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Abstract

This study explores the role of Artificial Intelligence (AI) in shaping consumer trust in Fintech and Insurtech. As digital finance expands, understanding trust dynamics is critical for businesses, regulators, and consumers. This research aims to develop and validate a unified trust model applicable to both Fintech and Insurtech. Utilizing a mixed-methods approach, the study combines qualitative interviews with industry experts and a quantitative survey of 1,000 respondents. The findings indicate that perceived efficiency and transparency significantly influence AI trust, while data security concerns persist. This thesis provides theoretical insights and practical recommendations for fostering trust in AI-driven financial services.

INTRODUCTION

The financial services industry has undergone a technological revolution, with AI playing a pivotal role in automating processes, enhancing decision-making, and optimizing risk assessment. Fintech and Insurtech companies leverage AI-driven solutions such as chatbots, blockchain, and machine learning algorithms to offer seamless services. Despite these advancements, consumer trust remains a fundamental concern, as AI-driven decisions often lack transparency, and concerns about data privacy persist. This thesis examines the factors influencing consumer trust in AI-powered financial services.

The primary focus of this study is to construct and assess a model that focuses on customer trust within Fintech and Insurtech by studying the influence of contextual elements and AI on trust within the two industries. The study proposes to answer whether a single model can accommodate the dynamics of trust in Fintech and Insurtech by analyzing and differentiating the core parameters of trust in these two industries. It hopes to contribute to bridging the gap in the literature with a solid model backed by empirical evidence that encompasses institutional, technological, psychological, and sociological factors of trust.

The study seeks to address the following research questions: What is the structure of trust in Fintech? What is the structure of trust in Insurtech? How do AI technologies influence consumer trust in financial services? What strategies can be employed to enhance consumer trust in AI-driven finance? The research employs Multigroup SEM (MGA-SEM) to focus on the

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formation of consumer trust with regards to sociocultural parameters, personal disposition, trust in financial and insurance institutions, as well as trust in AI and related technologies.

This research contributes to existing literature by integrating multiple disciplines, including psychology, sociology, and technology adoption models, to propose a unified trust framework. It also provides practical implications for financial institutions, regulatory bodies, and AI developers.

LITERATURE REVIEW

With advancements in technology such as AI, revolutions are being created in the Insurtech and Fintech ecosystems, offering numerous benefits such as simplified processes and personalized services. For instance, Fintech can approve loans within seconds based on user behavior, even for users who may not fit traditional criteria, such as students or users of Klarna-like services. Insurtech uses AI-powered sensors and other devices to automatically process insurance claims, sometimes without the client even submitting one. Despite these advances, consumer trust plays a significant role in the adoption of these technologies. Trust matters because AI systems often replace direct interactions, unlike before when insurance agents would visit homes in person. Additionally, since these systems rely heavily on technology, customers worry about potential data mistakes or misuse.

Several factors affect whether people trust AI systems: personal trust tendencies, social influences, faith in the service company, and trust in AI technology. These trust-building factors play a key role in Fintech and Insurtech. Studies show both sectors rely on the same trust model, which is significant since many companies offer both services through single platforms or apps.

For example, when applying for a loan online, AI checks spending habits and provides an instant answer. Similarly, if a sensor detects a broken pipe, an insurance claim might start automatically without the need for a phone call. While these tools are convenient, consumers may still wonder if they can trust AI to make fair decisions and whether their private details will remain secure. To increase adoption, these concerns must be addressed.

Current studies do not delve deeply enough into whether a single framework can explain trust in Fintech and Insurtech. This lack of depth led researchers to ask: How crucial is trust in Fintech? How essential is trust in Insurtech? The study uncovered four main factors that shape trust in these systems: personal trust inclinations, community sway, faith in the service company, and belief in AI technology.

Personal trust inclinations are rooted in past experiences. For example, someone familiar with digital assistants might be more open to trusting AI in financial or insurance matters. Community sway refers to views shaped by family or society. For instance, a friend's caution about data abuse could make someone skeptical of Fintech or Insurtech firms. Faith in the service company refers to beliefs about the reliability of the service provider, such as a bank or insurance company. Belief in AI technology refers to ideas about AI formed by earlier interactions. For example, someone unhappy with AI chatbots might hesitate to use AI for financial or insurance decisions.

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A key finding is that since Fintech and Insurtech are frequently combined into a single business or app, the same trust model holds true for both. This is an important realization, as consumers may purchase insurance and manage their accounts via a single app. Businesses can cultivate customer trust across a variety of services using this unified trust model.

RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

This chapter describes the methodology followed in studying the role of InsurTech innovation in transforming the insurance industry on a global scale. The study employs a mixed-methods approach, combining quantitative questionnaires with qualitative in-depth interviews to analyze customer confidence, regulatory responses, regulatory barriers, and digital uptake of insurance.

The quantitative component involves a survey of 1,000 respondents, focusing on users of InsurTech solutions such as usage-based insurance, automated claims, or risk assessment using AI. The survey uses Likert scale questions to gauge patterns of adoption, attitudes towards InsurTech solutions, and opinions on usefulness and usability. Demographic data such as income, age, and education are also collected to understand their role in adoption patterns.

The qualitative component involves semi-structured interviews with industry leaders, InsurTech innovators, and regulatory officials. These interviews provide insights into the challenges traditional insurers face when using InsurTech solutions, how regulatory systems facilitate or inhibit the growth of Insurtech, and future trends such as blockchain, AI, and IoT in transforming insurance.

The study uses a stratified random sampling procedure to ensure coverage in major markets such as North America, Europe, Asia-Pacific, Africa, and Latin America. The sample is segmented based on differences in technology uptake between different generations, with a 95% confidence level and a margin of error.

FINDINGS AND DISCUSSION

The dataset for this study comprises survey data and demographic information on the perception of InsurTech, encompassing 25 fields and 151 responses. The average age of respondents is 29.8 years, with the majority falling within the 24-34 age group. This demographic is particularly relevant as it represents a tech-savvy generation that is more likely to adopt digital financial services. In terms of gender distribution, the majority of respondents are male (121), while 29 are female. Employment status data reveals that 99 respondents are full-time workers, 29 are unemployed, 15 are self-employed, and 7 are part-time workers. Additionally, one respondent is retired. Regarding education, 75 respondents hold a bachelor's degree, 56 hold a master's degree, and 18 have other educational qualifications. This distribution suggests that the respondents are relatively well-educated, which may influence their openness to adopting new technologies like InsurTech.

The survey responses provide valuable insights into consumer attitudes toward InsurTech. A significant portion of respondents (75) agree with the use of InsurTech, while 37 strongly agree. Similarly, 76 respondents agree, and 36 strongly agree with preferring InsurTech over traditional insurance. These figures indicate a generally positive attitude toward InsurTech, with a substantial number of respondents recognizing its benefits over conventional insurance

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methods. When it comes to data security, 63 respondents agree, and 32 strongly agree that InsurTech provides adequate data security, while 31 remain neutral. This suggests that while many consumers trust InsurTech with their data, a notable portion remains cautious, highlighting the importance of addressing data security concerns to further boost consumer confidence.

Regarding AI-based decision fairness, 67 respondents agree, 36 are neutral, and 25 strongly agree. This indicates that while a majority of respondents believe AI-driven decisions in InsurTech are fair, there is still a segment of the population that remains uncertain or skeptical. This skepticism could stem from concerns about algorithmic bias or a lack of transparency in how AI systems make decisions. Addressing these concerns through clearer communication and more transparent AI processes could help increase trust in AI-driven InsurTech solutions.

Correlation analysis reveals several important relationships between different variables. Trust in InsurTech is positively correlated with perceived reliability, ease of learning, and ease of use. This suggests that consumers are more likely to trust InsurTech platforms that they perceive as reliable, easy to learn, and user-friendly. The preference for InsurTech over traditional insurance is strongly correlated with recommendations for InsurTech, perceived usefulness, and trust in regulation. This indicates that consumers who find InsurTech useful and trust the regulatory framework governing it are more likely to prefer it over traditional insurance methods. Additionally, data security concerns are linked to fears of mistakes made by AI and the perceived ease of using mobile apps for insurance. This highlights the importance of ensuring that AI systems are accurate and that mobile apps are user-friendly to alleviate data security concerns.

The adoption rate of InsurTech is notably high, with 92.45% of respondents indicating a preference for using or preferring to use InsurTech. This high adoption rate underscores the growing acceptance of digital insurance solutions among consumers. The strongest driver of adoption is perceived usefulness, followed by ease of use and trust. These findings validate the Technology Acceptance Model (TAM), which posits that perceived usefulness and ease of use are key determinants of technology adoption. The results suggest that InsurTech platforms that are perceived as useful and easy to use are more likely to be adopted by consumers. Furthermore, trust plays a crucial role in adoption, indicating that building consumer trust is essential for the widespread adoption of InsurTech.

The findings also suggest that advances in usability can further increase adoption rates. InsurTech platforms that are intuitive and easy to navigate are more likely to attract and retain users. Additionally, addressing data security concerns and ensuring the fairness and transparency of AI-driven decisions can help build consumer trust and drive adoption. These insights have important implications for InsurTech developers and insurers, who should focus on enhancing the usability, security, and transparency of their platforms to attract a broader user base.

In summary, the findings indicate that consumer trust in InsurTech is influenced by perceived reliability, ease of use, and the perceived usefulness of the platform. Data security concerns and

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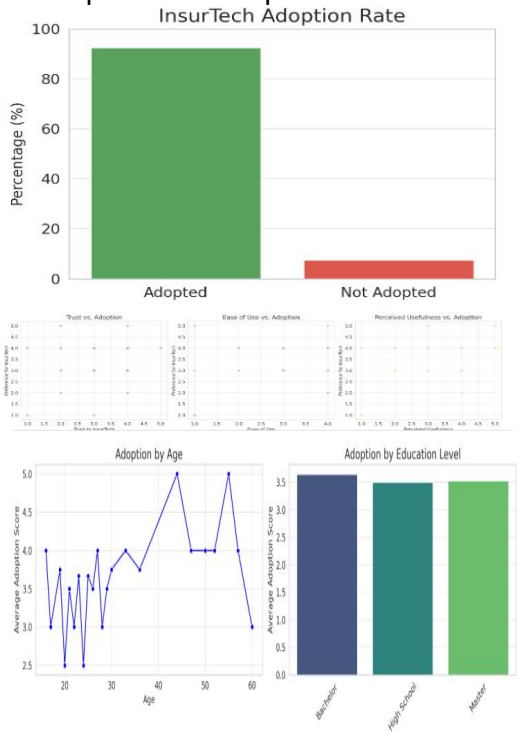
the fairness of AI-driven decisions also play a significant role in shaping consumer attitudes toward InsurTech. The high adoption rate of InsurTech suggests that digital insurance solutions are becoming increasingly popular, but there is still room for improvement in terms of usability, security, and transparency. By addressing these issues, InsurTech providers can further enhance consumer trust and drive the adoption of their platforms.



CONCLUSION

This study examines the construction of customer trust in Fintech and Insurtech, particularly the role of contextual factors and AI on consumer trust in these industries. As digital finance expands globally, trust plays a crucial role for businesses, regulators, and consumers in AI-driven transactions. The research combines insights from institutional, technological, psychological, and sociological perspectives to explore whether a unified trust model can apply to Fintech and Insurtech.

The study's key findings indicate that trust in Fintech and Insurtech is influenced by personal trust inclinations, social influences, faith in the service company, and belief in AI technology. The unified trust model demonstrates that the same trust structure can be applied to both Fintech and Insurtech, as these services are often provided through the same channels. AI's role in trust is significant, with data privacy, algorithmic bias, and fairness of AI-driven decisions remaining key concerns.

Theoretical implications of this research include broadening the scope of prevailing trust theories by incorporating AI-specific trust factors and offering an interdisciplinary approach that combines technology adoption, psychology, and sociology. Practical implications include the

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need for businesses to develop AI technologies that enhance security, equity, and transparency to establish customer trust. Regulators should implement ethical AI regulations to safeguard consumer interests, and marketers should address AI-related issues in their communication strategies to increase customer engagement.

Limitations of the study include its geographic scope, which does not adequately capture regional variations in digital trust, and the rapidly changing AI environment, which requires frequent model updates. Future research should conduct cross-cultural studies to compare trust dynamics in different locations, employ longitudinal studies to investigate how AI trust changes over time, and explore trust in other AI-driven sectors such as retail and healthcare.

In conclusion, trust will continue to be the cornerstone of customer uptake as AI revolutionizes the finance and insurance sectors. This study provides a strong foundation for understanding trust in AI-based financial services, offering valuable insights for businesses, policymakers, and researchers. By promoting transparency, ethical AI development, and client participation, stakeholders can ensure the viability and uptake of Fintech and Insurtech services in the future.

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