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Analysing the Impact of Technology Adoption on Insurance Pricing and Risk Management

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Abstract-**Technological** transformation has revolutionized the global insurance industry by redefining how risks are assessed, priced, and managed. The integration of Artificial Intelligence (AI), Big Data analytics, Blockchain, and the Internet of Things (IoT) has enabled insurers to improve underwriting accuracy, reduce claim fraud, and design personalized pricing models. This study examines the impact of technology adoption on insurance pricing and risk management, emphasizing how these innovations reshape traditional practices. The research employs secondary data analysis from regulatory reports, industry publications, and academic sources between 2015 and 2025. Findings reveal that while technology enhances operational efficiency and predictive accuracy, challenges persist in data privacy, cybersecurity, and algorithmic bias. The paper concludes that a balanced framework combining digital transformation with ethical governance is essential for sustainable insurance growth.

Keywords: Insurance technology, Risk management, Pricing models, Artificial Intelligence, Big Data analytics, Blockchain, InsurTech.

I. INTRODUCTION

Technology adoption has become a driving force in the modernization of the insurance sector. Traditionally, insurance pricing and risk assessment relied heavily on actuarial models and historical data. However, the emergence of digital technologies such as AI, machine learning, IoT, and blockchain has transformed these processes into data-driven, predictive systems. According to IRDAI (2024), more than 70% of insurance companies in India have integrated digital solutions for underwriting, claims, and customer service. This paper explores how the adoption of these technologies affects both the pricing strategies and risk management frameworks within the insurance industry.

II. LITERATURE REVIEW

2.1 Theoretical Background

The adoption of technology in insurance aligns with the principles of information asymmetry reduction and risk optimization. As noted by Porter (2018), digital transformation enhances operational competitiveness by enabling real-time decision-making. AI and Big Data analytics play a critical role in processing massive datasets to identify trends and assess individual risk levels with greater precision. IoT devices, such as telematics and wearable sensors, generate continuous data streams that allow insurers to develop usage-based pricing models.

2.2 Empirical Insights

Deloitte (2023) and PwC (2024) report that the integration of digital analytics has improved underwriting accuracy by 25–30% in most major insurers. Sharma and Verma (2022) emphasize that AI-driven dynamic pricing enables insurers to adjust premiums based on real-time behavioral data. Blockchain technology ensures transparency and prevents fraudulent claims by maintaining tamperproof records. However, Liu (2024) warns that algorithmic bias may distort fairness in premium calculations, especially when AI models are trained on limited or biased datasets.

2.3 Research Gaps

While extensive research explores digital transformation in financial services, relatively few studies focus on the combined influence of AI, IoT, and blockchain on both insurance pricing and risk management—particularly within developing economies like India.

III. METHODOLOGY

This research adopts a descriptive and analytical approach, using secondary data collected from IRDAI reports, global insurance white papers, and peer-reviewed journals between 2015 and 2025. Data analysis focuses on identifying patterns and challenges associated with technological adoption in insurance pricing and risk assessment.

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IV. DISCUSSION

4.1 Artificial Intelligence in Pricing and Underwriting

AI-driven predictive models enable insurers to analyze diverse data points, such as customer demographics, health indicators, and behavioral trends. These models reduce pricing errors and improve underwriting efficiency, resulting in customized premium structures.

4.2 Big Data and Risk Prediction

Big Data analytics enhances risk forecasting by integrating information from multiple sources, including social media, transaction records, and IoT sensors. This allows for more accurate loss predictions and proactive risk mitigation strategies.

4.3 Blockchain and Fraud Prevention

Blockchain introduces decentralized, tamper-proof ledgers that ensure data integrity across insurers, reinsurers, and customers. This minimizes fraud, reduces claim processing time, and builds customer trust.

4.4 IoT and Real-Time Risk Management

IoT devices—ranging from connected cars to health monitors—collect continuous data on policyholders. This facilitates dynamic pricing models, where premiums reflect actual risk exposure and behavior.

4.5 Challenges of Technology Adoption

Despite the benefits, several challenges hinder largescale adoption: data privacy and security, algorithmic bias, regulatory limitations, and high integration costs.

V. FINDINGS

- Technology adoption significantly improves pricing precision and risk assessment.
- Blockchain and IoT enhance transparency and data reliability.
- AI improves underwriting efficiency but raises ethical concerns.
- Cybersecurity and data protection remain critical barriers to full digital transformation.

VI. CONCLUSION

The adoption of emerging technologies has fundamentally reshaped the insurance industry's

approach to pricing and risk management. Insurers leveraging AI, Big Data, and blockchain have achieved greater predictive accuracy and operational efficiency. However, ethical, regulatory, and technical challenges persist. Balancing technological innovation with robust governance, transparency, and consumer protection is vital for ensuring fair and sustainable insurance practices.

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