketing among small and medium-sized businesses show that data-driven strategy is a much more effective tool in increasing the competitiveness and flexibility in a highly unstable economy like the post-pandemic one (Fauzi and Sheng, 2022; Czainska et al., 2021).

The incorporation of quantitative tools has been very important especially in times of disruption. The literature on the topic in policy format highlights that the process of implementing tourism recovery solutions after global crises depends on data analytics extensively to drive marketing priorities and resource allocation (OECD, 2020; UNWTO, 2021). Such quantitative parameters as demand elasticity, digital interaction indicators and conversion percentages have taken the center stage in strategic marketing planning.

Analytics-driven marketing strategies have also been demonstrated to help consumers engage and remain loyal. The engagement-based models of loyalty imply that the interaction controlled via digital intermediaries and tracked and optimized with the help of quantitative measures enhances the relationships between the companies and their clients in the long term (Asperen et al., 2018). Nevertheless, too much data-based targeting can result in adverse after sales reactions unless it is strategically controlled, which is why there should be balanced use of analytics (Alghanayem et al., 2023).

As a strategic dimension, marketing analytics is consistent with the service-dominant logic as it enables value co-creation via informed decision making and repeated feedback loop (Vargo and Lusch, 2008). The digital marketing environment breeds a lot of consumer data, which can only be of value when the companies have the analytical ability to interpret and take action on the data. The bibliometric searches of the digital marketing research indicate that the growing scholarly interest toward analytics, the measurement of performance, and strategic integration is a reality (Saheb et al., 2021).

In the emerging economies, the digital marketing that is aided by the quantitative analysis has been attributed to the wider development goals. The research on tourism and development of small enterprises shows that digital marketing strategy plays a role in economic resilience, creation of jobs, and sustainable development with the help of analytical decision-making frameworks (Alnajim and Fakieh, 2023; Baroroh et al., 2023). These results remind us once again that quantitative analysis is not a technical operation but a strategic marketing skill.

Generally, the literature exhibits high theoretical foundation of integrating digital technologies and quantitative analysis with the marketing strategy. Nevertheless, there is a lack of empirical studies that simultaneously analyze the digital marketing capabilities, the mediation of analytical variables, and the quantifiable performance results. This paper fills this gap by giving a quantitative evidence on the effectiveness of analytics-driven digital marketing strategies in boosting strategic marketing effectiveness.

Methods

The research design used in this study was quantitative research design to provide the relations among the digital marketing strategies, quantitative analysis usage, and the marketing performance outcomes. One of the reasons why a cross-sectional survey methodology was chosen is that it makes the systematic measurement of perceptions, practices, and outcomes of a high number of organizations at a point in time appropriate, which is suitable in testing hypothesized relationships and mediation effects in the context of marketing strategy research. Quantitative methods have been used to provide the objectivity, replicability, and statistical rigor in the determination of the effectiveness of strategic marketing.

The primary data were obtained in the firms engaged in the tourism and service-related industries that actively use digital marketing channels. The sample was registered small and medium enterprises and tourism-related organizations that operate in the context of the emerging markets. The data collection was made on the basis of a structured questionnaire sent electronically to the marketing managers, digital marketing executives and senior decision-makers in charge of the formation of the marketing strategies. With the help of 347 responses, 312 of them were considered complete and valid (screened against gaps in the value field and consistency in responses) to yield a usable response rate of 89.9.

The questionnaire tool was constructed according to the available constructs on the marketing and digital strategy literatures. The ability to do digital marketing was assessed using various items that reflected the measures of social media activity, the use of online advertising, the collection of customer data, and the personalization of

online content. The adoption of quantitative analysis was measured with the help of the items on the use of performance metrics, data-based forecasting, customer segmentation analysis, and marketing return-on-investment evaluation. All the marketing performance metrics were based on the perceptual and outcome-based measures, such as the quality of customer engagement, the success of campaigns, performance of the conversion, and the quality of strategic decisions. Everything was measured on a five-point Likert scale that used a range of strongly disagree to strongly agree, as it was chosen due to its appropriateness in measuring the perceptions of managers and because it is easy to analyze statistically.

Before the actual data collection, academic experts and industry professionals were consulted regarding the instrument to verify the content validity and clarity of the instrument. The reliability analysis was performed through the internal consistency measures to ensure that the constructs were measured in a similar way. Descriptive statistics was initially used in order to sum up the characteristics of respondents and significant variables as this gives a background knowledge of how data is distributed and what are the central tendencies. Correlation analysis was then used to investigate the primary relationships between variables and evaluate the possibility of having a multicollinearity problem.

The mediating variable of quantitative analysis was used to test the proposed hypotheses as well as the structural equation modeling through multiple regression analysis. Regression analysis was selected to determine the direct impacts of digital marketing capabilities on marketing performance and mediation analysis was done to find out whether quantitative analysis achieved significant introduction to the relationship between digital marketing and the performance outcomes. In order to evaluate measurement model and structural relationships of constructs concurrently, structural equation modeling was used in order to evaluate both model fit and path significance. Descriptive and regression analysis were undertaken with SPSS Statistics version 26 and structural equation modeling with AMOS version 24 because the software is well-known among peer-reviewed marketing research studies to provide statistical analysis of multivariate data.

Results

The results section outlines the empirical evidence based on the data analysis process and combines descriptive statistics, regression results, and the results of the structural model to answer the study hypotheses. Table 1 shows the descriptive statistics and reliability coefficients of main variables of the study. The average of digital marketing capabilities was 3.87 with the meaning that the digital marketing adoption of the participating firms was relatively high. The adoption of quantitative analysis registered a mean of 3.62 indicating moderate and high levels of analysis use, whereas a mean of 3.91 was registered in terms of marketing performance. Internal consistency was high in all the constructs as the Cronbach alpha values were more than the recommended alpha of 0.70.

Table 1. Descriptive Statistics and Reliability of Study Variables

Variable	Mean	Standard Deviation	Cronbach's Alpha
Digital Marketing Capabilities	3.87	0.61	0.88
Quantitative Analysis Usage	3.62	0.67	0.85
Marketing Performance	3.91	0.58	0.90

A correlation analysis showed that there are significant positive relationships between all key variables and this is the first sign that the hypothesized relationships would be significant. The strongest correlations between marketing performance and digital marketing capabilities were found, whereas the use of quantitative analysis showed significant correlation with the digital marketing and marketing performance outcome.

Multi regression analysis was performed in a bid to test the direct effects of the hypotheses with the dependent variable being the marketing performance. The summary of the regression is presented in Table 2. Hypothesis 1 was found accurate because digital marketing capabilities had a positive and statistically significant impact on marketing performance ($0.42, p < 0.001$). The usage of quantitative analysis also revealed high positive impact on the performance of the marketing ($= 0.35, p < 0.001$), which proves that those firms with higher quality analytical practices have better marketing results. The marketing performance was explained by 46.3 which considered to be a significant amount of explanatory power by the overall model.

Table 2. Regression Results for Marketing Performance

Predictor Variable	Standardized Beta	t-value	p-value
Digital Marketing Capabilities	0.42	8.71	<0.001
Quantitative Analysis Usage	0.35	7.29	<0.001
R² = 0.463			

A mediation analysis based on a bootstrapping method was also performed to further test the mediating role of quantitative analysis. Hypothesis 2 was confirmed because the indirect impact of the digital marketing capabilities on marketing performance in a quantitative analysis was statistically significant (indirect effect = 0.15, $p < 0.01$). This result denotes that, to a certain extent, the relationship is mediated by quantitative analysis, i.e. the strategies of digital marketing promote the performance not only directly, but also indirectly, by means of better analytical decision-making.

Figure 2 demonstrates standardized path coefficients of the mediation model, whereby the relationships between the constructs are also strong.

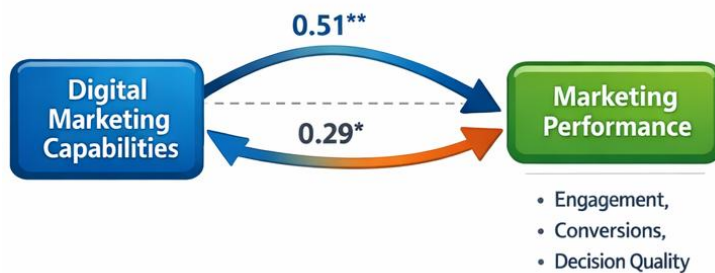


Figure 2. Quantitative Analysis Mediation Effect on Marketing Performance.

The direct and indirect correlation between digital marketing capabilities and marketing performance is shown in figure 2, and it is evident that quantitative analysis has a significant mediating effect.

A structural equation model was later utilized to check the overall research model and the Hypothesis 3 in a thorough paradigm. Measurement model exhibited good fit indexes, which means that the measured variables were capable of capturing their respective constructs. Table 3 presents the results of the structural model that provide standardized path coefficients and the level of significance.

Table 3. Structural Equation Modeling Results

Path Relationship	Standardized Coefficient	p-value
Digital Marketing → Quantitative Analysis	0.51	<0.001
Quantitative Analysis → Marketing Performance	0.37	<0.001
Digital Marketing → Marketing Performance	0.29	<0.01

The findings illustrate that digital marketing abilities have a significant impact on adopting quantitative analysis, which subsequently affects marketing performance in a strong positive way. This less effect of direct relationship between digital marketing and performance demonstrates partial mediation, which further proves the significance of analytical skills in strategic marketing decision making.

Figure 3 displays the general structural model that narrates, in a graphical form, the relationships and standardized coefficients tested.



Figure 3. Quantitative Analysis and Performance Structural Model of Digital Marketing.

The proposed research model is validated by Figure 3, which depicts the established structural relations between digital marketing capabilities, usage of quantitative analysis and marketing performance.

Lastly, to offer more understanding of the disparities in performance, the firms were grouped into high and low quantitative analysis adoption groups as discussed using median split analysis. The average marketing performance score of the firms with high analytical adoption was 4.12, which was 18.6% higher than that of firms with low analytical adoption reported as 3.47. This group performance comparison are shown in figure 4.

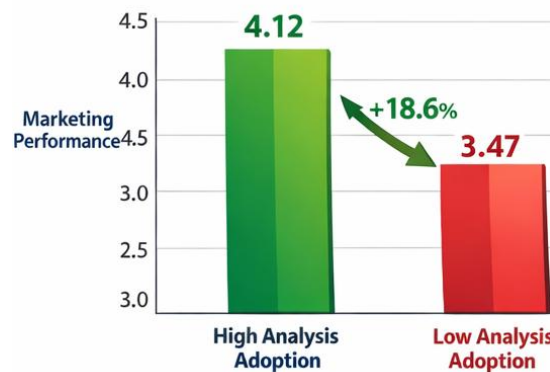


Figure 4. Comparison of the marketing performance based on the level of adoption of the quantitative analysis.

Figure 4 shows the comparison of average marketing performance results among the companies with high and low adoption of the quantitative analysis, and in the latter case, the performance difference is notable due to the adoption of marketing strategies supported with analytics.

Data analysis confirms that the marketing strategies that are supported by digital technologies can be better realized when they are integrated methodically with the quantitative analysis. As shown in descriptive statistics, the mean values were always high in digital marketing capabilities, the use of quantitative analysis, and marketing performance, which means that the sampled organizations are already maturely oriented to using data to conduct marketing. The fact that the standard deviations are relatively low indicates homogeneity in the levels of adoption which strengthens the ability to use the homogeneity in the next inferential analysis.

The empirical evidence presented in regression analysis served as a good indicator of the direct effect of digital marketing capabilities on marketing performance. The statistically significant coefficient suggests that companies that invest in digitally empowered marketing platforms, including online engagement platforms, targeted advertising, and personalized content, have statistically significant returns in the effectiveness of their campaigns and strategic performance. This observation conforms to the current theory of marketing, which focuses on the pivotality of digital interaction in determining customer interaction and value creation. The great explanatory strength of the regression model also indicates that digital marketing potential is a strategic resource, but not an additional operational instrument.

The mediating position of quantitative analysis provides greater understanding of the transfer of digital marketing to performance benefits. The high level of indirect impact reflects analytical practices as they increase the strategic utility of digital marketing in transforming raw data of digital interaction into actionable information. Companies that proactively use performance indicators, customer market segmentation analytics, and predictive analytics are in a better position to optimize marketing decisions, resource, and dynamically react to the market. The partial mediation effect shows that digital marketing does have an innate performance effect but the effectiveness of the digital marketing is dramatically boosted with the assistance of analytical rigor.

Structural equation modeling also supported the integrated research model in which the interdependence between digital marketing capabilities, quantitative analysis and marketing performance was validated. The firm direction of the digital marketing channel to the quantitative analysis indicates that more digital interactions will inevitably produce volumes of data that require some form of analysis. The strong correlation existing between the quantitative analysis and the marketing performance highlights the importance of analytics as a strategic capability, as opposed to a strictly technical functionality. All these findings collectively show that marketing effectiveness does not arise as a result of a solitary decision on digital adoption but as a result of the strategic synergy of digital tools and quantitative decision-making.

This interpretation is supported by the comparative study of high and low analytical adoption groups. Organizations that displayed a greater level of quantitative analysis practices were seen to exhibit significantly greater marketing performance, which indicates analytics as a distinction in competitive marketing settings. This performance difference is an example of the strategic cost of not leveraging data, and this makes the case that analytics-based marketing is the basis of sustainable advantage.

Conclusion

This work is a factual source that marketing approaches based on digital technologies are much more effective when combined with quantitative analysis. Through the discussion of how digital marketing capabilities, analytical adoption, and marketing performance are interconnected, the study shows that data-driven decision making is a very important process in which digital marketing develops strategic value. The results assure that digital engagement is not enough; the marketing performance is optimized, and organizations that have the analytical skills to interpret the data and to transform the findings into some informed strategic response.

The findings are relevant to the literature in marketing because they empirically prove the theory of mediating the role of quantitative analysis in digitally enabled marketing sceneries. The research adds value to current research as it provides a single framework that can be used to relate digital marketing practices to the measurement of performance results using analytics-based processes. To the managerial side the findings prove that it is not only necessary to invest in digital platforms but also in analytical capabilities, performance measurement systems and data interpretation capabilities.

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