Fashioning a Sustainable Future: Circularity, Technologies, and Social Responsibility

Introduction

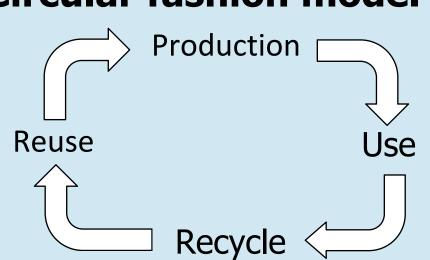
The "old" traditional fashion model





The fashion industry generates 92 million tons of textile waste annually.

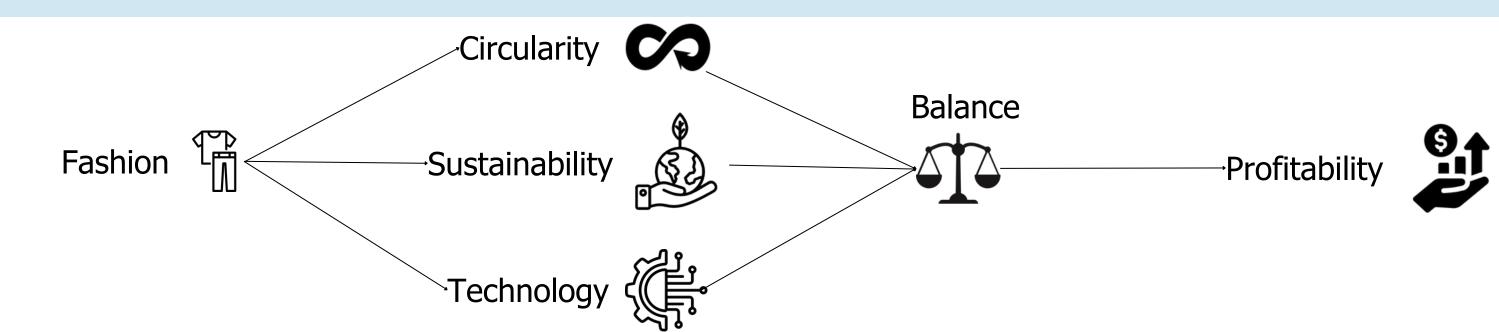
Circular fashion model





Research question







The research explores how the fashion industry can integrate these elements while maintaining profitability.



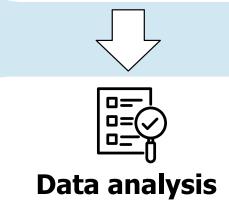
Research Methodology



Literature review



Semi-structured interviews



- Impacts of linear fashion models
- Exploration of circular business practices
- Role of emerging technologies in addressing sustainability challenges
- 8 experts in sustainability, fashion, and technology
- explore challenges and opportunities for circular business models
- Identification of recurring themes
 - Examination of challenges in circular fashion
- Exploration of opportunities in circular fashion



Findings

Challenges

High initial costs for implementing circular practices

were highlighted as a key barrier by 75% of respondents.

Participants noted the **lack of advanced technologies** and infrastructure for tracking and recycling materials.

Consumers' preference for fast fashion and lack of awareness about sustainability emerged as significant challenges.

Opportunities

Collaborative efforts

between governments and businesses were identified as crucial for overcoming financial barriers.

Blockchain and AI were seen as key enablers for improving supply chain transparency and efficiency.

Customer education can

raise awareness about the benefits of sustainable fashion and can drive behavioral changes among consumers.



Recommendations

- Strengthen collaboration between governments, businesses, and academia.
- Leverage blockchain and AI for transparency and efficiency.
- Educate consumers on sustainable fashion benefits.
- Adopt circular business models to reduce waste.
- Enforce regulations to support sustainability and prevent greenwashing.

