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PREFACE

In an era where technological advancements are rapidly reshaping industries, the financial sector stands at the forefront of this transformation. This book looked into the multifaceted world of financial technology (Fintech) and its profound impact on the banking and financial services industry. From the opportunities and constraints of Fintech adoption to the intricate dynamics of artificial intelligence, blockchain, big data, machine learning, and the Internet of Things, this comprehensive exploration aims to provide readers with a nuanced understanding of the ongoing digital revolution. By examining both theoretical perspectives and practical implications, the book highlights how these cutting-edge technologies are not only transforming traditional banking but also introducing new challenges and risk factors that must be carefully managed.

This book is intended for a diverse audience, including financial professionals, technology enthusiasts, scholars, and policymakers who are keen to grasp the complexities and potentials of Fintech. As you journey through its chapters, you will gain insights into the adoption processes, the transformative power of AI and machine learning, the revolutionary potential of blockchain, and the critical role of big data and IoT in the digital age. Each chapter is designed to shed light on the opportunities these technologies present while also addressing the inherent risks and challenges they pose. By providing a balanced perspective, "Navigating the Fintech Frontier" seeks to equip readers with the knowledge needed to navigate the evolving landscape of financial services, fostering a deeper appreciation of both the promises and perils that come with embracing innovation in finance.

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CHAPTER 1

Opportunities and Constraints of Fintech in Financial Services

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Abstract: Financial Technologies (Fintech) are used to define a number of new business models and technological advances that have the potential to alter the financial services sector. Hence, the goal of this chapter is to provide a complete overview of the new opportunities and potential constraints that FinTech presents to the financial services industry. Through FinTech, issuers, investors, and intermediaries interact, investigate, connect, share, engage, crowdsource, cooperate, and trade in methods that are fundamentally different from the past, ultimately disrupting the banking sector. The numerous barriers to FinTech include: compliance with anti-money laundering measures; market share competition (strategic risk); full trust; increasingly high expectations; regulatory; risks to the operation; security; and ethical questions.

Keywords: Barriers, Benefits, FinTech, Financial services, Technology.

INTRODUCTION

In the financial services business, “FinTech” refers to the application of technologies to enhance financial operations (Schueffel, 2016). Financial technology (FinTech) introduces a new paradigm in which information technology is fueling advancement in the financial sector. If FinTech is truly revolutionary, it will have a profound impact on traditional financial markets. Companies that provide cutting-edge financial technology are known as “FinTech,” which is an acronym for “financial technology.” Since 2010, there has been a considerable rise in the number of these businesses. It is not uncommon for FinTech companies to be tiny, micro, or medium-sized, but they have a clear vision of how to provide new or improve existing services in the financial services sector. It is predicted that FinTech will transform the financial services industry

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by reducing costs, enhancing service levels, and creating a more diverse and stable financial landscape. FinTech startups are able to displace traditional financial institutions by offering services that are distinct, specialized, and tailored to individual customers because of advances in infrastructure, big data, data analytics, and mobile devices (Lee & Shin, 2017). As a result of significant advancements in several disciplines (such as wireless networks and data analytics; user authentication; integrated mobile devices; data storage; picture recognition and data analytics), a broad variety of FinTech systems have been developed in various domains. FinTech has become a popular topic in the market because of a multitude of factors, including technological advancement, research and innovation expectations (market), cost-saving requirements, and consumer desires. The financial technology sector is also searching for help with improving individual funding requirements and industry groups' market performance (Hornuf *et al.*, 2020). This is why many successful financial institutions have made FinTech an essential part of their strategy. In addition, there is a paucity of research comparing the advantages and disadvantages of FinTech in other countries. Although FinTechs have been around for a long time, attention from a wide range of stakeholders has only just begun to focus on them (Arner *et al.* 2016). Consequently, research in this area is still in its infancy and progressing at a slow pace (Imam *et al.*, 2022). In both developed and emerging countries, the growth and spread of FinTechs are increasing (Arner *et al.* 2016; Patil *et al.* 2018). Therefore, the chapter's goal is to provide a complete overview of the new opportunities and potential constraints that FinTech presents to the financial services industry. FinTech stakeholders will benefit from extensive analyses of the potential issues, opportunities, and risks. In addition, it will provide greater opportunities for future research into FinTech areas that have not yet been investigated. These considerations serve as a foundation for the discussion that follows, which provides an in-depth look at how FinTech might benefit the banking industry while also highlighting the potential dangers and difficulties that may arise when integrating FinTech applications into existing systems.

LITERATURE

FinTech

Firms or representatives of firms that integrate financial services with cutting-edge technology are referred to as “FinTech” (Dorffleitner *et al.*, 2017). Innovative business concepts and emerging technology that could revolutionize the financial services industry are referred to as “FinTech,” or Financial Technologies. A “technology-enabled innovation in financial services that could result in new business models, applications, procedures, or products with a related physical influence on the delivery of banking services” was defined by the Financial

Stability Board as FinTech (Financial Stability Board, 2017). Finance and investment, operations and risk management, payments, and infrastructure are just a few of the sectors in which FinTech is now focusing (Arner *et al.*, 2015). According to Stewart and Jürjens, FinTech can also be defined as the use of mobile devices or other digital platforms to access a bank account, receive transaction notifications, and receive debit and credit alerts through SMS or other electronic notifications. FinTech has grown from a small group of startups trying to take on and defeat established players to a much bigger ecosystem of enterprises willing to collaborate in many circumstances. FinTech firms require more than simply money; they also need clients. New techniques are needed to drive change and innovation among incumbents (PWC, 2017).

Benefits of FinTech

According to marketing literature, in the present era, educating clients about the benefits and procedures of using technical items will affect their decision to use them (Lewnes & Keller 2019). There is also a belief that a single technology product may not be able to penetrate the market in the current day and that collaborations and partnerships are necessary (Lewnes & Keller 2019). While it is important for FinTechs to deliver lower-cost and more convenient services, it is also important for providers to work together to market their services and educate end customers so that they may get the most out of the technology (Imam *et al.*, 2022). P2P and ECF platforms use this to provide credit to borrowers, particularly small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs), who do not have easy access to bank loans (Peters & Panayi, 2016; Yomboi *et al.*, 2021). As a complement to traditional banking services, many bank executives around the world see FinTech as a way to “pump” new life into the system and bring it closer to the average customer. Through joint ventures, service outsourcing, or venture capital funding or acquisition, this might be accomplished. FinTechs appear to have a positive impact on these institutions rather than a negative one (Lines, 2016).

Because of the rise of FinTech solutions, financial institutions now have more options for improving their infrastructure and product lines (Jamil & Seman, 2019). Financial technology (FinTech) has the potential to boost operational effectiveness, enhance customer-centric services, and promote greater openness in the financial services industry. In order to lower borrowing costs, FinTech platforms can assist financial institutions in becoming more efficient (Mardiana and Kembauw 2021). As mentioned above, FinTechs can have far-reaching effects on financial services on a national scale. More hopeful about FinTech's significance in the financial service business, Loo (2018) believes that this revolution can positively impact financial service growth by decreasing financial crises' chances. Technology for Regulating Business (Regtech) FinTech

CHAPTER 2

The Theoretical Perspective of the Adoption of Fintech in the Financial Services Industry

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Abstract: This chapter aims to provide a comprehensive overview of the theoretical perspective of FinTech adoption in the financial services industry. By exploring factors influencing adoption and employing the Technology Acceptance Model (TAM), the study seeks to broaden understanding of the benefits and risks associated with FinTech adoption, aiding practitioners in developing strategies to enhance benefits and mitigate risks effectively. The study reveals several critical determinants influencing the adoption of FinTech in the banking industry. These include security concerns, perceived usefulness, perceived risk, social influence, self-efficacy, perceived ease of use, transaction costs, trust, and enabling conditions. Security concerns emerge as a significant barrier, alongside perceived risk, particularly regarding financial, legal, and security risks. However, perceived usefulness, ease of use, and social influence positively influence adoption intentions. Transaction costs and trust also play pivotal roles in shaping adoption decisions. Moreover, the study underscores the transformative potential of FinTech in reshaping the financial services landscape, emphasizing the need for collaborative efforts to maximize benefits while addressing associated challenges.

Keywords: Banking, Financial, Fintech, Industry, Legal, TAM.

INTRODUCTION

FinTechs (financial technologies) have expanded the financial services digital ecosystem across countries, particularly during the COVID-19 crisis (Abdillah 2020; Rahman *et al.*, 2018). However, FinTech adoption in different developing

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countries has been slow, despite them having different opportunities for growth and expansion of the digital economy, which is vital for future economic sustainability (Iman 2018; Zhang *et al.*, 2020). The influence that FinTech has on the market is growing and the long-term potential is even greater. Mainstream financial institutions are rapidly embracing the disruptive nature of FinTech and forging partnerships in efforts to sharpen operational efficiency and respond to customer demands for more innovative services (PWC, 2017). FinTech businesses have been at the forefront of the digital revolution in the financial sector, pushing traditional institutions to keep up. Unlike traditional institutions, FinTech companies are characterized as digital, agile and modern (Currencycloud, 2019).

The demand for digital financial services is all time high. Investment in FinTech start-ups is booming, reaching a record of \$31 billion (£24 billion) in 2018, more than double that of the previous year (Currencycloud, 2019). FinTech money service businesses have fulfilled the need for easy, accessible, and affordable financial services and now play an integral role in the global economy. FinTech companies have even enabled new types of growth in the industry: collaborative disruption has enabled community banks to grow their customer base. In reality, the FinTech industry is still in its infancy, full of untapped potential, and growing every day (Currencycloud, 2019). FinTech enables banks to revamp their traditional brick-and-mortar business models into technologically revolutionized ones. Technologies like Big Data Analytics, Artificial Intelligence (AI), Machine learning, Blockchain, Crowdfunding, *etc.* are changing how banks operate today (Ebrahim & Abdulla, 2021). These technological and digital innovations can provide new business opportunities by transforming how financial institutions create value and deliver products and services. FinTech innovations in banks are expected to reach far beyond what most people think of online banking as a technological advancement in banks (Ebrahim & Abdulla, 2021). Despite the fact that FinTech players attract global attention from financial industry leaders and legislators, the issue as a subject of study is still in its infant stage, and little research has been conducted yet. Therefore, the purpose of the chapter is to provide a comprehensive overview of the theoretical perspective of the adoption of FinTech in the financial services industry. This study makes several contributions to the literature: First, new insights into the benefits and risks of Fintech adoption can be gained from this study. It is the goal of this chapter to broaden the definition of “continuous use” to include both positive and negative factors. To help practitioners better understand benefit and risk perceptions that may be used to build benefit-enhancing and risk-reducing strategies for Fintech adoption, this study employs the TAM framework. As our chapter shows, it is important for firms to know what factors to prioritise or avoid while providing Fintech to their banks.

LITERATURE

FinTech

The FinTech sector, in contrast to more traditional financial institutions, relies nearly completely on cutting-edge internet-based software to meet the demands of its customers (PwC 2016). FinTech is a term that describes the application of cutting-edge information technology, such as big data, cloud computing, and mobile computing, to enhance the quality and efficiency of financial services while also expanding their reach (Hu *et al.*, 2019). Finance, asset management, insurance, loyalty programs, payment, and regulatory technology are just a few of the nine categories of FinTech enterprises. Other categories include education and training (Keong, Leong & Bio, 2020).

The Adoption of FinTech in the Financial Services Industry

Financial technology-driven startups are challenging an industry that has witnessed little innovation in the past few decades, making traditional banking increasingly unappealing to the next generation. Newcomers in the financial industry are starting to take advantage of this technology to modernise financial services at a time when customers are losing faith in the stability and performance of traditional banks in the wake of the global financial crisis and increased monitoring and supervision of the banking industry. FinTech is described as the 21st century's answer to the banking industry, (Todorof, 2018). ICT's evolving involvement in financial services has allowed for completely new and creative financial solutions to be provided. Consumer behavior, ecosystems, and enabling legislation are all evolving, allowing the financial services industry to offer whole new, innovative financial solutions (Puschmann, 2017; KPMG, 2019). Financial technology (FinTech) may be coming to light in the financial sector, as seen by recent developments in the use of mobile applications and websites (Ebrahim & Abdulla, 2021). Using computer-based technology, FinTech has changed the financial services business. With the goal of making the financial industry more efficient, FinTech is generally referred to be digital innovation and financial services combined. FinTech, according to Zavolokina, Dolata, and Schwabe (2017), is a combination of technical innovation and finance that has the potential to revolutionise the financial services sector. In the FinTech market, consumers' expectations of performance, perceived benefits, utility, usability and related risks can impact their decision to utilise FinTech services (Keong, Leong & Bio, 2020).

Technology Acceptance Model (TAM)

Davis (1989) was the first to propose the use of TAM to measure users' internal views about IT adoption as a way to begin investigating the impact of technology

CHAPTER 3

Risk Factors Affecting Customer Adoption of Fintech in the Financial Services Sector

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Abstract: This chapter delves into the complex landscape of Fintech services, highlighting both their transformative potential and the perceived risks that hamper widespread adoption. The chapter aims to bridge the knowledge gap in perceived risks and offers strategic guidance for banks and Fintech companies to mitigate these concerns, fostering safer and more effective integration of Fintech solutions into the financial ecosystem. The findings revealed that Fintech innovations like P2P lending, crowdsourcing, and blockchain have increased transparency, reduced costs, and facilitated greater accessibility of financial information. However, the study identifies significant concerns, including financial, legal, security, operational, and product-related risks, which influence consumer reluctance. Employing the theory of reasoned action, the chapter analyzes both the benefits and risks associated with Fintech, providing insights into why consumers might hesitate to adopt these technologies.

Keywords: Adoption, Customer, Fintech, Financial, Risk, Sector.

INTRODUCTION

Fintech services, or financial technology as a service, have gotten a lot of attention recently. FinTech companies' use of mobile technology has the unintended consequence of undermining consumer confidence and preventing the widespread adoption of this type of technology-driven business model. Using electronic channels to ease full loan transactions (Yuwei, Zhihan, and Bin, 2017), P2P lending, crowdsourcing, and invoice funding are examples of FinTech credit (Lenz, 2016). (Lenz, 2016; Suryono, Purwandaria, & Budia, 2019). Scholars and practitioners believe Fintech can have a transformative effect on banking, but some remain cautious because of the significant dangers involved. Fintech acceptance decisions are influenced by both positive and negative elements; therefore, we must learn more about why people are willing or unwilling to utilise

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it. An approach to benefit-risk analysis based on the theory of reasoned action has been proposed, which incorporates both the positives and the negatives of its adoption.

FinTech has the ability to create an environment of amplification and openness, lower costs, eliminate intermediaries, and make financial information more accessible to customers (Zavolokina, Dolata, & Schwabe, 2016). Consumers and financial service providers alike have reaped many benefits from fintech, but it is not without danger. There are both advantages and disadvantages to the financial ecosystem's disruption, which must be addressed by minimizing the risks and enhancing the advantages (Razzaque *et al.*, 2020; Wang *et al.*, 2020). In addition, it has been stated that comfort or simplicity of use, which are Fintech's major benefits, will always impact a user's attitude toward its use regardless of the perceived hazards of Fintech (Meyliana *et al.*, 2019). Fintechs allow customers to connect through a variety of mobile services, including making payments, transferring money, seeking loans, buying insurance, managing assets, and making investments (Ryu, 2018). According to Ryu's definition, "innovation and disruptive services are supplied by non-financial enterprises, where IT is the major aspect," and we'll use that description in this article as a starting point for defining "fintechs."

About 82% of financial institutions surveyed by Padmanaban and Soo (2016) were concerned about the threat that FinTech posed. Consumers are also concerned about the perceived dangers of using financial technology. FinTech development is widely accepted around the world, according to research. However, there is still a lack of clarity regarding the perceived risk factors that discourage users from utilising FinTech. Perceived risk in the use of FinTech is understudied (Keong, Leong, & Bao, 2020). As a result, the goal of this chapter is to close the perceived risk gap in the FinTech industry.

The chapter contributes to the literature as follows: it provides banks with information on how to prepare for the disruption of FinTech; hence, practitioners can better comprehend and remove risk barriers. The chapter also provides that FinTech's operational abilities and system functional performance should also be taken into consideration by bank managers.

LITERATURE

FinTech

Blockchain, machine intelligence, and 5G are just a few of the latest examples of cutting-edge technology that have begun to permeate the world of banking in recent years (Deng *et al.*, 2021). "Fintech" is an acronym for financial technology,

which includes both financial services and information technology (IT) (or industries). The term “fintech” is defined in a variety of ways in academic writings. Fintech is defined by researchers such as Ryu (2018) and Kuo and Teo (2015) as financial service goods or services that were developed using highly innovative and disruptive service technologies. Some scholars believe that the emergence of Fintech will affect the business model of financial institutions and boost the risk-taking behaviour of commercial banks (Deng *et al.*, 2021). To highlight the financial system's weakness, Fintech encourages the formation of shadow banks through regulatory arbitrage and technical benefits (Buchak *et al.* 2018). Financial technology (Fintech) has the potential to bring about huge transformations, but it will also bring about considerable perceived risk challenges (Philippon, 2015), such as financial, security, legal/regulatory, operational, and product-related. All countries are actively investigating their own regulatory procedures in light of the rapid advancement of financial technology and associated threats.

Key Risk Factors for the Use of FinTech by Bank Customers

The acceptance of Fintech is still uncertain, despite the fact that many experts and practitioners believe it can transform the future of the financial industry. Because of the high risk involved, some people are reluctant to use Fintech. FinTech users are reluctant to adopt it because of the perceived risks they face. According to the researchers, there is a significant amount of ambiguity surrounding the outcomes of using new technologies (Tan & Leby, 2016; Farah, 2017; Ryu & Ko, 2020). In the realm of financial technology, scholars have identified a number of hazards that function as barriers for financial institutions, such as financial, legal, security, and operational risks. The following four types of risks were established as perceived risk factors when the Cunningham (1967) paradigm was transferred to the Fintech context: One of the most important aspects of a company's risk management strategy is to identify and mitigate financial, legal, and operational risks.

Financial Risk

In FinTech, the term “financial risk” refers to the possibility of financial losses (Ryu, 2018). Among the reasons given by Ryu (2018) for FinTech's financial losses is the risk of the budgetary exchange framework and currency misrepresentation, as well as the moral danger and the risk of additional exchange fees linked with preferred value. Finance-related losses are negatively associated with the intention to use fintech for a long time (World Economic Forum 2015; Zavolokina *et al.* 2016 b) because of the poor functioning of the system of financial transactions, financial fraud, moral risk, and additional transaction costs

CHAPTER 4

Transforming Banking with AI Expert Systems Neural Networks and Beyond

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Abstract: AI is an advanced technology that has emerged as a groundbreaking innovation. This chapter seeks to examine the impact of AI on the banking sector, specifically focusing on the effects of various dimensions or methods of AI, such as expert systems (ES), neural networks (NN), genetic algorithms (GA), and intelligent agents (IA), on the finance and banking sectors. The AI business has experienced significant growth due to the increased adoption of new technological breakthroughs, leading to its widespread implementation across several domains. The utilisation of artificial intelligence technologies holds the capacity to fundamentally transform the operational framework of the banking industry, thereby augmenting the overall performance of banks. AI is commonly known for its ability to emulate human-like decision-making and minimise errors, which generates considerable enthusiasm among individuals. AI has been adopted to varying degrees across different industries, with the banking industry emerging as one of the notable adopters and implementers of this technology. This literature study provides a comprehensive definition of artificial intelligence (AI), elucidates its current benefits, methods and the influence of AI in the banking sector within the banking sector, and delineates the specific effects it has on banks' overall performance.

Keywords: Artificial intelligence (AI), AI in banking sector, AI technologies, Expert systems (ES), Genetic algorithms, Neural networks.

INTRODUCTION

Technological advancements are being developed at an accelerated rate. The utilisation of AI in the banking sector is comprehensive, encompassing several areas such as the front office, middle office, and back office. The use of AI in the banking and finance sectors has become increasingly prevalent due to advancements in technology. AI applications, such as chatbots, have been implemented to enhance customer service and streamline various banking processes. In the front office, AI is employed in the form of voice assistants and biometrics. In the middle office, AI aids in anti-fraud risk monitoring and facilitates complex legal and compliance workflows. Lastly, in the back office, AI is crucial in credit underwriting through the implementation of smart contract infrastructure. It is projected that banks will achieve cost savings of \$447 billion

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by the year 2023 with the implementation of AI technologies. According to Digalaki (2022), a significant proportion, almost 80%, of banks in the United States demonstrate awareness of the potential advantages associated with artificial intelligence (AI). The advent of AI has given rise to a multitude of both advantageous prospects and complex obstacles (Malali & Gopalakrishnan, 2020). The integration of AI into the banking sector has resulted in enhanced sales processes and the advancement of customer relationship management systems, as highlighted by Tarafdar *et al.* (2019). Historically, the emphasis was placed on automating credit scoring, analytics, and the award process (Mehrotra, 2019). However, over time, these capabilities have expanded to encompass the support of internal systems and procedures as well (Caron, 2019). According to Noreen *et al.* (2023), the implementation of appropriate artificial intelligence techniques in the banking sector has the potential to enhance customer service quality and improve bank performance indicators. Karbassi *et al.* (2022) posited that the service industry plays a crucial role in fostering sustainable economic development. This is primarily due to its lower reliance on conventional resources compared to traditional sectors as well as its receptiveness to the implementation of novel and creative business models. According to Birau *et al.* (2021), the banking system plays a crucial role in achieving a sustainable level of development in the global economy. Throughout the course of history, several technical breakthroughs have been instrumental in enhancing production levels within enterprises. The most recent developments in the realm of business encompass automation, industrial robotics, and artificial intelligence. According to Kaur *et al.* (2020), there has been a notable increase in the utilisation of AI in recent years, leading to significant transformations in various industries' operational practises. One of the sectors under consideration is the banking business. Throughout the years, financial institutions have consistently enhanced their operational strategies through the implementation of Financial Technology (FinTech) solutions. This proactive approach enables banks to establish a unique market position and maintain a competitive edge over their industry rivals. Now, banks are required to adapt to the emerging AI-based FinTech solution. According to Koerselman (2023), there exists the possibility of enhanced operational efficiency across several banking functions. The banking industry has experienced significant impacts from AI across a diverse range of operations. Modifications have been done to several operational aspects, including customer services, credit risk management, asset management, document processing, and fraud detection. The advent of AI has presented the banking industry with a range of novel prospects. Numerous banks within the sector are currently seeing advantageous outcomes from the adoption of this emerging technology (Tiwari & Saxina, 2021). AI has the potential to supplant human labour in certain domains, namely in jobs that need adaptability, contextual understanding, and organisational effectiveness.

These tasks are currently witnessing a gradual shift towards reliance on AI as people increasingly delegate them to artificial intelligence systems. Simultaneously, there has been a transformation of certain tasks within the HR workflow that were not historically recognised as tasks. This transformation enables the utilisation of AI tools for the execution of these duties (Agrawal *et al.*, 2019a, 2019b). Therefore, this study seeks to examine the impact of AI on the banking sector while also elucidating the specific effects of several AI dimensions or methodologies, namely expert systems (ES), neural networks (NN), genetic algorithms (GA), and intelligent agents (IA), on the banking and financial services industry.

The Contribution

The objective of this study is to determine whether the integration of Artificial Intelligence in the banking industry has a favourable influence on both the financial institution and its customers. The favourable impact of AI on the banking industry has raised questions regarding its specific effects on both bankers and customers in relation to their transactions. Chatbots are effectively addressing consumer queries in a prompt manner, providing comprehensive information regarding loans, and highlighting the advancements that have occurred following the integration of AI in banking institutions. Following the integration of AI into the banking sector, several challenges and benefits have emerged for both customers and financial institutions. This inquiry seeks to explore the problems encountered by customers and banks in the wake of AI implementation as well as the factors that have significantly enhanced banking transactions.

Artificial Intelligence

As stated by Tuomi (2018), AI can be defined as a computer system with the ability to understand and interpret auditory signals and verbal inputs. In addition, AI demonstrates problem-solving capabilities, has the aptitude to recognise medical ailments, operates vehicles independently, participates in strategic games like chess, and even reproduces impressionistic artwork influenced by the artistic style of Van Gogh. Intelligent machines, as per their definition, pertain to a system that exhibits the capacity to do tasks that are commonly associated with living organisms. Shi (2019) defines “AI” as the academic discipline concerned with the emulation of fundamental human learning capacities and the investigation of computer responses to specific behaviours. AI pertains to the emulation of human intelligence in computer systems, enabling them to do tasks that traditionally require human cognitive capabilities, such as learning, reasoning, and problem-solving. The domain of information technology has

CHAPTER 5

The Impact of Blockchain Technology on the Banking Sector

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Abstract: Blockchain technology is primarily an internet-based technology that exhibits significant potential to bring about transformative advancements across various domains. This technology has the potential to completely revolutionise the banking business and its services. Therefore, the chapter aimed to elucidate the utilisation of Blockchain (BC) inside the financial services and how it impacts on the banking sector. The potential outcomes of this development encompass enhanced efficacy, heightened security, and increased openness within the financial system. Moreover, there exists the possibility of the emergence of novel applications of blockchain-based technologies, which might potentially lead to a paradigm shift in our conceptualization of finance and economics. The authors explore how advancements in technology will impact transaction processes within the global banking system. Specifically, they investigate the integration of these digital currencies into existing transaction systems, highlighting the role of technologies like blockchain in enhancing the efficiency and effectiveness of the global banking system. This integration aims to achieve a fully decentralised, distributed, transparent, fast, immutable, and efficient banking system.

Keywords: Blockchain, Banking, Cryptocurrencies, Distributed, Decentralized, Financial, Immutable.

INTRODUCTION

The contemporary banking sector is confronted with various concerns, including escalating operational expenses, heightened vulnerability to malicious assaults on

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centralised servers, and difficulties in ensuring transparency. This is primarily due to the fact that a significant portion of banking transactions, such as customer account openings and global payments, often involve labor-intensive manual processing and extensive documentation. Additionally, these activities typically require the involvement of expensive suppliers and are time-consuming, as they must be confirmed by multiple participants at different stages. Consequently, this process often leads to delays and a lack of real-time solutions that are resistant to fraud (Delloitte, 2017). Therefore, financial institutions are consistently seeking novel methods to expedite transaction processes in order to improve customer service, while simultaneously prioritising cost-effectiveness and maintaining transparency for both customers and regulatory bodies (Delloitte, 2017). Blockchain has the potential to offer a solution for banks due to its intrinsic ability to eliminate intermediaries, keep an immutable record of transactions, and enable real-time transaction execution. The implementation of this approach has the ability to mitigate the risk associated with banking transactions, resulting in decreased expenses related to manual labour, and ultimately leading to improved customer service and satisfaction. The relationship between blockchain and financial technology (FinTech) is intimate, given the frequent utilisation of blockchain technology in many FinTech applications. FinTech encompasses the utilisation of technological advancements to enhance and revolutionise financial services, including but not limited to mobile payments, online banking, and investment management. This offers numerous opportunities and prospects within the Finance and FinTech sector. The operational processes within the banking industry exhibit characteristics of repetitiveness, time consumption, and high costs. In order to address these challenges, prominent financial institutions, including central banks, are actively investigating the potential applications of blockchain technology within their current operational framework. Banks are actively pursuing strategies to achieve a substantial reduction in back-office operational expenses. Fintech start-ups, leveraging cutting-edge technology such as blockchain, are presenting a formidable challenge to traditional banks by offering services that are characterised by enhanced speed, transparency, and cost-effectiveness. They have successfully acquired substantial market shares within the payment industry. Given the intensifying competitive landscape, the significance of blockchain technology has become paramount for banks worldwide. According to Casey, Crane, Gensler, Johnson, and Narula (2018), in the context of the finance sector, this technological advancement would facilitate the secure and dependable movement of currency. Furthermore, the implementation of this technology has been found to enhance security measures and mitigate the potential for fraudulent activities, while expediting and optimising financial operations (Storm2, 2023). The integration of blockchain technology inside the FinTech sector holds significant promise for transformative

effects on the financial industry. Numerous FinTech enterprises are actively investigating the use of blockchain in their offerings and operations. Blockchain technology has exhibited significant disruptive effects in the financial sector, demonstrating its capacity to fundamentally transform corporate operations. In order to comprehend the potential impact of Blockchain and cryptocurrencies on the global banking system, it is imperative to possess a comprehensive understanding of the functioning of the financial system, encompassing both classic and contemporary approaches. Additionally, it is imperative to ascertain the necessity of implementing Blockchain technology within the financial sector and examine the revitalising impact of cryptocurrencies on the entirety of the banking system. According to Dhanda (2022), banks are financial institutions that are operated by centralised governing authorities inside a certain country. The bank assumes responsibility for facilitating transactions between multiple parties, regardless of their direct or independent relationship with one another. The Indian banking system encompasses five distinct categories of banks, namely the central bank, commercial bank, investment bank, cooperative bank, and postal bank (Dhanda, 2022). The banks offer a range of services encompassing retail banking, personal banking, commercial banking, investment banking, credit and debit facilities, online banking, loan provision, insurance management, and mutual fund services, among others (Yomboi *et al.*, 2021). The banking system comprises three fundamental components, namely capital, deposits, and loans. In its inception, the concept of the banking system entailed the practice of individuals engaging in the movement of funds between different accounts. When the surge of interest in blockchain commenced a few years ago, there was a considerable level of anticipation over its potential applications. The potential of blockchain technology was widely promoted as a means to address the challenges faced by various sectors, including supply chains, finance, healthcare, and democratic systems. However, the outcomes of experiments done on prospective applications of blockchain, such as pilot programmes carried out in the financial services and banking sector, did not meet these expectations. As a result, the industry's enthusiasm for blockchain use cases diminished (Portilla *et al.*, 2022). In several instances, individuals with an interest in blockchain technology have discovered that conventional, centralised databases possess the capacity to offer equivalent capabilities as blockchain, albeit at a reduced expense. Blockchain technology has emerged as a prominent tool within the financial technology (fintech) sector, finding widespread utilisation. Moreover, it has been seen that banks can get advantageous outcomes from the adoption of this technology (Sharma, 2020). Hence, the chapter sought to unveil how Blockchain (BC) works in the finance and banking sector.

CHAPTER 6

Big Data in Finance and Banking Sector

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Abstract: The rapid advancement of digital technology and the widespread adoption of global communication networks have led to significant transformations in the responsibilities of enterprises, the characteristics of value generation, and even economic structures. The main objective of this chapter is to discern prevailing trends in the utilisation of big data (BD) within the banking sector. This technology possesses the potential to effectively address future crises and expedite the identification of forthcoming opportunities. The advantages encompassed in this context encompass cost-effectiveness, customer experience, and customer pleasure, among others. Conversely, the obstacles faced encompass the management of large volumes of data and the prevention of fraudulent activities, among other issues. In the realm of banking and financial services, big data serves as a multifaceted solution, a strategic instrument, and a process-driven approach to digital transformation.

Keywords: Banking, Big data, Customer, Financial services, Security, Technology.

INTRODUCTION

With the advent of technological advances and the rapid growth and globalisation of pervasive communication networks, business functions, the characteristics of value generation, and even economic structures are undergoing significant transformations (Schwab, 2017). Part of the manual labour previously performed by humans was automated by mechanisation in the latter part of the nineteenth and late twentieth centuries, and with the advancement of information technology

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from the mid to late twentieth century, normal data analysis previously performed by humans was automated (Korinek & Stiglitz, 2017). Mustafa and Rahman(2015) found that the more widespread the use of IT and automation, the more benefits they would offer. Big data, AI, blockchain, and the Internet of Things are just a few of the new technologies ushering in the Fourth Industrial Revolution, which is reshaping our economy and way of life. More and more businesses these days have access to cutting-edge technology like this. The term “FinTech,” a portmanteau of “finance” and “technology,” describes the impact of technological advancements on the financial sector (McAuley, 2015). In the early 2000s, as e-commerce expanded to include more straightforward payment methods, the first examples of fintech emerged. Since most corporations at the time concentrated their efforts on improving their IT infrastructure, FinTech had less of an impact on the banking sector. However, the most recent trend demonstrates numerous applications in credit analysis, loan administration, and asset management utilising blockchain, AI, and IoT, separating its uses from the more conventional technology in FinTech (Bae, 2018). FinTech (Financial Technology) relies heavily on big data. To improve traditional banking services, FinTech implements cutting-edge technological solutions. In order to collect, analyse, and use huge and complicated datasets, big data plays a crucial role in FinTech (Vaidya, 2023). It aids FinTech firms in optimising financial procedures through data-driven decisions, risk assessment model development, and the provision of individualised services. Hence, the main objective of this chapter is to discern prevailing trends in the utilisation of big data (BD) within the banking sector.

Contribution

The objective of this study is to examine the present state of big data implementation within the financial services sector. This chapter specifically focuses on the impact of big data on the banking industry and the management of financial services. This study additionally highlights the advantages that contribute to the understanding of how big data impacts the field of finance. Additionally, certain obstacles have been presented. This study makes several contributions to the existing literature. This chapter will serve as a valuable addition to the existing body of literature, providing a foundation for future scholarly endeavours. This report provides an analysis of the advantages and obstacles encountered by managers while utilising big data in the context of banking services. The findings of this chapter make a valuable contribution to the current body of literature. This contribution will be beneficial to readers and researchers who are engaged in studying this topic. As a result of this study, all readers will gain a comprehensive understanding of the role of big data in the field of finance. Moreover, this study holds significance for scholars engaged in

investigating this subject matter. This paper delves into the topic of big data, examining it from many financial viewpoints in order to enhance readers' comprehension. Hence, a significant endeavour has been undertaken to prioritise the examination of big data finance operations, specifically by assessing their multifaceted impact on the banking sector. The primary objective of this chapter is to discern present and prospective trends in the utilisation of artificial intelligence (AI) within the financial sector, employing methodologies rooted in big data analysis. This tool has the potential to effectively address future crises and anticipate prospective opportunities.

LITERATURE REVIEW

Big Data

“Big Data” refers to a comprehensive assemblage of data that is systematically organised, comprising elements of both structured and unstructured nature. This data holds the potential to be extracted for valuable insights and can be effectively utilised in many sophisticated analytical endeavours such as machine learning, predictive modelling, and other advanced analytics projects. Ostapchenya (2021) defines “big data” as a continuously expanding collection of structured and unstructured data in diverse formats that share a common context. According to Svitla (2023), the integration of big data analysis and storage networks, together with innovations that support big data analytics, has become a commonplace element within data management frameworks in various corporate contexts. The primary characteristics of this technology encompass volume, velocity, diversity, value, and authenticity. The magnitude of data sets obtained from diverse sources exceeds the capacity of our conventional information processing technologies. The significance of big data in the context of intelligent decision-making cannot be overlooked (Abkenar, Kashani, Mahdipour, & Jameii, 2021). The need to conduct thorough analysis and research in decision-making is widely acknowledged in the digital age (Ain *et al.*, 2019; Mohammed *et al.*, 2024). The significance of big data is increasing steadily, capturing the interest of both academics and scholars (Salehan & Kim, 2016). The concept of “big data” has emerged as a means to augment the collection of data from diverse sources like employees, consumers, suppliers, and other relevant parties (Wolfert, Ge, Verdouw, & Bogaardt, 2017). The topic is garnering attention, particularly due to the passage of time and developments in technology (Liu, Soroka, Han, Jian, & Tang, 2020). The prevalence of this phenomenon in numerous organisations has led senior management to express a willingness to allocate resources towards big data initiatives (Dubey & Gunasekaran, 2015).

CHAPTER 7

Machine Learning Revolution Transforming Banking with Advanced Analytics

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Abstract: The banking sector has been revolutionised by the rise of machine learning (ML) applications. The banking industry generates a tremendous amount of data, and ML has emerged as a useful tool for analysing this data to increased efficiency, better serve customers, and better manage risks. As such, this chapter's focus is on ML's applications in the banking and financial industries. Large amounts of information related to transactions may be analysed in real-time with the help of ML methods in the finance and banking sectors, allowing for the detection of fraudulent actions, the prevention of monetary losses, and the protection of customers. In general, ML has the potential to revolutionise the banking industry by helping financial institutions better cater to their customers' individual needs, streamline their risk management processes, and deliver superior service.

Keywords: Banking, Finance, Fintech, Machine learning, Technology.

INTRODUCTION

Machine learning is becoming increasingly used in the banking sector. These days, you may utilise machine learning (ML) for anything from calculating risk to making trading judgements. It has altered business processes and information management in the banking sector. The banking industry produces a massive amount of data, including records of transactions, information on customers, and other forms of financial data. Machine learning algorithms can examine this information to look for trends and outliers and forecast future outcomes. Machine learning has found a lot of use in the banking industry, particularly in the area of fraud detection. Rapid detection of fraud is crucial to preventing losses in the banking business, where it is a pervasive problem. Transaction information can be analysed by machine learning algorithms for suspicious trends and outliers. Credit scoring is another major use of machine learning in banking. The financial sound-

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ness of potential customers is evaluated by banks using credit scores. A person's credit score can be calculated using a wide variety of characteristics, including credit history, job history, and algorithmic methods for machine learning (Aravind, 2023). As a result, financial institutions will be able to make more informed decisions regarding lending and mitigate default risk. The financial services industry is another that can employ machine learning to better serve its customers. With the help of machine learning algorithms, financial institutions can evaluate client data, including transaction and web surfing history to make tailored suggestions and offers. Machine learning is having an ever-increasing impact on commercial applications, with many solutions now in use and many more being researched. The detection, measurement, reporting, and management of risks inside financial institutions have come under increased scrutiny in the wake of the global financial crisis. Developments in banking and risk management, as well as existing and forthcoming digital solutions, have been the subject of extensive academic and professional investigation in recent years (Van Liebergen 2017; Deloitte University Press 2017; Oliver Wyman 2017). Concurrently, machine learning has become increasingly influential in corporate applications, with numerous solutions already in use and many more being considered. Not enough research appears to have been performed on the use of ML in the administration of market banks and financial services (Leo *et al.*, 2019). There have been a lot of papers written about portfolio or investment risk management and its relation to market volatility or market risk. When looking at it through the lens of bank risk management, however, the literature seems thin (MetricStream, 2018). The goal of this chapter is to assess the current state of research on machine learning as it relates to banking and finance industry management, given its recent prominence as an emerging business enabler. The purpose of this review paper is to examine and evaluate the use of ML in banking management, to pinpoint management issues that have been understudied, and to offer direction for future research.

Contribution

The chapter offers many contributions, especially for future researchers who will venture into financial technology and specifically ML. The study also provided managers with the benefits of ML in the banking and financial sector so that they could quickly adopt it. Finally, we have provided the challenges for managers to be careful of. All these will lead to efficiency in the banking sector.

LITERATURE REVIEW

Machine Learning (ML)

Machine learning, sometimes known as ML, is a subfield within the discipline of computer engineering and the field of artificial intelligence (AI). The concept of machine learning (ML) was first coined by Arthur Samuel during his tenure at IBM in 1959. Samuel employed this word primarily to characterise the pattern recognition tasks that facilitated the “learning” aspect of the early artificial intelligence (AI) systems. The theoretical and preliminary exploration of artificial intelligence commenced in the 1930s, but it was not until the renowned Dartmouth Workshop of 1956 that systematic investigation of this field took place (Kline, 2011). Among several contributions, John McCarthy, who was a research fellow at MIT at that time, introduced the phrase “artificial intelligence” as an alternative to “cybernetics.” During the initial stages, machine learning (ML) systems were only regarded as a component within a broader artificial intelligence (AI) framework. Since its inception, machine learning has demonstrated a broad range of practical applications that extend beyond the confines originally defined by the AI framework. Currently, the number of autonomous machine learning (ML) systems surpasses the quantity of ML components integrated within artificial intelligence (AI) architectures. The names “AI” and “ML” are frequently used interchangeably, often inappropriately, due to several factors such as their popularity, financial support, or lack of understanding. This practice leads to a state of perplexity among individuals who are not well-versed in these fields. A commonly accepted heuristic is that if a system operates autonomously, it is likely to be classified as having artificial intelligence. If the system engages in classification or prediction through the process of learning, it can be categorised as machine learning. The field of study pertains to the conceptualization and creation of algorithms that possess the ability to acquire knowledge from data in order to generate predictive outcomes. Machine learning models possess the ability to replicate the cognitive process by assimilating knowledge from data and employing it to undertake the processing and analysis of information. The purpose of this technology is to facilitate the automation of cognitive functions. The efficacy of machine learning (ML) is frequently associated with its three primary capabilities: the ability to offer adaptable functional structures capable of capturing nonlinear patterns in data, the capacity to identify pertinent model features without prior specification, and the aptitude to extract information from non-numeric data sources, such as textual data. Nevertheless, a number of recent scholarly investigations, such as the works of Israel *et al.* (2020) and Karolyi and Van Nieuwerburgh (2020), elucidate certain obstacles associated with the application of machine learning (ML) in the realm of finance. The subsequent content presents a concise overview of the aforementioned challenges.

CHAPTER 8

Banking on IoT in Transforming Financial Services for the Digital Age

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Abstract: Financial and banking services sector plays a crucial role in the economic development of many nations, serving as a foundation for growth. Information Technology (IT) plays a vital role in facilitating the management of these services and streamlining operations for banking institutions, enabling them to expand their reach and efficiency. The Internet of Things (IoT) is a component of intelligent infrastructure, and the banking sector is among the possible domains that can benefit significantly from the use of IoT technologies. Therefore, this chapter examines the use of the Internet of Things (IoTs) within the finance and banking industries. This study examines the advantages and obstacles associated with the implementation of Internet of Things (IoT) technology in the banking industry. The banking business is experiencing a notable shift towards digitalization, hence enhancing convenience for users. The Internet of Things (IoT) is a significant component of the ongoing rapid transformation towards the future of banking. It is crucial for both consumers and financial institutions to adjust and align themselves with the emerging trends in retail and mobile banking.

Keywords: Banking, Finance, Fintech, Internet of things, Technology.

INTRODUCTION

The field of financial technology (Fintech) has experienced significant growth since 2018, as evidenced by the substantial increase in international investments, which have reached a staggering amount of approximately 60 billion USD (Arslanian and Fischer, 2019). It is projected that the monetary transactions facilitated by smart wearable devices alone will reach a total of 75 billion USD by the year 2025. Fintech encompasses a range of novel approaches to financial exchanges and banking services that are facilitated by the integration of advanced

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computer interaction, data science, social networking, and Artificially Intelligent (AI) technologies. Fintech predominantly depends on several technological advancements such as the Internet of Things (IoT), blockchain, Artificial Intelligence (AI), data analytics, and 5G and Beyond (B5G) to enhance the customer experience, ensure security, and improve efficiency in the provision of financial services. The authors, Olsen and Tomlin (2020), provide a comprehensive analysis of the technological aspects associated with Industry 4.0 as well as an examination of the potential research prospects and obstacles within this domain. The technologies that were specifically discussed encompass additive manufacturing, the Internet of Things, blockchain, sophisticated robotics, and artificial intelligence. The term “Internet of Things” (IoT) denotes the convergence of physical devices that are interconnected *via* the Internet, despite their inherent lack of physical connectivity. It is important to acknowledge that the growth of the Internet of Things (IoT) is considered a significant scientific and technological trend within the context of Industry 4.0 (Baranovskyi, 2020). The emergence of the Internet of Things (IoT) is often regarded as a significant technological revolution with far-reaching implications across several domains of human existence. This technology enables the expansion of chances for the collection, processing, and distribution of data, which can then be transformed into information or knowledge. Hence, the development of the Internet of Things (IoT) is substantiated at the organisational level, as indicated by a single entity. It is evident that the governments of highly developed nations are actively engaged in investing in research and development within the Internet of Things (IoT) domain. According to Miskiewicz (2020), the categorization of literary sources reveals variations in the extent of Internet of Things (IoT) advancement across different regions globally. The primary components of this system consist primarily of adaptable equipment capable of perceiving and acquiring data in various contexts, irrespective of the presence of human beings. The relevance of the Internet of Things (IoT) in the domains of finance and business stems from the proliferation of smart devices and easily accessible connectivity. This technological landscape enables businesses to engage in data-driven analytics and make well-informed decisions, a capability that was previously unprecedented (Avasalcai, Tsigkanos, & Dustdar, 2019; Mick, Tourani, & Misra, 2018; Yomboi *et al.*, 2021). This encompasses a wide range of gadgets, such as smartphones, refrigerators, washing machines, lighting, video sensors, cameras, wearable devices, and other machine components, such as the jet engine of an aeroplane or the drill of an oil rig. According to Atzori, Iera, and Morabito (2010), the concept under consideration exhibits a broad range of associations within the context of human society.

Emerging technologies, such as the Internet of Things (IoT) and blockchain, have the potential to optimise the transmission of information within the supply chain.

These technologies can mitigate risks associated with supply chain finance (SCF) and provide support to conventional banking institutions (Wamba and Queiroz, 2020). The utilisation of the Internet of Things (IoT) has become a prominent aspect of consumer product innovation. There is ongoing discourse around wearable electronics, smart cities, and other related topics within the realm of the Internet of Things (IoT). However, it remains uncertain if the prevailing enthusiasm for IoT mostly stems from exaggerated claims or genuine interest in the underlying banking and financial frameworks. Therefore, this chapter examines the use of the Internet of Things (IoTs) within the finance and banking industries. This study examines the advantages and obstacles associated with the implementation of Internet of Things (IoT) technology in the banking industry.

Contribution

This chapter makes a valuable contribution to the existing literature by providing empirical evidence that supports the significance of new technologies, specifically the Internet of Things (IoTs), in the domain of banking and finance. Additionally, the evaluation offers significant insights for practitioners seeking to enhance the effectiveness of practices and approaches in the realm of fintech concerns within the banking and financial sectors.

LITERATURE

Internet of Things

The concept of the Internet of Things (IoT) refers to a collection of diverse interconnected devices that are linked by various communication interfaces and sensors. This connectivity allows for the identification, location, and manipulation of these objects. In the era of digitalization, a predominant emphasis among organisations lies in the provision of customised and individualised advice and services to their clientele *via* applications or online platforms. In order to enhance customer service, numerous financial institutions, such as banks, investment advisers, and insurance firms, have undertaken process redesign initiatives incorporating machine learning and other AI technologies (Kumari *et al.* , 2020). These technological advancements facilitate the provision of uninterrupted services, such as electronic commerce, electronic health, electronic banking, and so on, to the final consumers. The Internet of Things (IoT) is expected to have a significant impact on various industries, including banking, financial planning, insurance, autos, and healthcare. Its integration into these sectors has the potential to enhance the delivery of services and improve overall performance. Various examples of data collection and connectivity in different industries may be observed. For instance, the insurance business utilises smart sensors, while shopping terminals employ RFID technology. Additionally, mobile banking

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