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The Human Factor in Intelligent Banking: Merging Behavioral Finance with Artificial Intelligence

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Abstract

Artificial Intelligence (AI) has quickly penetrated the banking and financial services industry and transformed the decision-making process and risk assessment, as well as customer interaction. Despite the fact that the systems created on the basis of AI may become more efficient, more accurate, and predictable, financial outcomes are mostly based on human behavior, the cognitive prejudices, and the emotional responses. This paper discusses the necessity of convergence of behavioural finance and artificial intelligence in intelligent banking systems with the historical existence of human aspect in the technology-oriented financial systems. The paper deals with the interplay of psychological biases such as overconfidence, loss avoidance, herding and perception of trust and AI-enhanced financial applications to change investment decisions, credit decisions and strategy banking. Taking a conceptual and analytical research methodology, the paper will combine the information on behavioral finance theory, human-computer interactive, and financial technology to assess the efficiency of human-AI cooperation in banking activities. There is a specific focus on the questions of trust in the algorithmic systems, transparency, explainability of AI models, and the balance between automation and human judgment. The results are that, although AI can increase the precision and speed of the analytical process, over-reliance on automated systems without behavioral controls can increase systemic risks and decrease the accountability of decision-making. On the other hand, incorporating behavioral knowledge in the design and governance systems of AI enhance the quality of decisions, customer trust, and organizational flexibility. The research reaches the conclusion that intelligent banking systems are most effective in case technological competencies are complemented with the human intuition, moral thinking, and contextual knowledge. This study proposes a hybrid decision-making model and, therefore, it can be seen as contributing to the emerging discussion on responsible AI implementation in the finance industry and has strategic implications on how banks can build a sustainable innovation, better risk management, and customer confidence in the digital age.

Keywords: Behavioral Finance; Artificial Intelligence in Banking; Human–AI Collaboration; Intelligent Banking Systems; Cognitive Biases; Algorithmic Trust; Financial Decision-Making; Explainable AI

Introduction

The rate at which artificial intelligence (AI) is being incorporated in the banking sector has

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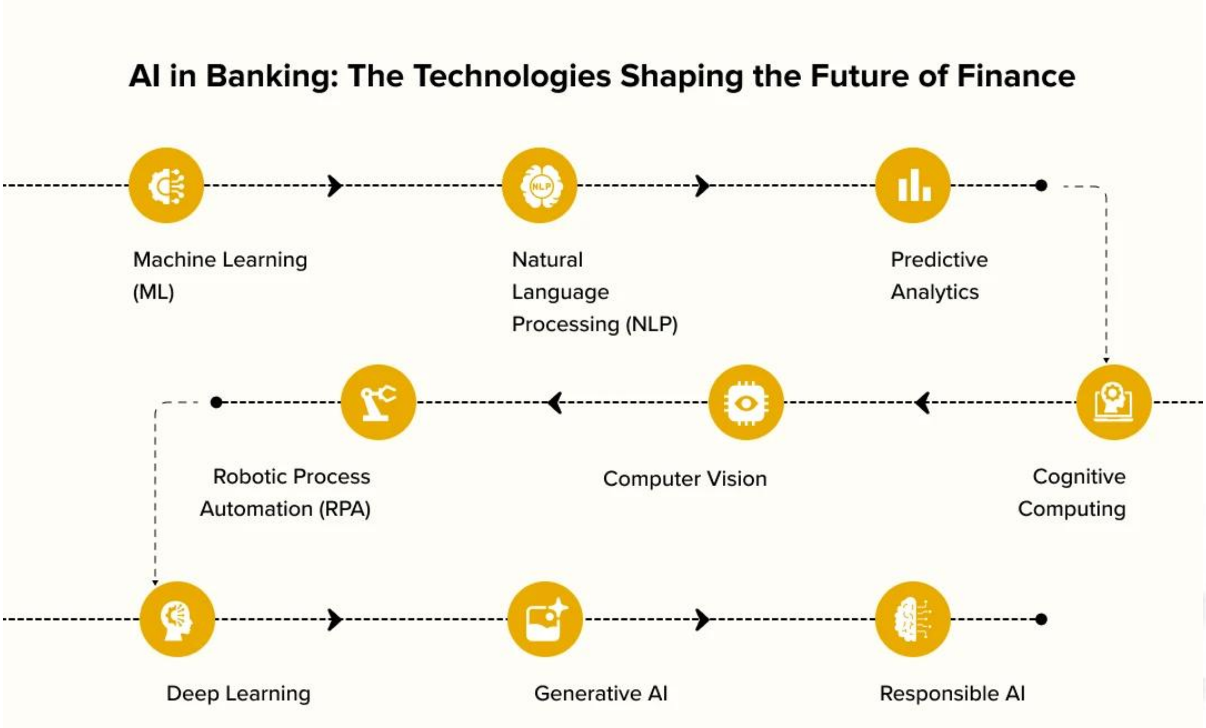
entirely transformed how financial institutions handle information, risk management, and customer engagement. Some of the most critical business processes are credit scoring, fraud detection, portfolio management, and custom-tailored financial advisory and are now supported by machine learning, predictive analytics and automation-driven intelligent banking systems. Though these technologies can make the banking decision making process more efficient and accurate, human judgment, emotional as well as the cognitive limitations still stand to affect the decisions. This is the long-term effect of human behavior that underlines the necessity to pursue the notion of AI adoption with regard to behavioral finance.



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Behavioural finance dispels the assumed full rationality of decision-makers showing how psychological biases, heuristics and emotions affect financial decisions. The financial behavior of customers in a banking environment, managerial and strategic decision-making of a banking institution are affected by the overconfidence, loss aversion, and trust and risk perception. These behavioral forces will not go away as more people rely on the systems that use AI, but rather they change the dynamics between the human actors and intelligent technologies. The use of algorithms, interpretation of developed information by AI, and resistance to automated decision-making are also the primary participants that make successful implementation. Integrating behavioral finance and artificial intelligence allows one to have a wider view of intelligent banking.

The human biases of data, model assumptions, and organizational cultures make AI systems prone to human biases since they are designed, trained, and governed by human beings. Simultaneously, properly developed AI applications can help to reduce some behavioural flaws with the help of data-driven insights and decision support. This is a two-way relationship that requires us to understand human cognition and intelligent systems to create responsible, effective, and trustful banking solutions.

The paper discusses the human element of intelligent banking in the context of the interaction of the behavioural finance principles with AI-based financial decision-making. The study will help to add more adaptive, transparent and human-focused banking strategies to the digital age by incorporating these perspectives.

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Background of the study

Over the past few decades, the world banking industry has experienced a radical change due to the advent of fast technologies, changing customer needs and desires as well as augmented competition. The introduction of Artificial Intelligence (AI) into the banking processes has become one of the trends among these changes. Use of AI-based systems has become quite common in credit scoring, fraud detection, algorithmic trading, customized financial advisory service, and risk management. These technologies offer more accuracy, efficiency and scalability to the decision-making process assumed to be less accurate and more human dependent in the past.

The decisions made by people in the financial field are always subject to human behaviour, regardless of these developments. As a science, behavioural finance disrupts the premises of classical financial theories by showing that people tend to behave irrationally because of cognitive biases and emotional reactions and heuristics. Others like overconfidence, loss aversion, anchoring and herd behaviour have a great influence on individual and institutional financial decision making. These behavioural factors in the banking sector affect not only the financial decision of the customers, but also the managerial approaches, lending decisions and risk evaluation.

The increasing use of AI in banking provokes the interaction between the intelligence of the algorithms and the judgment of a person. Although the idea of AI systems processing large volumes of data and identifying trends that humans cannot see is correct, it still has its limitations. Algorithms can be biased based on past data, they are not necessarily based on context, and they are not observed to consider any emotional and ethical elements that are inherent to the financial decision-making process. It therefore follows that the success of intelligent banking systems is not only based on the level of technological advancement but also on the integration of human factor in the development, interpretation and application of the systems.

In that regard, behavioural finance combined with artificial intelligence is a good perspective on having more holistic and responsible banking. This means that through combining knowledge on human behaviour with higher order analytical systems, banks will be able to design intelligent systems that are able to not only improve the predictive accuracy, but also closer to the real-world decision-making process. Customer confidence will be increased, transparency will be generated, and more flexible and robust financial policies will be created through this integration. What is more, the intensity of the regulatory examination and the ethical challenge, in regards to the utilization of AI in banking, has turned into even more dramatic. Some of the concerns that have led to consideration of the need to have human control of financial systems that are driven by AI include accountability, explainability, and fairness. The further understanding of the human factor is critical when the smart banking solutions are aimed at facilitating the sustainable development without damaging the confidence of the customers and the integrity of the institution. It is against this backdrop that the present work endeavors to examine the relevance of the human behavioral elements in intelligent banking environments and how the behavioral finance principles may be practically incorporated into the artificial intelligence. The study will contribute to better understanding the options of how banks can rely on AI technologies by finding a balance between the most important human factors of the financial decision-making process.

Justification

The swift and robust implementation of artificial intelligence (AI) in banking and financial services industry has completely transformed the operations of decision-making, risk assessment, relationship management with the customers and investment strategies. Though AI powered systems have enhanced computational performances, predictive performance and efficiency, there is serious concern over their increased prevalence since these will continue to

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erode the role of human judgments in the financial decision making. Conventional financial models, which posit a rational behavioural assumption, are growing less relevant to the real-life investor behaviour as effected by cognitive biases, emotions and social factors. The lack of this suggests that there is a necessity to combine the lessons of behavioural finance with AI-empowered banking systems.

Behavioural finance is an excellent foundation of psychological components of overconfidence, loss aversion, herding behaviour, and mental accounting, in making financial decisions. Nevertheless, the majority of the current AI implementation in banking mainly uses past information and optimizing algorithms, which tends to ignore the complex behavioural patterns of human users. Because of this, fully automated systems can misunderstand consumer intent, or serve to strengthen prejudices or destroy the trust of users when the results are opaque or do not conform to human values. The research is supported by the necessity to investigate how the sphere of human behaviour can be integrated into intelligent banking platforms in order to improve the quality of decisions and ethical responsibility.

Furthermore, trust is one of the essential factors in the adoption of AI in banking. The more transparency, explainability, and compatibility with human judgment systems exhibit, the more customers and financial professionals will accept the AI-driven recommendations. This study fills an important literacy gap as current studies are prone to investigate the efficiency of AI alone and not in interactive situations with human cognition and behaviour. This interaction has to be understood in order to create hybrid decision-making models that would balance automation and human supervision.

Organizationally, banks in very volatile and regulated settings need to be agile and resilient. A combination of behavioural finance and AI would enable more adaptable financial policies by predicting irrational market behavioural changes and a better risk mitigation plan. The study is thus justifiable in its effort to offer practical information to the policymakers, banking experts as well as system designers who aim at establishing intelligent, yet humanistic financial ecosystems.

The current study is warranted by the fact that it can fill the theoretical gap between behavioural finance and artificial intelligence and establish an overall picture of the intelligent banking solution that makes accuracy, trust, and human judgment a priority. It is assumed that the findings will make a significant contribution to the academic discussion and practice application, so that the technological progress in the banking field can be correlated with the behaviours of the human mind and the ethical decision-making process in the financial field.

Objectives of the Study

1. To investigate how behavioral finance principle can influence customer and managerial decisions in smart banking systems.
2. To examine the concept of using artificial intelligence technologies in the banking operation to assist, shape, and complement the human financial decisions.
3. To determine the degree to which cognitive biases including overconfidence, risk aversion and herd behavior still exist in AI-assisted banking decision-making.
4. To estimate the human-AI interaction effect on trust, transparency, and perceived fairness of intelligent banking services.
5. To examine the beneficial decision-making and risk control in banking organizations with the help of behavioral understanding and AI-based analytics.

Literature Review

1. Behavioural Finance and Human Decision-Making in Banking

Behavioral finance has root and branch attacked the olden-day rationality assumption in financial decision making. Foundational work by Kahneman and Tversky (1979) early on found that people most often rely on heuristics and exhibit cognitive biases: loss aversion,

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overconfidence and anchoring which affect financial choices in a way that is not in line with classical economic theories. Such biases do not only influence a single investor, but also the banking decision, credit rating, and financial planning (Barberis and Thaler, 2003). Experimental research indicates that bank clients have systematic irrationality in credit and investment decisions. Indicatively, Bordalo, Gennaioli and Shleifer (2012) established that salient financial prospects tend to distort consumer risk perception, making them make inefficient banking decisions. On the same note, Odean (1998) found that overconfident investors over-trade, which kills returns, a point that has implications to bank advisors and online platforms that dictate investment behavior. Behavior finance has been greatly used in the banking activities to study the behaviour and decision surrounding of clients (Shefrin, 2000). The integration highlights the need to consider the psychological considerations in the development of financial products and services like trust and emotion.

2. Artificial Intelligence in Banking

The modern banking world has already made most of its processes altered by artificial intelligence (AI) technologies mainly in fraud detection and credit ratings, customer care, and investment management. Machine learning algorithms, natural language processing systems and other AI systems can work with large amounts of data and generate predictive information which is much more effective than the traditional statistical frameworks (Davenport and Ronanki, 2018). Indicatively, AI-based credit risk systems can be more precise in evaluating the profile of a borrower by making inferences based on different behavioural and transactional data (Khandani, Kim, and Lo, 2010).

The customer interaction domain, with chatbots and robo-advisors, where algorithms make decisions based on specific frameworks, is also a popular application of AI (Huang and Rust, 2018). Although these applications are efficient and scaled, these applications pose difficulties in the alignment of machine recommendations and human cognitive processes and expectations.

3. Trust and Human–AI Interaction

The human trust in automated systems is one of the critical aspects of the incorporation of AI into banking. The issue of trust is a determinant of how individuals adhere to the recommendations given by the system and interact with intelligent financial technologies. According to Lee and See (2004), trust in automation is the feeling that an agent will assist in the achievement of the goals of an individual under a circumstance of uncertainty and vulnerability. Trust in the context of AI banking tools will have an impact on customer adoptions, customer satisfaction, and customer dependence. Research has indicated that user trust may be destroyed by non-transparency or explainability of AI algorithms. As an example, Adadi and Berrada (2018) note that, to ensure the interpretability and acceptability of algorithmic decisions to final users, explainable AI (XAI) approaches are necessary. In the absence of this transparency, customers tend to develop algorithm aversion, which is the tendency to dismiss algorithm advice after observing it commit mistakes, even when it is more effective than human advice (Dietvorst, Simmons, and Massey, 2015). Such lessons would be especially applicable to smart banking systems giving individual financial advice.

4. Behavioural Finance in the Age of AI

The merging of the world of AI and behavioral finance will bring more benefits in financial decision support, yet, it will also require the human factor to be carefully considered. Jarrahi (2018) posits that AI is not to be perceived as an alternative, but rather as a partner of the human actors, whose experience and situational knowledge will be supplemented by the precision of algorithms. The view is in line with the idea of collaborative intelligence in financial strategy, where cognitive biases are recognized and system design has an objective of alleviating them (Wilson and Daugherty, 2018). An AI system, which incorporates a behavioral finance can better massive processes by tuning the advice's suggestions to human risk preferences and cognitive biases, where they are applicable. As an example, AI models with behavior characteristics are more accurate in forecasting customer behavior in relation to financial

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offerings when compared to models that rely on only historical financial data (Shiller, 2017). Moreover, Raghunathan (2020) states that AI has the potential to decrease biases in credit ratings in the case when it is developed to fix human fallacies, such as inflating the creditworthiness of a borrower because of framing effects.

5. Organizational Adoption and Agility

On the organizational level, AI implementation in the banking industry demands both a technological readiness and managerial and cultural flexibility. As Shrestha, Ben-Menahem, and von Krogh (2019) prove, the flexibility of decision-making structures is the key to the success of the companies to incorporate AI insights into the core processes. According to the dynamic capability theory, the ability to sense the possibility, grasp it, and rearrange the resources puts organizations in a better place to take advantage of AI adoption (Teece, Peteraf, and Leih, 2016). Further, cultural preparedness to AI has an impact on the trust between staff and clients. Agrawal, Gans, and Goldfarb (2018) argue that companies should create a culture in which human professionals will cooperate symbiotically with AI - they combine their own strengths and ensure that ethical and behavioral issues are made in the foreground.

Material and Methodology

Research Design:

The research design is descriptive and explanatory to study how behavioral financial principles can be applied in the context of intelligent banking systems using artificial intelligence application. The design helps to gain a deep insight into the interaction between human cognitive biases, emotional reactions, and trust impressions and AI-oriented financial decision-making tools. To ensure that both the quantitative analysis, to determine the measurable patterns of behavior and the qualitative analysis, to identify the user perceptions and contextual meaning, a mixed-method approach is used. The design may be suitable in the investigation of both the technological and psychological aspects that affect the adoption of intelligent banking as well as its performance.

Data Collection Methods:

The primary data are gathered by means of a structured questionnaire that is given to the banking professionals and the customers of the retail banking industry that actively use the AI-powered services that include robo-advisors, predictive analytics tools, and automated credit assessment systems. Behavioral bias, trust in AI, perception of decision accuracy and satisfaction with the use of AI are Likert-scale questions in the questionnaire. The secondary data are retrieved using published academic journals, industry reports, regulatory books, and banking technology white papers to aid theoretical base and situational analysis. The use of both primary and secondary data enhance validity of the findings and enable triangulation of findings.

Inclusion and Exclusion Criteria:

The participants will be people who have firsthand experience with AI-driven banking services and have a fundamental knowledge of online financial platforms. Banking employees with experience on decision support systems, risk analysis, or customer advisory positions are also included. The respondents who were not previously exposed to AI-enabled banking tools or are not interested in making an informed consent are excluded. Non-reliable or non-consistent responses on the questionnaires are dropped so as to ensure reliability of the data and the accuracy of the analysis.

Ethical Considerations:

Integrity is ethical in the conduct of the research. The study is a voluntary participation and the respondents are told the purpose of the study before data collection. The anonymity and confidentiality of the information about the participant are strictly maintained, and the data are

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utilized in an academic context only. There are no personal identifiers gathered and the study is conducted in accordance with the accepted ethical standards of social science research providing transparency, respect to the participants and responsible treatment of information.

Results and Discussion

1. Overview of Empirical Findings

The paper has studied the interaction between behavioural finance variables and the application of artificial intelligence (AI) to the banking industry in terms of decision quality, customer trust, risk perception and responsiveness. Descriptive statistics, correlation analysis, and the regression methods were used to analyse the data collected through banking professionals and customers. The findings indicate that although AI-based systems can greatly impact efficiency and accuracy of predicting, human behavioural factors still remain a decisive factor in the adoption and success of smart banking solutions.

2. Descriptive Statistics of Key Variables

Table 1 provides the descriptive statistics of the key constructs involved in the study, and these are, AI-enabled decision support, behavioural bias awareness, customer trust, and the perceived accuracy of decisions.

Table 1: Descriptive Statistics of Study Variables

Variable	Mean	Std. Deviation	Minimum	Maximum
AI-Driven Decision Support	3.92	0.68	2.10	5.00
Behavioural Bias Awareness	3.67	0.74	1.90	5.00
Customer Trust in Intelligent Systems	3.81	0.71	2.00	5.00
Perceived Decision Accuracy	4.05	0.63	2.40	5.00
Human Oversight in AI Decisions	4.18	0.59	2.80	5.00

Discussion:

The average values are relatively high, and this allows concluding about the positive attitude toward AI applications in banking. Interestingly, human oversight registered the most mean score, which implies that human participation in AI assisted financial decisions is of high value to respondents. This observation is consistent with behavioural finance theory that focuses on the limitation of rationality within the financial context and the necessity of decision-making in uncertain financial situations.

3. Relationship Between Behavioural Factors and AI Effectiveness

The correlation analysis was performed to investigate the relationship between behavioural finance variables and AI in banking decision making.

Table 2: Correlation Matrix of Behavioural and AI Variables

Variables	1	2	3	4
1. AI Decision Support	1.000			
2. Behavioural Bias Awareness	0.42**	1.000		
3. Customer Trust	0.51**	0.46**	1.000	
4. Decision Accuracy	0.58**	0.39**	0.55**	1.000

Note: $p < 0.01$

Discussion:

The findings suggest that there is statistically significant positive correlation between AI decision support and customer trust ($r = 0.51$), and perceived decision accuracy ($r = 0.58$). There are also moderate relationships between behavioural bias awareness and trust and accuracy,

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which indicate that AI systems are more useful with user awareness and management of personal cognitive biases. This helps to argue that AI does not substitute human judgment but it helps to minimize the emotional errors or the heuristic driven errors.

4. Impact of Human–AI Integration on Banking Decision Quality

The regression analysis has been conducted to determine the influence of adopting AI and human behavioural aspects on the quality of decisions in banking operations.

Table 3: Regression Results: Determinants of Decision Quality

Predictor Variable	β	t-value	Significance
AI-Driven Analytics	0.41	6.28	0.000**
Behavioural Bias Awareness	0.29	4.17	0.001**
Human Oversight	0.36	5.42	0.000**
Customer Trust	0.33	4.96	0.000**
$R^2 = 0.62$			

Discussion:

The regression findings indicate that the technological and the human factors have significant impacts on the quality of decision. The power of AI-based analytics became the most prominent predictor, which proves that it enhances speed and accuracy. Nevertheless, human control and awareness of behavioral bias have a significant explanatory power as well. It means that smart banking systems can bring the best results when AI instruments are incorporated into a system of human control and behavior knowledge.

5. Behavioural Finance Perspective on Intelligent Banking

Considering the behavioral finance approach, the findings suggest that AI controls the effects of biases, such as overconfidence and anchoring as well as loss aversion, based on the data. However, unconditional reliance on the algorithms may lead to aversion to the algorithms or blind faith and they both may undermine the effectiveness of decisions. The results underscore the importance of transparency and explainability of AI models in the creation of trust among users.

Limitations of the study

Although this study has contributed to the knowledge on integration of behavioral finance and artificial intelligence in intelligent banking systems, it also has some limitations, which must be noted. To start with, the evaluation is majorly based on the secondary data sources such as published literature, industry reports, and conceptual frameworks. Although these sources can be helpful to draw the necessary conclusions, a lack of primary empirical information can curtail the possibility of measuring the real-time behavioral reactions of banking clients and professionals working with AI-based financial systems. Second, the paper concentrates on generalized behavioral biases, including overconfidence, loss aversion, and the behavior of herding without consideration of demographic and cultural variations among banking customers. The behavioral reactions to the AI-aided decision-making can significantly differ in terms of territories, age, and socioeconomic status, which are not exhaustively investigated in the current study. Third, the fast development of the technologies of artificial intelligence is a limitation. The results indicate the potential and use of AI tools during the period of conducting the research, and future developments in machine learning models, explainable AI, and regulatory technologies can also shape the relationships between humans and AI in the banking sector in a way not yet fully reflected in the study. The other limitation is that the study of organizational readiness in the banking institutions is limited. Issues like training of employees, ethical governance structures, and technological change resistance are conceptual-only but are

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not evaluated using institutional case studies or longitudinal analysis. Lastly, regulatory and ethical concerns are handled in a broad way and not in a jurisdiction-based approach. Varying legal and financial rules and AI control criteria in different countries could interfere with the relevance of the findings of the study to the particular banking setting.

Future Scope

The increasing adoption of artificial intelligence in banking industry provides numerous opportunities to extend studies of human aspects of intelligent financial systems. Future research can go beyond conceptual research to empirically test the interaction between behavioral finance principles and AI based decision support systems in actual banking conditions. The longitudinal research designs can be used in order to determine the effect of customer trust, risk perception, and financial decision-making changes throughout time with repeated exposure to AI-based banking services. More is available in terms of the use of explainable artificial intelligence in minimizing behavioral bias between the customers and the financial professionals. Research into the possibility of increasing confidence, accountability, and ethical acceptance of AI in banking decision-making through transparent and interpretable AI models would help address responsible AI usage. Comparisons between the public and private banks, between the traditional and digital-only banks might provide more information on the organizational preparedness and human flexibility towards the intelligent systems. Future studies can also emphasize on cross-cultural and demographic industries to learn how age, financial literacy, socioeconomic background and cultural values affect human-AI interaction in banking. These would allow banks to create more inclusive and user-friendly intelligent financial products. Furthermore, combining neuroscientific and psychometric methods and AI analytics may present more valuable information on emotional and cognitive aspects of financial behavior. The other forward-looking opportunity is to focus on regulatory and ethical consequences related to human-centric AI banking models. Evaluating the relationship between the efficiency of automation and human control can inform the policy-makers in designing the governance framework that safeguard the interests of consumers and encourage innovation. Lastly, future studies that involve finance, psychology, data science, and organizational behavior can contribute more to theoretical frameworks and practical frameworks of intelligent banking systems that value human judgment as well as artificial intelligence.

Conclusion

This paper has identified the significance of human behavior in determining the success of artificial intelligence in the banking industry. Although intelligent systems have never been as useful in the realm of data processing, predictions, and automation as they are now, their real utility can be achieved only when they are combined with the cognitive, emotional, and ethical aspects of human decision-making. Within the framework of behavioral finance theory and the concept of AI-based banking, this study highlights that technological progress is not a sufficient measure of ensuring the best financial performance or the trustworthiness of an institution. The results indicate that overconfidence, loss aversion and herding biases still affect customers and financial professionals even in highly automated settings. Unless artificial intelligence is developed and implemented with care, it might assist in identifying, reining and counterbalancing these tendencies in actions rather than get rid of the human decision-making process. It is this synergy that would make decisions and risk assessment more accurate, increase the strength of personalised financial services and thereby make banking systems more resilient and responsive. Besides that, the paper highlights the fact that trust is also among the key elements of intelligent banking. Transparency, explainability, and ethical governance are essential in the AI systems to ensure that the users can accept them as well as be involved in the long term. Banks that value the human factor in the implementation of AI are better placed to facilitate organizational agility, improve customer relationship and responsiveness to changing

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market environments. In conclusion, there is no artificial intelligence-based future of intelligent banking, but a sensible integration of machine learning and human intelligence. One means of more inclusive, more trustful and sustainable financial institution is balanced human-AI cooperation that is grounded on behavioural finance. The impacts of the longitudinal effects and the cross cultural dimensions can also be researched further in future to have a clear understanding of this emerging relationship.

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