

ICT-Infused Innovations: A Comprehensive Exploration of Artificial Intelligence (AI) Applications in the Evolving BFSI Landscape

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ABSTRACT

The Financial Service and Insurers (BFSI) sector refers to firms who provide a wide variety of accounting products and assistance across the world. This work adds to the technical innovation of services in processing administration, a topic that has yet to be settled in the available research. AI is an interdisciplinary field of study that has distinguished itself for the technical dynamism it brings to an organization products and processes. Artificial Intelligence (AI) is one of the developing technologies driving the continued expansion of ICT-enabled applications. This study investigates the application of the use of AI and machine learning (ML), respectively, in the field of banking, as well as the policy ramifications. It grants a nontechnical foundation to understand the growth and possibilities of AI/ML systems. Artificial intelligence, or the emulation of human brain in machines, is gaining popularity and will play an important role in the new financial century. The current study aims to examine consumers' perspectives on the widespread implementation of intelligent systems with artificial intelligence in Asian countries. The banking industry also prioritizes novel AI technology to boost customer service and overall growth by making greater revenue.

Keywords: - Financial Services and Insurance (BFSI) Sector, ICT, Technological Innovation, Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Machine Learning (ML), Banking Sector, Customer Services.

INTRODUCTION

Intelligence as a profession is a broad field of study that encompasses not just computer science, as well as the fields of psychology, philosophy, the field of language, and other disciplines. Artificial intelligence offers significant potential advantages for the global economy and for the banking sector.

The finance business is always evolving, employing and adjusting to new technology chance such as the use of AI and Data Analytics, which impact private and professional life throughout the world. Financial institutions gain from technology breakthroughs, most recently from the use of artificial intelligence (AI). Systems built on AI have grown increasingly important for decision-making in a variety of situations due to their outstanding predictive performance, and they provide a wide range of options for businesses to capitalize on the financial upside of augmenting.

In response to this trend, academia has rekindled its interest in investigating the software of AI in the world of finance. Finance application scenarios are quite diverse, with particular demands for establishing automated systems. They do, however, share a hatred of the black-box aspect of AI-based systems, which limits their wider usage and keeps them from reaching their full capacity.

The fourth industrialization, whose major goal is the enhancement and productivity of the recognized industry 4.0, began in the 2010s, thanks to the unified of digital innovation and an explosion in efficiency of processes. Industry 4.0 refers to a new age, a shift that is cantered on the use of IT (information and communications technology) resources to improve service, manufacturing, and business operations.

AI technical advancement, in particular, has facilitated commercial transactions and services, prompting enterprises to build new business models. The effective use cases for AI technology have widened and piqued the attention of users and scholars alike, well impacting them, speeding up and producing advantages for management through increasing efficiency in company operations and client satisfaction.

Among ICTs, AI intelligence ranks as one of the technical strands with the most promise. It is a multidisciplinary and cutting-edge study topic that explores the computational duplication of cognitive talents on a growing scale, attracting commercial and strategic importance due to its various methods and applications. AI and robots will take centre stage and transform the operations, services, and processes of firms that engage extensively with technology innovation.

- **Banking Financial Services and Insurance (BFSI) sector**-The Finance, Banking, Finance, and Industry (BFSI) sector refers to firms that provide an extensive suite of financial goods and services all over the world. Financial services companies, co-operatives, insurance organizations, and mutual funds are examples of BFSI. Rising security dangers regarding online banking transactions have led in the introduction of tough legislation that's beneficial for watching over electronically funding transactions and supporting digital transformation adoption. The implementation of AI in the BFSI sector helps to make financiers quicker, more trustworthy, and knowledgeable, and it increases modern banks' edge in the marketplace.
- **Information and Communication Technologies (ICTs)** -The digital economy relies on information and communication technology (ICT) services. Banking and insurance services, study and creation providers, professional and executive support services, audio-visual and allied services, and hospitals, and education services are all potentially ICT-enabled services. In the digital era, the creation of a wide range of services, like information and communications technology, has become more prevalent location-independent, new services are being developed, and the trading capabilities of various service activities is expanding.

During the COVID-19 pandemic, ICT services played an important role. As administrations imposed travel bans and social isolation measures to prevent the virus from getting across faces through individuals proximity and to relieve pressure on hospitals that were having difficulty dealing with the epidemic, try firms and the public the industry alike resorted to a smart-working look at and digital solutions to lessen the disruptive impact those limits could have on a job, global value chains, and g Information and communication technology and ICT-enabled services grew in popularity as a result of the shift to remote work and increased dependence on the digital media.

- **Artificial Intelligence in the Financial Sector**-The capacity to collect vast amounts of personal information from outdoors and analyse it using computer algorithms (AI) and computational intelligence (ML) is altering the landscape of the financial industry.
- ✓ **Forecasting**-AI/ML systems are used in finance to forecast macroeconomic and financial elements, answer customer needs, provide payment capability, and monitor firm conditions.
- ✓ **Investment and Banking Services**-AI/ML advancements in the last several years have had the largest influence on the finances of the investment authority business in the financial sector. In banking, AI/ML adoption has been slower than in the investment management business.
- ✓ **Risk and Compliance Management**- Recent breakthroughs in AI/ML have altered the scope and use of modern technology in regulatory compliance.
- ✓ **Prudential Supervision**-Although choices must ultimately be made by supervisors, AI/ML has a purpose, particularly in data collecting and data analyses.
- ✓ **Central Banking**-AI/ML applications might assist central banks in carrying out their statutory responsibilities, but they remain sluggish to adopt the technology. AI/ML systems might assist central banks in better comprehending economic and financial trends, enabling better-tuned monetary and macro prudential policies, and improving central bank operations.

Objectives

- The purpose of this study was to investigate how technology with intelligence (AI) influences customer service efficiency.
- The goal of this research project is to investigate consumer views regarding artificial intelligence (AI) usage across Asian nations.

LITERATURE REVIEW

Babu, K. E. (2021) Once a time, Bangla was only dependent on agriculture, but with the passage of time, the introduction of cutting-edge technology has occurred in every area of this country. Automatic and control innovation are being used in a variety of sectors, and algorithms, IoT for short large-scale data storage, block chain, and other technologies have become highly popular.

Reis, J., (2019) The introduction of machines powered by algorithms known as artificial intelligence (AI) has had a significant impact on the globe in the twenty-first century. The direction of AI is bright, with several chances for scientists and academics. While the subject has received a lot of focus in the past couple of years, there have is still a lot of conjecture and little knowledge regarding its consequences for public administration.

Maiti, M., (2022) This study adds to our perspective of how the COVID-19 pandemic influences the global Banking, Financial Services, and Insurance (BFSI) sector. Prior to the COVID-19 epidemic, BFSI's business strategy was mainly focused on operational efficiency. However, because to the ongoing COVID-19 epidemic, worldwide BFSIs are being obliged to undertake digital modifications in their operations.

Olayode, M. (2022) The advancement of digital technology throughout the years has resulted in several changes to traditional library work. Technologies is fully wired and incorporated into all inside processes and operations of libraries for academia and research worldwide, and emerging nations such as Nigeria are not falling behind.

METHODOLOGY

The purpose of this research is to examine the influence of customer knowledge, consciousness, individual needs, anticipated danger, perceived gain, and comprehension of machines for learning on consumer intentions to use AI in banking. The variables utilized in the study are abbreviated in Table 1.

Table 1 The variable abbreviations

Econometric Model

$$INT = \beta_0 + \beta_1(AWR)_i + \beta_2(ATT)_i + \beta_3(SN)_i + \beta_4(PR)_i + \beta_5(PU)_i + \beta_6(KNG)_i + \epsilon$$

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A questionnaire using a Likert scale of approval that runs from one (strongly opposed) to 5 (strongly concurs) is used to collect the fundamental facts.

Table 2 The Questionnaire Response Rate

<i>Name of country</i>	<i>Response Received</i>	<i>Response Rate (%)</i>
<i>Malesia</i>	30	37.5
<i>China</i>	111	14
<i>Iran</i>	110	13.7
<i>Thailand</i>	175	22
<i>Saudi Arabia</i>	103	12.8
<i>Total</i>	799	100

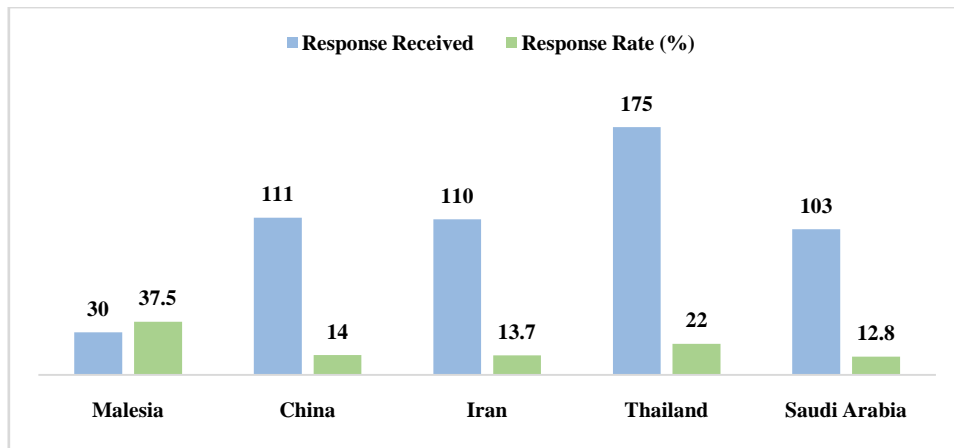


Fig.1 The Response Rate of Questionnaires

Hypothesis

Hypothesis 1 (H1): The aim to use intelligence in banking is proportional to awareness.

Hypothesis 2 (H2): The aim to use intelligent technology in accounting is proportional to one's attitude toward AI.

RESULTS

A total of 799 replies from the five Asian nations of Malaysia, China, Iran, Thailand, and Saudi Arabia were collected for study.

Reliability Analysis

Cronbach's Alpha is used to assess the reliability of all items in the questionnaire. Cronbach's Alpha greater than 0.6 indicates that the variable is dependable and should be utilized for further study. Table 3 displays the dependability of each variable. According to the findings, the variables have Cronbach's alpha values greater than the cut-off limit, indicating that the items and the variable are trustworthy, and the results obtained by employing these variables are likewise reliable and generalizable.

Table 3 Response Rate of Questionnaires

Variables	Cronbach's Alpha
Awareness	0.77
Attitudes	0.65
Subjective Norms	0.80
Perceived Risk	0.70
Perceived Usefulness	0.69
Knowledge in Intelligence Technology	0.90
Intentions to Adopt Artificial Intelligence in Banking	0.75

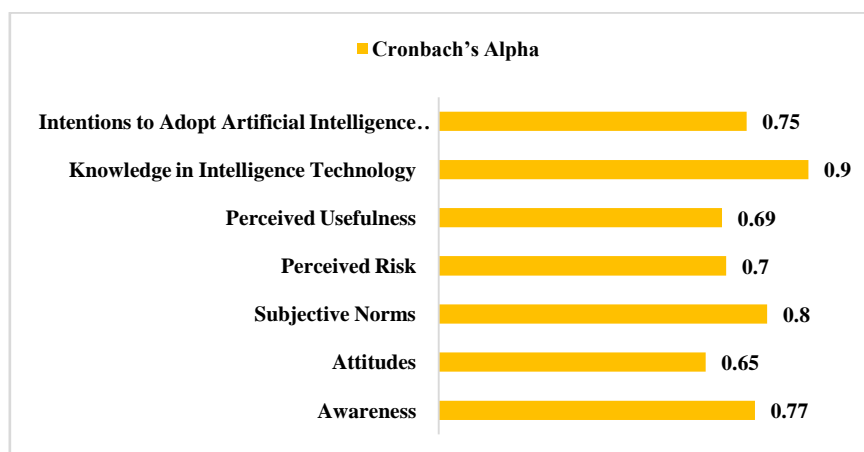


Fig. 2 Response Rate of Questionnaires

Demographics Profile

The sample population in this study is described by seven demographic factors: marital status, gender, age, work rules, levels of education, and country.

Descriptive Analysis

A descriptive assessment of all variables included in the research is required to ascertain the real image of the data.

Table 4 Descriptive Statistics

<i>Variables</i>	<i>Mean</i>	<i>Median</i>	<i>Mode</i>	<i>S.D.</i>	<i>Min.</i>	<i>Max.</i>
<i>AWR</i>	3.14	3.12	3.12	0.49	1.75	4.37
<i>ATT</i>	3.51	3.5	4	0.81	1.25	5
<i>SN</i>	3.18	3.25	3	0.76	1.25	5
<i>PR</i>	3.36	3.5	4	0.68	1	5
<i>PU</i>	3.51	3.66	4	0.81	1	5
<i>KNG</i>	3.54	3.5	4	0.79	1	5
<i>INT</i>	3.39	3.33	3	0.82	1	5

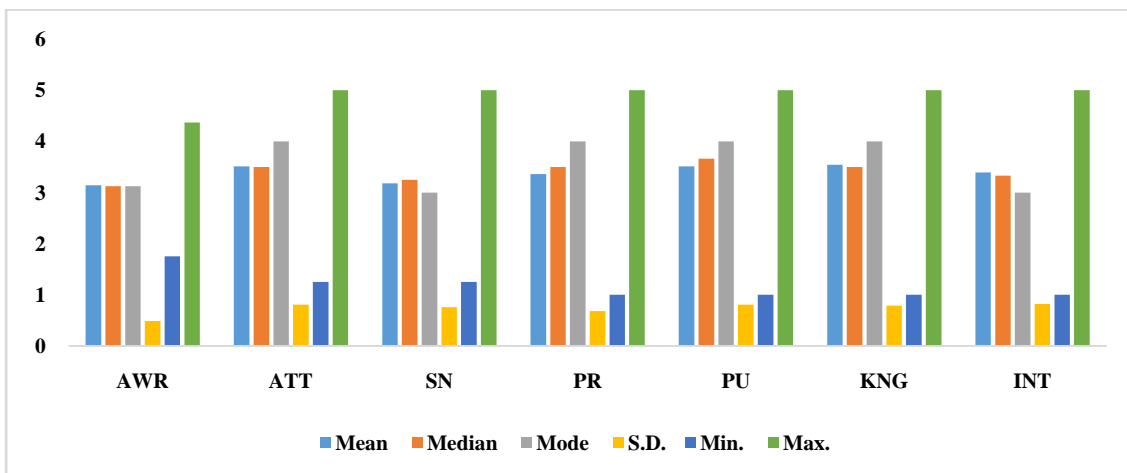


Fig.3 Descriptive Statistics

Descriptive statistical tools display the values' departures from the overall values. The descriptive statistics for all variables, which include dependent and independent variables, are shown in Fig. 3. It is seen that the inputs was less adjustments and separation, implying that the amounts are mainly close to their means.

Table 5 Results of Hypothesis Testing from Regression Analysis

<i>Hypotheses</i>	<i>Remarks</i>
<i>Hypothesis</i>	Accept
<i>Hypothesis</i>	Accept

With a p 0.01 significance level, the results for H1 reveal an opposite and highly significant link between awareness and plans to use artificial intelligence in banking. The subsequent hypothesis examines the link between attitudes about artificial intelligence and intends to use it in banking. H2 findings were similarly shown to be very significant and positive, with a p 0.01. This suggests that if users have a good view about computer science, they are more inclined to use it in banks.

Table 6 ANOVA Analysis of Artificial Intelligent Adoption Intentions in Banking

<i>Variables</i>	<i>Mean Square</i>	<i>F value</i>	<i>P v> F</i>
<i>Country</i>	24.77541483	45.11	<0.0001
<i>Education</i>	3.02	3.02	0.0105

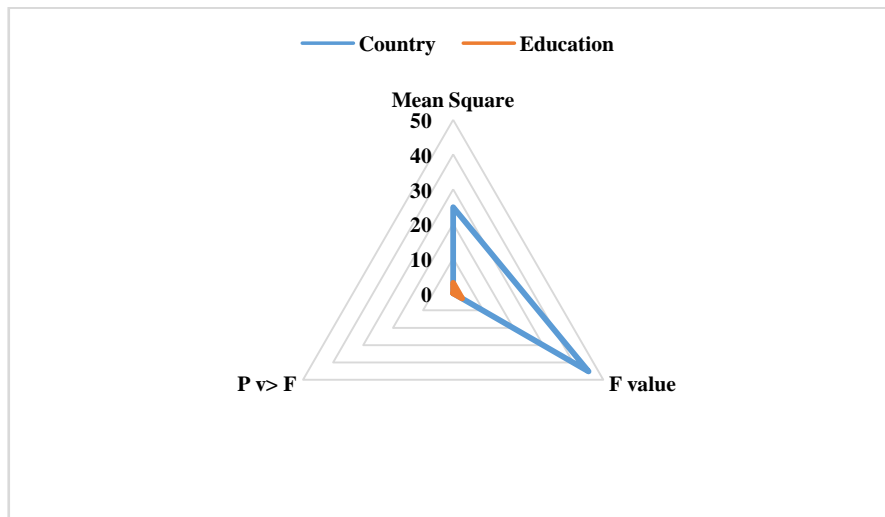


Fig. 4 ANOVA Analysis of Intentions

ANOVA analysis was performed to see whether there are any differences in the intents of adopting artificial intelligence across nations and educational levels. Table 6 presents the F-stats for various countries and educational institutions based on the objectives of artificial intelligence deployment in banking.

Table 7 ANOVA Analysis Means by Country

<i>Name of country</i>	<i>Grand Means</i>
<i>Malesia</i>	3.67782589
<i>China</i>	2.92607570
<i>Iran</i>	3.14941793
<i>Thailand</i>	3.56972592
<i>Saudi Arabia</i>	3.57831968
<i>Total</i>	2.95648919

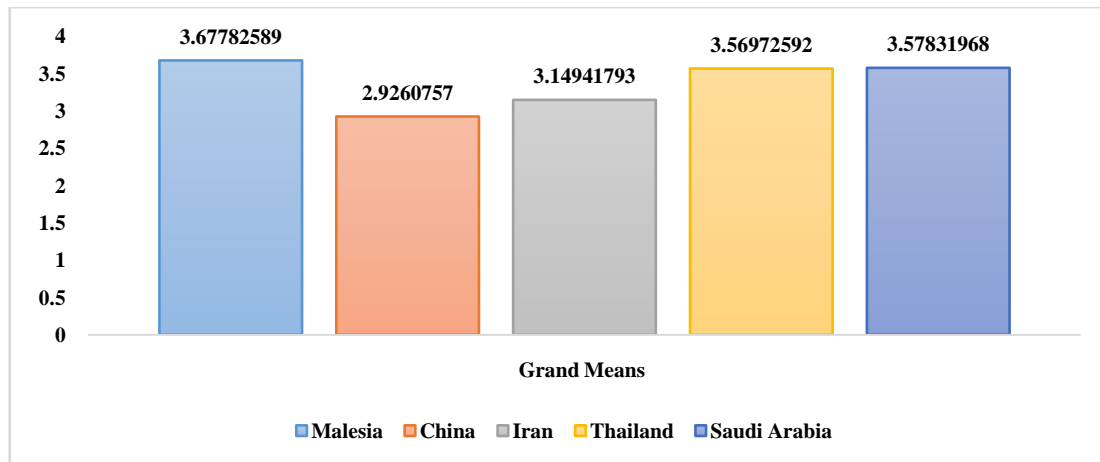


Fig.5 ANOVA Analysis Means by Country

The substantial F-value implies that there certainly is a disparity in people's aspirations to use artificially intelligent technology in banking across nations and educational levels. Grand means determined for both nation and education for greater clarity. Tables 7 and 5 show the overall means for each nation and education level.

DISCUSSIONS

In today's society, artificial intelligence has taken on a significant role in almost every aspect of existence. Developing as well as industrialized nations are attempting to integrate artificial intelligence into multiple verticals. The financial services sector is one of the most crucial businesses for any country.

This study is based on five Asian nations Malaysia, China, Iran, Thailand, and Saudi Arabia, and it seeks to ascertain people's intentions regarding the application of artificial intelligence popularity in the banking sector, including perceptions, attitudes, and personal preferences, regarded hazards, the perceived value, and their understanding of artificial intelligence technologies.

The ANOVA test also reveals a significant difference in AI adoption aspirations across nations and backgrounds in education. Clients in Malesia, Iran, the People's Republic of China, Thailand, & Saudi Arabia all have distinct ambitions for the usage of AI in the financial services sector. This is due to the discrepancy in growth rates amongst Asian countries.

CONCLUSIONS

The banking sector's use of intelligent technology (AI) and mathematical modelling (ML) technologies will continue to increase. The financial sector's reform did not happen quickly. We find that technical advancements in AI have positively impacted the efficiency of relations with customers at the decided bank. AI innovation, through applications such as chatbots, has become a crucial tool for increasing an organization's operational performance by optimizing and attaining higher efficiency for company operations, as well as by utilizing interdisciplinary technical and managerial expertise. This study found that using AI to provide customer assistance via a chatbot resulted in considerable improvements and greater levels of accessible and efficiency in organizations. As a result, the exploratory technique, as well as a quantitative data-driven design, were used in this study to investigate the relationship between the six uncorrelated variables/predictors (AWR, ATT, SN, PR, PU, and KNG) and the independent variable, whose was the INT to enforce AI in the financial industry.

Future works

This study was only conducted in five Asian nations. Further study regarding different Asian and European nations might be undertaken to compare outcomes by analysing customer perceptions of artificial intelligence.

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