In the above chart three interactions are happening:

1. Decisions, resources, and time are spent with a desired goal in mind whether it is logistics, cost of “x”, project management, or…
2. Analytics serves as the independent variable that structures and aids the process.
3. Other Factors serve as the dependent variable following the structure and process put forth from the analytical process.

In other words, analytics is the lens in which other factors are seen and processed.