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Artificial Intelligence (AI): Emerging Trends in Banking Sector

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Abstract

Smart use of technology is becoming an integral part of the success in today's business world. Today, in the era of digitalization where technology is driving change in almost every industry, banking sector is now becoming smart banks. Banking services are becoming more effective by using smart phones, automation to improve operations, cloud computing to collaborate, data analysis to extract insights and so on. Artificial Intelligence is the technology of present digital world. It is getting superior and smarter day by day. This technology work along with other trends like big data analytics, voice interfaces, RPA, etc. Banking sector is also adopting AI in various aspects of banking activities. Adoption of AI has benefitted a lot to banking sector like decrease in costs of operating and managing banking activities leading to increase in revenue and performance. According to Business Insider Intelligence report, the average estimated cost savings for banks using AI will be around \$447 billion by 2023. (<https://www.businessinsider.in/>) AI helps banks to serve customers better and they can access 24/7 any banking operations. AI also helps banks to make more effective lending decisions and better risk management. This paper is about use of AI in banking sector and its impact and challenges.

Keyword: Artificial Intelligence, Banking Sector, Smart Banks, Banking Technology

Introduction

Technological advancements are ongoing to weight the future of banking around the world. In the present digital age, digital banking industries have become more technology-driven. It is changing every facet of business sector and our day to day life use of Artificial Intelligence in banks and financial institutions is transforming the entire banking industry. There is increase in demand for a digital banking from new generation. Right from retail and mobile banking, to neobank startups, technology has touched every aspect of the banking industry. The digitized future of banking will depend on use of latest AI technology to cope ever-changing needs and expectation of techno- savvy customers. As per study conducted by PwC, more than 81% of banking CEOs are considering the impact of digitization in the finance world. There are several financial organizations trying to keep up with the latest tech trends like chatbots, Artificial Intelligence (AI), Blockchain,

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etc. (<https://m.facebook.com/>). In order to survive in this stiff competitive fast changing technological environment, adoption of latest and sophisticated technology is part and parcel. The only winning point is to keep track of the recent trends and start to implement them in the better way before your competitors bring about the change in the field.

Artificial Intelligence (AI)

AI is the ability of a digital computer or computer-controlled robot to perform tasks commonly associated with intelligent beings. The term is frequently applied to the project of developing systems endowed with the intellectual processes characteristic of humans, such as the ability to reason, discover meaning, generalize or learn from past experience. (<https://www.britannica.com/>) In computer science, artificial intelligence (AI), sometimes called machine intelligence, is intelligence demonstrated by machines, in contrast to the natural intelligence displayed by humans and animals. AI can sense and perceive the world by acquiring and processing images, sounds and speech, analyze and understand the information collected by adding meanings and insights, -act based on comprehension and understanding and `learn based on real life experiences and improve performances.

Elements of Artificial Intelligence (Ai)

1. **Machine Learning (ML):** It is related with computer algorithms which will develop automatically through experience.[Wikipedia] For example Siri, Alexa, Google Now, Face Recognition, Online Customer Support etc. are examples of Machine Learning.
2. **Natural Language Processing (NLP):** It is artificial intelligence concerned with the interactions between computers and human languages. [Wikipedia] Example of NLP are Smart assistance like Apple's Siri and Amazon's Alexa recognize patterns in speech, Language translation, Autocorrect, Auto complete, Predictive text , Search engines etc.
3. **Vision:** It is related with how computers can get high-level understanding from digital images or videos.[Wikipedia] In this Computer's vision is trained to understand and interpret the visual world.
4. **Robotics:** Robots are the artificial agents that act in real world environment. Robotics is a related designing, construction, and application of robots.
5. **Autonomous Vehicle:** It means a self-driven vehicle that can sense its environment and move safely with very less or no human input. A driverless car or robotic car is an example of an autonomous vehicle.

Artificial Intelligence (AI) And Banking

Artificial Intelligence (AI) is one of the key drivers that will reshape the banking industry. AI technologies such as machine learning, deep learning, predictive/prescriptive analytics, virtual agents and natural language understanding technologies (e.g. Siri, Alexa, Google home) are being widely banking industries. Financial Services is data intensive and therefore a great candidate for AI automation.

According to Accenture's recent Accenture Banking Technology Vision 2018 report, 83% of Indian bankers believe that AI will work alongside humans in the next two

years — a higher than the global average of 79%. “93% bankers in India said they increasingly use data to drive critical and automated decision-making. (<https://www.livemint.com/>) State Bank of India, the largest bank in India, last year conducted “Code for Bank” hackathon to encourage developers to build solutions leveraging futuristic technologies such as AI and Blockchain into the banking sector. (<https://kapso.in/blog>)

In the banking space, the use of AI is crucial at every stage in lending, customer service, fraud protection, employee management/ training/ hiring, and more. Chatbots are now utilized by Private Banks like HDFC Bank and ICICI for customer services. Some banks are also using robots for customer’s service.

AI can be used to find out fraud and illegal activities taking place in banking transaction. Abnormality like credit card fraud and anti-money laundering can be easily detected with accuracy by using AI technology. Doubtful behaviour, logs analysis, and spurious emails can be tracked down to prevent and guess security violation. To increase efficiency and reduce cost for customer interactions Humanoid Chatbot interfaces can be used in banks. AI can be used to manage risk as well to do better risk analysis As a result; human errors can be reduced or eliminated by the use of AI.

The best use of AI can be done in digitization and automation in back-office processing. This can be done by using OCR and machine learning/AI. With human intelligence machines can perform specific tasks. It can help employees focus on tasks of greater value while reducing chances of human error and increasing overall productivity. Personalized portfolios can be managed by Bot Image/face recognition using real-time camera images and advanced AI techniques such as deep learning can be used at ATMs to detect and prevent frauds/crimes.

Application of AI to different functions within the banking industry has enabled them to offer a far more personalized and efficient customer service. Also Customers’ preference and their expectations from the bank can be fulfilled. AI can help the bank identify the expenditure pattern of the customer and on the basis of that a customized investment plan can be made for the customer.

Many banks are already using instant website chatbots, voice response systems, and mobile applications. With AI, virtual assistants, bank can deliver better customer support. Banking operation like cash transfer, bills payment, cards management, and other support can be easily managed through desktops, smart phones, and other mobile devices.

AI is an emerging sector so lot of employment opportunities will be available in the future likes a software developer and coder.

Challenges Associated With Use of AI In Banking

Application of AI in every branch of bank in India will be challenging task for government. There are number of challenges that need to be solved before implementing AI in Indian banking industries. One of the main challenges before policy makers is lack of a credible and quality data. According to Accenture’s Rishi Aurora, “A key challenge

is the availability of the right data. Data is the lifeblood of AI, and any vulnerability arising from unverified information is a serious concern for businesses. Imagine for example, the risks that could arise from KYC compliance AI systems if the data sources are incorrect. Or consider the efficacy of a fraud detection AI system without the right kind of data. Structured mechanisms for collecting, validating, standardizing, correlating, archiving and distributing AI relevant data is crucial."

The major challenge is the shortage of skilled human resources and providing training to the existing workforce to make them familiar with latest tools and applications. India is facing acute problem of surplus employees in the banking sector. Adoption of AI may result into acute unemployment problem in banking sector. Lack of training and unavailability of employees with right data science skills is also big challenge. High cost of production and maintenance of very complex machines, updating of advanced software programs are also challenges that require enormous time and cost.

Overdependence on AI may lead to change in behaviour of employees. Replacing adaptive human behavior with AI may cause irrational behavior. In the present situation there will also be question of ethical use of AI.

Artificial Intelligence controlled by wrong person can lead serious threat to mankind. Artificial intelligence can cause unequal distribution of power in the society. There can be problem of concentration of power among the few individuals who will control it.

AI is only basic computer programme. If it is use unethically that it can become virus and chances for fraud will increase. AI Programme is not user friendly as compare to smart phone. So AI Programmes should be made more users friendly. Knowledge about AI Programmes among banking customers is not enough so there is need to create awareness about it. Also language of AI Programme should be made simple and easy so that it can be understand easily.

Conclusion

Right balance of talent and emotions with AI can bring miracles in the banking sector and it can be possible if the banking industry can manage the security risk of systems based on AI. AI can provide banks and financial institutions a significant competitive advantage. Implementation of AI can bring a transformational change in the Indian banking industry. Quick and personalized services can be provided to customer in effective and efficient manner with accuracy and less human interference. The use of AI in the Indian Banking sector though not yet wide spread, is expected to gain ground in the coming years. AI is one of the innovations that can help the banks in improving in every sphere of banking business

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