**Industrial Revolution 4.0:**

**Its Past, Present and Future**

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1. **Introduction:**

The world has witnessed remarkable periods of transformative change throughout history, marked by significant advancements in technology, industry, and society. The Industrial Revolution, a pivotal turning point in human civilization, has left an indelible impact on the way we live, work, and interact.

However, the story does not end there. As we stand at the dawn of the 21st century, we find ourselves amidst a new wave of profound transformation known as the Fourth Industrial Revolution, or Industry 4.0. This research explores the journey of Industry 4.0, its origins in the past, its current manifestations, and the exciting possibilities it holds for the future.

1. **Objectives of the Topic**

This specific research traverse between the topics concerning the Industrial Revolution of 4.0 and aims to explore the following:

* The past Industrial Revolutions that lead to the advent of Industrial Revolution 4.0
* The current state of the Industrial Revolution 4.0
* Technological Innovations of Industrial Revolution 4.0
* The impact of the technological innovations of Industrial Revolution 4.0 towards the environment and society,
* The future of the Industrial Revolution 4.0 and the possible Innovations of the forthcoming Industrial Revolution 5.0.

1. **Scope of the Topic**

This study only covers the technologies and Innovations within the ambit of the Industrial Revolution 4.0, as well as the following topics:

* The preceding Industrial Revolutions that lead to the I.R. 4.0
* The advantages and disadvantages of the I.R. 4.0
* Major technological advancements and innovations within I.R. 4.0
* The forthcoming of Industrial 5.0 and its possible technologies and innovations

1. **Presentation of the Topic**

**The Past**

In modern history, the Industrial Revolution was the transition from an agrarian and handicraft economy to one dominated by industry and machine production. These technological advancements provided new methods of working and living, drastically altering civilization. This procedure began in the 18th century in Britain and extended throughout the world from there.

The English economic historian Arnold Toynbee (1852-83) used the phrase "Industrial Revolution" to describe Britain's economic development from 1760 to 1840. Since Toynbee's time, the phrase has been used to refer to a process of economic transition rather than a period of time in a specific location.

**THE START OF INDUSTRIAL REVOLUTION?**

**First Industrial Revolution**

The Industrial Revolution, which occurred between 1760 and 1830, was centered in Britain. The British, well aware of their technological head start, banned the transfer of manufacturing technology, expertise, and equipment abroad. William and John Cockerill, two Englishmen, brought the Industrial Revolution to Belgium by establishing machine factories in Liège (about 1807). The iron, coal, and textile industries were at the center of the Belgian Industrial Revolution, as they were in Britain.

The creation of the stationary steam engine was a key component of the Industrial Revolution. However, most industrial power was provided by water and wind throughout the early phase of the Industrial Revolution. By 1800, steam was supplying an estimated 10,000 horsepower in the United Kingdom.

Thomas Savery invented the first commercially successful industrial application of steam power in 1698. Thomas Newcomen invented the first successful piston steam engine before 1712. Newcomen engines were mounted on the surface to drain previously unfeasible deep mines. Steam power transformed the first industrial revolution by providing a more efficient and flexible source of energy. Its use in industry and transportation enhanced productivity, enlarged markets, and advanced technology, setting the framework for future industrial revolutions and defining the contemporary world.

Overall, the First Industrial Revolution was an important period in human history, moving societies toward industrialization, urbanization, and technological advancement. Steam power transformed the first industrial revolution by providing a more efficient and flexible energy source. It had a huge impact on industry and transportation, increasing production, opening up new markets, and contribute to technological developments. The effect of steam power went beyond Britain, inspiring future industrial revolutions and leaving an indelible mark on the modern world.

**Second Industrial Revolution**

The time between the 1760s and about 1840 was the first Industrial Revolution. Here is where the second industrial revolution picked up. Despite significant overlap with the "old," there was rising evidence for a "new" Industrial Revolution in the late 19th and 20th centuries. Historians refer to this as "The Technological Revolution," which mostly occurred in the United Kingdom, Germany, and America. In terms of raw materials, contemporary industry began to make use of a wide variety of previously undiscovered natural and synthetic resources, including rare earths, new alloys, plastics, and other synthetic products. These, together with advancements in machinery, tools, and computers, gave rise to the automatic factory.

Although some parts of industry were almost entirely mechanized in the early to mid-19th century, automatic operation, in contrast to the assembly line, first achieved major significance in the second half of the 20th century. Assembly lines and the utilization of oil, gas, and electricity were introduced during the second industrial revolution. These new power sources, together with more improved communication methods such as the telephone and telegraph, enabled mass production and some degree of automation in manufacturing operations.

Technology like the telegraph was widely used because of improvements in manufacturing and industrial technology. In May 1837, Sir William Fothergill Cooke and Charles Wheatstone set up the first commercial telegraph line between Euston train station and Camden Town in London. Alexander Graham Bell got the first patent for the telephone in 1876.

With the phone and telegraph, people could talk to each other over long distances more quickly and more reliably. This made it easier for the different parts of the manufacturing process to work together and for suppliers, distributors, and buyers to talk to each other and the company. Sharing information at the right time made production planning, inventory management, and order processing more efficient.

Assembly line production was a big step forward in the late stages of the Second Industrial Revolution. It means that workers make a product or good by moving along a motorized or automated line. The product moves through the line, and each worker does a distinct task in order to make the product. The Ford Motor Company in 1913 was the most well-known company to use an assembly line. The car, which Henry Ford made, is one of the most important things to come out of the Second Industrial Revolution. To be clear, Henry Ford did not create the first automobile in history.

With assembly lines, new power sources, and better ways to talk to each other, manufacturing processes were able to become more automated. Automation is the use of machines and technology to do things that used to be done by hand. This saves time and makes things more efficient.

**Third Industrial Revolution**

People also call the third industrial revolution the "Digital Revolution" or the "First Computer Era." It started in the 1970s of the 20th century. During this time, relatively basic but comparatively large computers were developed. These computers were pretty good at what they did, and they helped pave the way for the machines we use today. Digital logic, MOSFETs (MOS transistors), integrated circuit (IC) chips, and the technologies that come from them, like computers, microprocessors, digital cell phones, and the Internet, are at the center of this transformation.

In 1947, the first working transistor, the germanium-based point-contact transistor, was invented by John Bardeen and Walter Houser Brattain while working under William Shockley at Bell Labs. It has been called the "most important invention of the 20th century." This led the way to more advanced digital computers.

John Bardeen, William Shockley, and Walter Brattain from Bell Laboratories and the first germanium point-contact transistor

The establishment of the Advanced Research Projects Agency Network (ARPANET), an early packet switching network and the first to implement the protocol suite TCP/IP, was one of the first triggers of the Third Industrial Revolution in 1969. It was the catalyst for the birth of the Internet and the subsequent information revolution. The Third Industrial Revolution (TIR), like earlier revolutions, is primarily driven by technology breakthroughs in manufacturing, distribution, and energy concerns. The Third Industrial Revolution also called The Digital Revolution is both global and local, giving rise to the term 'glocal'. The TIR will alter the way we work, produce, and entertain.

**The Present**

The Industrial Revolution 3.0 may have ended, but the end of this era prepared the stage for a greater advancement in technology and innovations that made the world interconnected and greatly improve our quality of life. This great leap of technological advancement is known as Industrial Revolution 4.0.

**The Industrial Revolution 4.0**

The Fourth Industrial Revolution, also known as Industry 4.0, is an era characterized by the fusion of advanced technologies that are reshaping industries and society at an unprecedented pace. There is no exact time or date that marked this era, but during the mid-2010 and early-2011 I.R. 4.0 opened it stages when the German Government conducted a project that aims for the digitization of the country’s manufacturing sector for better and more efficient work flow (Bloem et al., 2014).

This revolution is driven by transformative technologies such as artificial intelligence (AI), the Internet of Things (IoT), advanced robotics, big data, autonomous vehicles, cloud computing, big data, augmented/simulated reality, 3D printing, blockchain, nanomaterials, digital twins and automation (Rymarczyk, 2020). The Fourth Industrial Revolution holds immense potential for innovation, efficiency, and economic growth through improving an industry and solving problems that it currently faces (Harahap & Rafika, 2020). Despite the technological benefits that I.R. 4.0 offers, it also brings challenges that need to be addressed for a sustainable and inclusive future.

**Technological Advancements during I.R. 4.0**

The I.R. 4.0 utilizes the inventions of the third industrial revolution such as the computers, Internet and many more to create endless possibilities of technology (McKinsey & Company, 2022). According to McKinsey & Company (2022), the I.R. 4.0 brings us new technologies that can be classified into four categories, which are connectivity, data, and computational power, analytics and intelligence, human-machine interaction and lastly advanced engineering.

**Connectivity, Data and Computational Power:**

This categorization refers to the technological innovations that deals with Data and the use of IoT (Internet of Things) as a platform for unlimited connectivity wherever you are in the world (Gamil et al., 2020). Some of the technologies that is categorized under this classification are The Internet, Cloud Technology, Blockchain and Sensors.

**Analytics and Intelligence:**

Advanced Data Analytics, Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning are some technologies that are being classified on this category. These technologies are grouped together due to the fact all of them processes gather and process data. These technologies rely on each other to enable the users of these technologies gather useful information from the data that they processed; these technologies are mainly applied in Data Science (Ongsulee, 2017).

**Human-Machine Interaction:**

The term "human-machine interaction" (HMI) describes how people engage and communicate with machines or computer systems. It includes all techniques, user interfaces, and technological advancements that make it possible for users to communicate and work effectively with machines. Intuitive and user-friendly interfaces that enable seamless communication and collaboration between humans and machines are the goal of HMI design (Johannsen, 2009).

Technologies such as virtual reality (VR) and augmented reality (AR), robotics and autonomous guided vehicles are just some of the technologies classified under this category (McKinsey & Company, 2022).

**Advanced Engineering:**

Advanced Engineering covers a lot of Engineering technologies such as Additive Manufacturing such as 3D Printing and Nanotechnology (McKinsey & Company, 2022). These technological innovations can be used in the world of engineering, for instance, 3D printing can be used for tissue engineering by enabling 3D cell culture within complex 3D biomimetic architectures (Zhu W. et al., 2016), while nanotechnology on the other hand can be used in the field of medicine, though it’s still on its very early stage yet it has promising potential benefits such as to cure cancer using nanotechnology (Nie S. et al., 2007).

**Industrial Revolution 4.0: Its Unintended Consequences**

Industry 4.0 have revolutionized the way we live, work, and connect with the world. With its promises of increased efficiency, connectivity, and automation, Industry 4.0 has undeniably ushered in a new era of progress and innovation. However, like a double-edged sword, this industrial revolution also carries with it unintended consequences that warrant careful consideration.

**Negative Impact on Employment**

The possible replacement of human labor by automation and artificial intelligence (AI) systems is one of the main issues raised by Industry 4.0. The job security of many people is under danger as a result of the increasingly capable capabilities of advanced robotics and AI algorithms. Millions of jobs across industries could be lost due to automation, which will increase unemployment and economic inequality (Smith, 2020).

**Erosion of Privacy and Data Security**

The expansion of data collecting and analysis brought on by Industry 4.0 has caused serious privacy and data security problems. Device connectivity and the Internet of Things (IoT) make it possible to continuously monitor and collect personal data, which may be a goldmine for businesses and governments. This vast data gathering may violate people's privacy, which raises moral dilemmas about consent and control over personal data (Johnson, 2019).

**Widening Social Inequality**

Even though Industry 4.0 promises to increase productivity and boost economic growth, it also makes social inequities more pronounced. Automation and cutting-edge technology tend to benefit a select few, expanding the gap between the wealthy and the marginalized. People lacking the appropriate skills and education face greater impediments to employment and economic mobility as sectors automate and low-skilled occupations are removed (Anderson, 2018).

**Negative Environmental Impacts**

**Increased Energy Consumption**

The growth of networked gadgets, data centers, and smart infrastructure that make up Industry 4.0 all demand significant energy inputs. This increase in energy demand exacerbates climate change by increasing greenhouse gas emissions. The energy requirements of Industry 4.0 technologies, such as AI algorithms and cloud computing, strain current power grids and increase dependency on fossil fuel-based energy sources, as pointed out by Thompson (2022).

Industry 4.0's rapid technological change causes a substantial amount of electronic garbage (or "e-waste") to be produced. Older devices are discarded, often carelessly, as newer, more sophisticated technology take the place of their predecessors. Hazardous substances included in e-waste, like lead, mercury, and cadmium, pose substantial risks to both human health and the environment. Johnson (2023) claims that poor recycling and disposal of e-waste from Industry 4.0 contaminate ecosystems, threaten wildlife and human populations, and cause soil and water pollution.

**Resource Depletion**

The extensive use of natural resources in the production and operation of Industry 4.0 technologies contributes to resource depletion. The extraction of rare earth minerals and other raw materials necessary for manufacturing high-tech devices has detrimental effects on ecosystems and biodiversity. Furthermore, the continuous demand for these resources drives unsustainable mining practices, as highlighted by Anderson (2021), leading to habitat destruction, deforestation, and loss of biodiversity.

**The Future**

The Fifth Industrial Revolution (IR5.0) will see the transformation of the manufacturing sector that can ignite the industrial revolution. IR 5.0 should ideally be the evolution of the modern manufacturing process in order to allow man and machine to perform work hand-in-hand, combining the unique, cognitive abilities of workers and the accurate, technical expertise of robots to bring in an innovative culture into the workforce. The fifth-generation industry brings customer satisfaction and opens a new market. IR 5.0 is going to be distinguished by the collaboration between machines and human beings, with the ultimate objective to provide additional value to production, by creating customized products able to satisfy consumers' requirements. And in IR 5.0 the advent of an experience-driven manufacturing economy is focused on providing satisfying customer experiences (George, A.S. et al., 2022).

**THE LAUNCH OF COLLABORATIVE ROBOTS (COBOTS) IN IR 5.0**

The official definition of a cobot is a robot designed to physically interact with people in a shared workplace. Cobots are distinct from industrial robots which are designed to operate independently and with no human involvement. Cobots are equipped with integrated sensors with advanced features and make it possible to automate sensitive product assemblies. Working together with human coworkers greatly improves processes and efficiency, assisting them to finish their work. Not just that, cobots improve human-based workmanship by improving accuracy, speed, precision, and output (George, A.S. et al., 2022).

**THE IR 5.0 WILL NOT LEAD TO THE REPLACEMENT OF WORKERS IN AUTOMATON**

There will be no substitution of workers. It is regarding applying technologies in order to speed up the human performance, that will free up the worker to devote more time on high-value assignments like strategic planning. Companies will value innovation, creativity, as well as insight for logical components over the procedure and routine for the mechanical components, elevate employee innovative abilities by automating time-wasting, labor-intensive tasks (George, A.S. et al., 2022).

1. **Summary**

This study explores the journey of the Fourth Industrial Revolution, also known as Industry 4.0, including its origins, current manifestations, and future possibilities. The objectives of the research include examining the previous industrial revolutions, the current state of Industry 4.0, technological innovations, the impact on the environment and society, and the potential innovations of the upcoming Industrial Revolution 5.0. The scope of the study covers the technologies and innovations within Industry 4.0, as well as the advantages, disadvantages, major advancements, and the future of Industrial Revolution 5.0. The presentation begins with an overview of the Industrial Revolution's history and the start of the First Industrial Revolution in Britain.

It then moves on to discuss the Second Industrial Revolution, focusing on advancements such as assembly lines and the utilization of new power sources. The Third Industrial Revolution, known as the Digital Revolution, is also covered, with its emphasis on digital technology and the birth of the internet. The present section explains how the end of the Third Industrial Revolution set the stage for the Fourth Industrial Revolution, characterized by the fusion of transformative technologies.

The technological advancements of Industry 4.0 are divided into categories such as connectivity, data, and computational power; analytics and intelligence; human-machine interaction; and advanced engineering. The unintended consequences of Industry 4.0 are also discussed, including negative impacts on employment, erosion of privacy and data security, widening social inequality, and negative environmental impacts such as increased energy consumption, electronic waste generation, and resource reduction**.**

**Conclusion**

In this study, the Researchers aim to discuss the Industrial Revolution, future of the Industrial Revolution and how it affected the different sectors and industry across the globe. The fourth industrial revolution of today advances the constant flow of ideas and improvements created over the previous decades and fully utilizes them. The welfare of the people was improved in some way by each industrial revolution that came before it, from Mechanization to Automation, from Steam Engine to Advanced Robotics and so much more.

Industries in all economies will unavoidably be impacted by the fourth industrial revolution. Some of the Industries could benefit from it and new jobs and professions can be created to accommodate new arising industries this Revolution brings. In this economy however, issues like increased economic inequality, future of several professions is uncertain and worker displacement brought on by technology are a possibility. Therefore, to adapt to these new occupations, fundamental modifications and new skills are also required, living in the world where competitiveness is essential.

Environmental issues were greatly impacted by the fourth Industrial Revolution as well. It undoubtedly helped us advance our economy and discover a ton of new technologies, but it leads us to permanently damaging our finite resources and environmental degradation. Because of the growing population, more energy and resources are being consumed, which increases greenhouse gas emissions and accelerates climate change. Industrial Revolutions developed a reliance on finite resources like fossil fuel, which many businesses are still struggling to get rid of today despite the wide availability of renewable energy sources. Emissions rose because people were less aware of the effects of industrialization.

The Industrial Revolution drastically altered society and changed many facets of people's lives. Unfortunately, not all of us experience the same outcome. One of the impacts of the Industrial Revolution is creating a division and classes that widens Social Inequality over time. Unquestionably, Industrial Revolution improve our lives, but it resulted in exploitation, social reform and inequalities that continue to shape the world we live in today.

Overall, the Industrial Revolution 4.0 had profound consequences on economies, cultures, and the interaction of people with the environment. It provides several advantages, including improved decision-making, increased productivity, and new business models. It makes it possible to customize goods and services, improve industrial processes, and react swiftly to market demands. And, set the stage for the contemporary social and political movements, modern industrial societies, and technical breakthroughs that continue to influence the world.

**Recommendations**

Since the advent of 21st Century, the way people lived changes drastically due to technological advances, social cues, and modern societies came from the fourth Industrial Revolution, undoubtedly, it shapes the way how we lived. It offers immense opportunities for industries to improve efficiency, productivity, and innovation through the convergence of digital technologies and automation. Even though the intention behind these adjustments is positive, some results could be damaging.

The Adjustments we’re non-inclusive to different classes. Technology and Information is just a mere tool or recourses to improve the quality of life, Unfortunately, Technology is a privilege. A proper education and training could create a globally competitive person, who can take the changes of Industrial Revolution without the fear of being laid off due to Automation.

Environment is greatly affected by the Industrial Revolution as well, creating and setting a proper rules and regulations on how to use the technology advancements and machineries could put to stop the damage from the Industrialization and Mass production.

The Researchers highly recommend that creating and advancing the human life thru technology should be regulated and studied for a long time before implementing so it could see the future problems it may cause and not just the things they bring in a short span of time and a little bit of convenience.