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Harnessing Machine Learning and AI to Analyze the Impact of Digital Finance on Urban Economic Resilience in the USA

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Abstract

In recent years, the urban economies in the United States have witnessed the entry of digital finance as a revolutionary force, significantly transforming the way economic activity and the conduct of financial transactions are accomplished. This study discusses the increasing influence of digital finance, in the shapes of cell phone-based banking, fintech innovations, and digital means of making payments, in urban economic resilience. This research project deployed the tools of machine learning and artificial intelligence to analyze the impact of digital finance on the construction of urban economic resilience. The overall research objective is to develop predictive models to assess the economic adaptability and financial solidity in major American metropolises, considering the various urban area-specific traits and the various ways digital finance is used. The dataset captured a vast pool of digital finance transaction data, economic indicators, and economic health parameters to research the urban economic resilience nexus and the effect of digital finance. The digital finance transaction data captured parameters, including the size of the transactions, the type of the transactions (for instance, investments, payments), and the users' profile, from various fintech applications employed to carry out mobile banking and digital payments. The dataset was accompanied by the economic indicators extracted from the fiscal documents of the government to provide macroeconomic trends, including GDP rate, employment rate, and inflation. In the first stage of the analysis, we centered around the selective selection of the most significant economic and financial indicators, the selection of which is essential in comprehending the economic resilience dynamics. The indicators used are digital transactions, access to credit, GDP growth, the rate of unemployment, and the inflation rate because, through them, the overall economic climate could be comprehensively reviewed. We employed three machine learning algorithms for model selection to provide a detailed investigation into economic resilience, notably, Logistic Regression, Random Forest, and XG-Boost algorithms. The results from the Random Forest Classifier reveal a significant improvement in predictive performance over the baseline Logistic Regression model, achieving an impressive accuracy score. Equally, the results from the XG-Boost Classifier indicated that it is the second most accurate model for predicting urban economic resilience, with a relatively high accuracy score closely following the Random Forest Classifier. The integration of artificial intelligence (AI) in urban fiscal planning offers tremendous promise to support decision-making and optimal use of available funds. Through the algorithms in AI, city planners, and fiscal administrators are in a position to scan vast amounts of data to uncover trends and patterns that are less evident through conventional means.

Keywords: *Digital Finance, Machine Learning, AI, Economic Resilience, Urban Economy, Financial Inclusion, USA.*

Introduction

According to Jui et al. (2023), the rise in digital finance has been revolutionary, greatly influencing the urban financial scene in the United States. Digital finance encompasses a wide variety of services and tools, from mobile apps and fintech apps to various digital networks, all working to achieve a more accessible, efficient, and inclusive financial system. Urban settlements, normally characterized by diverse populations and economic activity, have found themselves at the forefront of the transformation (Rock, 2023). The use and availability of smartphones and the internet opened the world to residents and businesses, driving the

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competitive and innovative forces in the financial market. This, in turn, has seen market entry by many fintech businesses and digital banking products and services, all centered around the unique needs of urban populations (Al Montaser et al., 2025)

Rana et al. (2025) asserted that despite the favorable prospects in the domain of digital finance, economic resilience remains the most crucial, particularly in the case of monetary uncertainties resulting from various reasons, such as economic downturns, inflationary trends, and global market disturbances. Economic resilience, in this sense, refers to the capacity of urban economies to resist, adapt to, and recover from adverse monetary situations. Islam et al. (2024b) articulated that the relationship between economic resilience and digital finance is complex, whereby the latter could augment and also impair the former based on how it's implemented and applied. For instance, while the deployment of digital finance could enhance the availability of monetary funds and facilitate the conduct of monetary affairs, it could also expose urban economies to new risks, such as cyber threats and added volatility in the monetary market (Shafik, 2024).

Problem Statement

Zeeshan et al. (2024) contended that regardless of the rising appreciation of the worth of digital finance, orthodox economic models are unable to capture the dynamic contributions of the same to urban economies. Conventional economic models are founded on historical trends and linear relationships, and the resulting models are unable to capture the nuances involved in the interactions between economic resilience and the use of digital finance (Singh & Nayar, 2024). Conventional models, for example, are unable to capture the rate at which the rate of technological progress accelerates, the differential rate at which various segments of the population use digital finance, and the local economic situations in various urban places. Conventional models are also unable to capture how the use of digital finance offers opportunities to enhance economic activity and the risks associated with it (Sizan et al., 2025a).

Consequently, as per Singh et al. (2024), there is an immediate need to formulate new strategies to capture the multifaceted implications of digital finance in urban economic resilience. The limitations in the standard models reinforce the necessity to use cutting-edge analytic tools, most significantly supplied by machine learning and artificial intelligence. The tools are in the position to examine vast and complex datasets, uncover latent patterns, and generate predictive outcomes to inform decision-making (Sumsuzoha et al., 2024). Through the use of the tools and techniques supplied by AI and machine learning, analysts and decision-makers are in the position to obtain a nuanced picture of the effect of digital finance on economic stability and adaptability in urban places (Shawon et al., 2024).

Research Objective

This paper utilizes the tools of machine learning and artificial intelligence to analyze the impact of digital finance on the construction of urban economic resilience. The overall research objective is to develop predictive models to assess the economic adaptability and financial solidity in major American metropolises, taking into consideration the various urban area-specific traits and the various ways in which digital finance is used. Based on the use of a combination of quantitative and qualitative datasets, the paper aims to determine the most crucial trends and relationships to provide useful insights into the nexus between economic resilience and digital finance.

Additionally, this research shall examine the promise of economic modeling by the use of AI to inform policymaking and financial planning strategies. Through the presentation of a wider image of the impacts of digital finance, the goal shall be to offer the tools required to inform the policymaker and the financial institutions through the complexities in the urban economic landscapes. Ultimately, the goal shall be to inform the making of more resilient urban economies to adapt to the disruptions in the world of finance and to seize the opportunities presented by the use of digital finance.

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Scope and Relevance

The scope of the research shall be major American cities, the rate at which they are embracing digital finance, and the resulting economic resilience. By focusing on urban places, the research shall be in a position to fully capture the challenges and opportunities presented in the urban places. The research shall use the algorithms in machine learning to compare different sources of data, such as economic metrics, population details, and patterns in the use of digital finance, to provide evidence-based recommendations to guide the policymaker and practitioner. The relevance also lies outside the academic world; it also possesses practical implications among urban planners, policymakers, and the financial community.

As urban centers continue to experience the effects of economic disruptions—driven by global events such as the COVID-19 pandemic—information about the contributions of digital finance to economic resilience is more so. Through the introduction of a model to assess the effects of digital finance, the research hopes to inform the design of more effective strategies to increase economic adaptability and financial security in urban locales. In this regard, the findings from this paper shall be a useful guide to stakeholders who desire to adapt to the dynamism in the modern world and build resilient urban economies to survive future disruptions.

Literature Review

Digital Finance and Economic Resilience in the United States

As per Adeoye et al. (2024), the concept of digital finance picked up significant ground in the past few years, most significantly in the urban economies in the United States. Digital finance comprises a vast gamut of money services, most commonly through the use of technological developments in the form of fintech, smartphone-based applications, and digital means of payment. All this drastically reconfigured the way people and businesses engage in money services, making the experience efficient, accessible, and simple to use. Bello (2024) reported that the fintech businesses are leading the way in all this, from lending and investments through the web to the use of robo-advisors and cryptocurrency exchanges. The use of smartphone-based banking also comes into the picture, making people carry out money affairs from the phone, something that has become extremely significant in urban life, where convenience and speed are the most valued (Ohakawa et al., 2024).

The role of digital finance in economic resilience is multifaceted and most pronounced in economic downturn. Economic resilience refers to the capacity of an economy to resist, adapt, and recover from disruption, and the same can be accomplished by the use of digital finance. For instance, in an economic downturn, the use of digital finance provides people and businesses with the necessary funds to people and businesses who could otherwise gain them through conventional channels (Arfanuzzman, 2021). The use of digital payment mechanisms ensures efficient and smooth transactions, and so the businesses are in a position to maintain the money flow despite economic uncertainties. The use of the fintech platforms also typically utilizes the use of data analytics to provide customized money products to the urban populations based on specific demands, and so the use of the same ensures improved money decision-making and greater financial inclusion (Al-Raeei, 2024).

Barrie et al. (2024) demonstrated that one of the most significant contributions of the use of digital finance to economic resilience during crises is the ease that it provides to accommodate the changing economic situations. For example, during the COVID-19 crisis, many businesses found themselves forced to adapt to conducting business in the digital world in a bid to survive. The ease in the transition by businesses to the use of e-commerce, contactless payments, and distance-based services helped businesses sustain the delivery of services to clients, consequently minimizing the adverse impacts of the crisis. Challoumis (2024) added that the other benefit of the use of digital finance in economic resilience lies in the sense that economic trends and consumer patterns are easily studied and comprehended. This ease assists in the making and decision-making in terms of making the proper economic decisions.

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Traditional and AI-Based Economic Resilience Models

Dada et al. (2024) illustrated that the landscape of economic forecasting has long been dominated by models based on the use of historical trends and pre-specified parameters to project future economic outcomes. Traditional models typically rely on linear relationships and assumptions about the economic climate. The modern economy, and urban economies in general, are comprised of many nuances, and the shortcomings in the use of conventional models are significant (Pancholi & Shukla, 2025). A major limitation lies in the inability to capture the rate at which economic situations are in a state of flux, and in the case of a crisis, the pattern between demand and supply significantly shifts. Traditional models are often incapable of reflecting the multifaceted drivers of economic resilience, such as the rate at which technology develops, the trends in consumer patterns, and the availability of new financial tools (Islam et al., 2024a).

In contrast, economic models derived from AI offer a flexible and resilient mechanism to project the economy. According to Rahman et al. (2025), by applying the use of machine algorithms, the models are in a position to search through vast amounts of data from various sources, including economic signs, consumer sentiment, and trends in the use of digital currency. Machine algorithms offer the mechanism to recognize complex patterns and relationships, possibly undetectable by other means (Pellegrino & Stasi, 2025). For instance, by applying the use of supervised models, scientists are in a position to develop forecasting algorithms to assess the prospects of economic stability under various situations, making forecasting possible in timely and accurate ways. Furthermore, models derived from AI are in a position to learn from new data continually and, in the process, develop forecasting capabilities and accommodate the varying economic climate (Ridwan et al., 2024).

Shawon et al. (2024) held that one of the major strengths of AI-based strategies lies in the ability to assess financial risks. Conventional techniques in the area typically depend on stationary parameters, while AI models can use real-time parameters and dynamic parameters, providing a broader picture of the risks in the financial domain. For instance, machine algorithms can assess market trends, consumer patterns, and macroeconomic parameters in real time and provide feedback about possible weaknesses in the financial structure (Rock, 2023). This function holds great importance in urban economies, where the interactions among multiple parameters are liable to impact economic resistance. Sizan et al. (202a) articulated that through the use of AI in economic modeling, economic decision-making and monetary establishments are in a position to forecast and prepare in advance to face possible crises and, in turn, increase the overall solidity of urban economies.

Machine Learning in Economic and Financial Analysis

As per Sumsuzoha et al. (2024), the application of economic and financial analysis through the use of machine learning has become widely noted because it helps to increase predictive precision and offers greater insights into intricate economic trends. Decision trees and regression analysis are some examples of supervised models, and they are powerful tools to use in forecasting economic stability and economic resilience. The models use past data to train algorithms, and through them, the algorithms can recognize patterns and relationships and use them to inform future economic forecasting (Ogunseye et al., 2025). For example, scientists can use employment rate, consumer expenditure, and the use of digital money in models to project economic trends in urban regions. Through the use of processing capabilities in machine learning, analysts are in a position to produce detailed projections considering multiple influencing elements, and this helps to enhance the efficiency of economic forecasting (Zeeshan et al., 2024).

In addition to supervised learning, Leal et al. (2024), argue that Natural Language Processing (NLP) and sentiment analysis are also making inroads in decision-making in the world of finance. The application of NLP algorithms to the extraction and processing of text-based information from sources such as the news, social networks, and company documents gives analysts the tools to obtain market trends and consumer sentiment insights not accessible through standard quantitative means (Arfanuzzaman, 2021). A surge in adverse sentiment in a particular sector, say, could presage economic instability and prompt businesses and governments to undertake preventive measures. The integration of sentiment analysis and NLP into economic modeling represents a significant advance in the ability to assess economic resilience in urban

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centers, in particular, whose public sentiment could shift drastically in the face of external events (Bello, 2024).

Moreover, machine algorithms offer the promise to enhance the accuracy of economic analysis by providing conclusions at the hyper-local level. This function holds significant value in urban economies, in which the impacts of economic trends vary significantly between various districts and populations (Attah et al., 2024). By applying the use of geospatial data and machine algorithms, analysts can develop models to assess economic resilience in distinct urban places, making possible the deployment of intervention and policymaker responses. As urban economies become more and more intricate, the employment of the use of machine algorithms in economic and fiscal analysis will become essential in decision-making and overall economic stability (Bello, 2024).

Research Gaps

Notwithstanding the huge promise in the applications in economic modeling and the use of machine learning based on AI, significant research gaps remain to be addressed in the domain of urban economic resilience (Campbell, 2024). Perhaps the most immediate among them is the availability of models based on AI and urban economic resilience. Barrie et al. (2024) found that where there has been significant research in economic and digital finance in isolation, the intersection between the two lacks research. As urban economies become increasingly digitized, the interactions between economic resilience and the attendant innovations in the domain of digital finance are the most in demand to be comprehended in terms of the formulation of effective policy responses (Farhan et al., 2024).

According to Avickson (2023), future research ought to be centered around the building of models based on AI, based on economic and digital finance data, to provide a balanced picture of urban economic resilience. Additionally, there is also the necessity to develop real-time tools for forecasting based on the use of machine learning. Conventional economic forecasting techniques are based on past data, and this means responses to developing economic issues are delayed. Real-time forecasting tools based on the use of machine learning, in contrast, are based on current data and offer timely responses to possible economic disruptions (Chaloumis, 2024). Real-time forecasting tools based on the use of machine learning are what policymaker and financial institution decision-making circles would greatly benefit from in the face of the complexities in urban economies in a constantly developing world. Prioritizing the construction of real-time forecasting models by the researcher helps to increase the responsiveness to financial issues by stakeholders, leading to greater economic resilience in urban areas (Dada et al., 2024).

Data Collection and Exploration

Dataset Overview

The dataset captures a vast pool of digital finance transaction data, economic indicators, and economic health parameters to research the urban economic resilience nexus and the effect of digital finance. The digital finance transaction data captures parameters, including the size of the transactions, the type of the transactions (for instance, investments, payments), and the users' profile, from various fintech applications employed to carry out mobile banking and digital payments. This is accompanied by the economic indicators extracted from the fiscal documents of the government to provide macroeconomic trends, including GDP rate, employment rate, and inflation. The urban economic datasets also capture local economic health parameters, including the activity rate in businesses, consumer confidence, and income distribution. Through the merging of the different datasets, the dataset provides a powerful platform to research the effect of digital finance on economic stability and urban economic resilience.

Key Feature Selection

S/No	Feature/Attribute	Description
01.	**Transaction Volume**	This identifies the total volume of the overall transactions passed through the channels of digital

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		finance during a period, indicating the size and coverage of the urban population making use of digital finance services.
02.	**Transaction Type**	Segments the transactions into various types (for instance, payments, investments, lending, and remittance) to analyze the trends in the use of digital finance and ascertain what the most sought-after services are among the users.
03.	**User Demographics**	Gives details about the users' income, geographical location, gender, and age, and through this, the demographic study of the use of digital finance and the impact of various segments in the population.
04.	**GDP Growth Rate:**	The rate at which the urban area's gross domestic product grows year by year serves to assess the overall economic condition and resistance of the city.
05.	**Unemployment rate**	Refers to the proportion of the workforce unemployed and looking for jobs, reflecting the condition and status in the labor market and how they correlate to the use of digital finance.
06.	**Inflation Rate**	It computes the rate at which the general pricing level of all the goods and services is rising, lessening purchasing power and economic stability, and this is necessary for the determination of consumer behavior in the event of digital finance.
07.	**Consumer Confidence Index**	A survey-based measurement of the optimism and pessimism among people about their future economic status, how this influences expenditure and savings, and most significantly, the use of the services of digital finance.
08.	**Income Distribution Indicators**	Analyze the income distribution between different segments of the urban population to ascertain economic imbalances and assess how digital finance could influence financial inclusion and/or inequality.

Data Preprocessing

This code snippet in Python program performed the two standard preprocessing strategies applied to the data: dropping unwanted columns and imputation of the missing entries. The first operation identifies and removes the 'region,' 'adm,' and 'sou' columns from the data, presumably because they are found to be redundant and/or useless to the intended purpose. This dimension reduction could also increase model efficiency. The imputation of the missing entries in the second operation utilizes the column means. The SimpleImputer from the scikit-learn toolkit is employed to replace the missing entries (NaN) with the derived mean. This completes the data and gets the dataset ready to use in the event of further processing and/or model construction because most algorithms are incapable of dealing with the missing entries. The snippet prints the first few lines from the preprocessed dataset to uncover the impact of the preprocessing. It's also worth noting that the simple imputation by the mean could be inadequate, and other, more specialized imputation strategies could be necessary depending on the distribution of the data and the final use.

Exploratory Data Analysis (EDA)

Exploratory Data Analysis (EDA) is a research phase in the research process, during which datasets are summarized and analyzed to uncover patterns, trends, and relationships in the data, all before the beginning of proper modeling and hypothesis testing. Through the employment of techniques such as visualization,

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statistical summary, and transformation, EDA gives the researcher an appreciation of the structure and quality of the data, the location and characterization of the anomalies and the outliers, and the inspection of the distribution of the variables. Through the overall picture from EDA, the researcher is in a position to inform the analytic strategy to follow, in terms of model and methodology selection, and to check the assumptions are met. EDA serves lastly as a necessary starting point to enhance the quality and solidity of the research findings and to inform decision-making during the research.

Correlation Heatmap of Key Features

The implemented code snippet produces and prints a correlation heatmap from the Seaborn and Matplotlib Python packages. It first sets the plot's professional look and feel by calling sns.set_theme and sets the white grid background and light color palette. The size of the figures to be used in future plots is established by calling plt.rcParams. The meat of the snippet computes the correlation matrix from the data frame's data by calling data.corr(). This matrix is plotted as a heatmap by calling sns.heatmap, and the correlation coefficients are shown in the plot by calling the 'fmt' and 'fmt' arguments, displaying them to 2 decimal places. The cool, warm colormap gives a good sense of the colors, and a color bar (cbar=True) is added. The plot is shown in the shape of a square (square=True) to reflect the symmetries in the correlation matrix. The plot is finally titled, the x and y axes are labeled at an angle to avoid overlapping, and the layout is tight to avoid overlapping. Finally, the plot is shown by calling plt.show(). This plot helps to easily spot the highly correlated features, and this helps in tasks such as the selection of the most useful features and in determining the relationships in the dataset.

Output

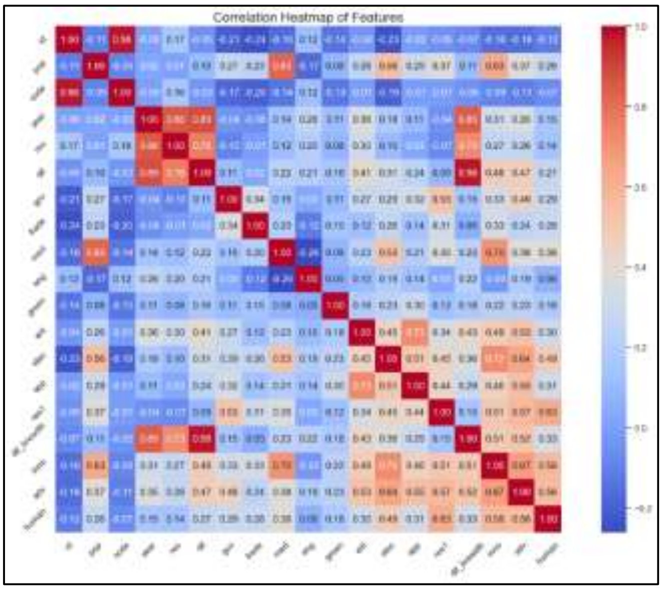

Figure 1. Correlation Heatmap of Features

The correlation heatmap above provides a good visualization tool to capture the magnitude and the directions between numerous features in the dataset in the form of color-coded correlation coefficients. The above heatmap's values are between 1 and -1, and the coefficients around 1 are indicative of a high positive correlation, around -1 are indicative of a high negative correlation, and around zero are indicative of zero to minimum linear association. For instance, there's a high positive correlation (0.98) between the features x1 and x2, reflecting the increase in the first feature in the same direction. The feature x3, in turn, also captures a high negative correlation (-0.24) between the feature x6, reflecting the increase in the first feature along with the decrease in the latter. The diagonal in the above heatmap comprises 1.00 because each feature correlates completely with itself. The above heatmap serves as a good tool in the hands of the

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researcher to point to the relationships to be studied and to guide the selection among the features in predictive modeling.

Distribution of Population and Digital Finance Index

The code script generated a pair of histograms to compare the distribution between 'population' and 'digital finance index' (dif) from a dataset. It utilizes the Matplotlib and Seaborn Python packages. The code establishes a figure with two subplots by invoking plt.subplots, defining 1 row and 2-column layout, and size 16 by 6 inches. The first subplot (axes[0]) represents the 'pop' column's distribution by invoking sns. histplot, in sky blue color, kernel density estimate (kde=True), and 30 bins. The title of the subplot is titled "Distribution of Population." The same trend follows in the case of the second subplot (axes[1]) to plot the 'dif' column's distribution in orange color, KDE, and 30 bins, titled "Distribution of Digital Finance Index (dif)." plt.tight_layout() ensures proper spacings between the subplots, and plt.show() prints the created plot. This plot gives a side-by-side comparison of the distribution between the two variables, resulting in each's patterns and possible relationships.

Output

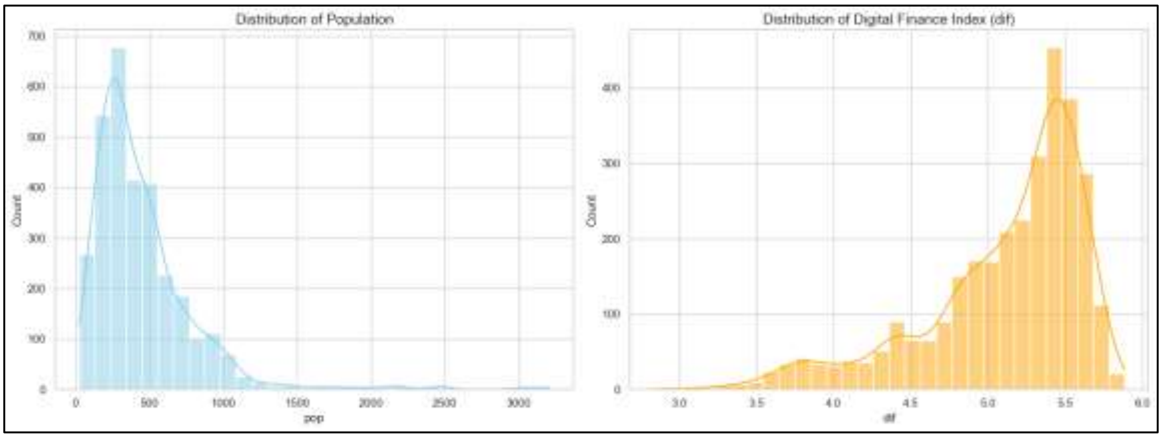

Figure 2. Distribution of Population and Digital Finance Index

The distribution charts to the left and the right are the frequency distributions of the most important variables, the size of the population (pop), and the Digital Finance Index (pdf). The population's distribution, in blue, is in the shape of a right-skew, indicating most urban locales are inhabited by less populated populations, and few urban locales are inhabited by considerably larger populations, possibly indicating urbanization trends or monopolization. The distribution, in orange, of the Digital Finance Index, in contrast, portrays a higher peak at the upper end, indicating many urban locales are embracing digital finance solutions to a greater extent. This trend to the upper end of the Digital Finance Index could be indicative of improved financial coverage and technological advances in the locales. The skew in the distribution in the two charts, interestingly, points to gaps possibly in the urban populations and the use of digital finance, and the locales to consider in terms of economic resilience and the measurement of financial health.

Trends of Digital Finance and Economic Resilience Over Time

The implemented code block provided a line plot to describe the trends in the 'digital finance index' (dif) and 'economic resilience' (res) over the years. It first calculates the yearly average of the two variables by the use of data.group by('year').mean() and assigns the result to avg_yearly. It gives a plot size of 12 by 6. It uses sns. Line plot to give two lines, 'dif' (blue, circles) and 'res' (green, squares), respectively, based on the 'year' from the 'avg yearly' data frame's index. The plot also gives the title "Trends of Digital Finance and Economic Resilience Over Time," 'Year' and 'Index Value' axis, and a legend to distinguish the lines. It also gives a grid to increase the readability and plt.tight_layout() to fit the labels in the figure area. It finally uses

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plt.show() to give the created line plot. This plot assists in the comparison of how 'digital finance' and 'economic resilience' have developed in the years and the determination of the possible correlation between the two variables in the years.

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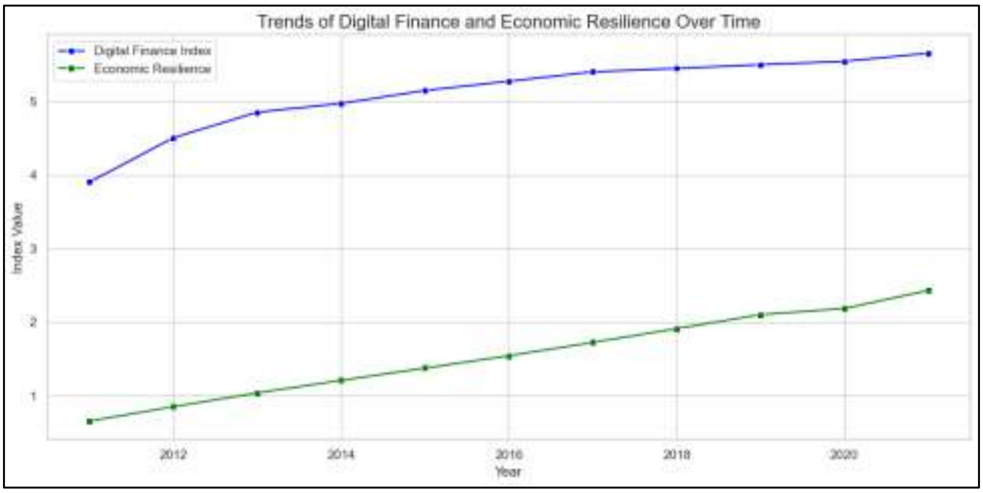

Figure 3. Trends of Digital Finance and Economic Resilience Over Time

The histogram showing trends in the Digital Finance Index and Economic Resilience from year to year identifies the major patterns between the two metrics from 2010 to 2020. The Digital Finance Index, in the color blue, trends upward in a consistent manner, from around 3.0 in 2010 to around 5.5 in 2020, indicating a significant increase in the use and integration of the use of digital finance solutions in urban areas. The Economic Resilience Index, in the color green, trends upward in a less steep manner, from around 1.0 to around 2.5 in the same period. This suggests the rate increase in economic resilience improvement to be slower relative to the rate increase in the use and integration of the use of digital finance solutions. The rate difference could suggest the promise in the use of the use of digital finance to enhance economic stability and also question the reasons the rate of economic resilience improvement remained slower. In general, the visualization suggests the need to further study the correlation between the two indices because the rate increase in the use and integration could be the driving force in developing economic resilience in urban areas.

Distribution of Digital Finance Breadth Across Years

The implemented code script generates a box plot to compare the 'digital finance breadth' (dif_breadth) distribution by year. It uses the Matplotlib and the Seaborn packages in Python. The code establishes a 12 by 6-inch size figure. It generates a box plot by invoking sns. Boxplot, positioning the 'year' column along the x and the 'dif_breadth' column along the y. The cool, warm palette provides a color scheme to the boxes. The plot is enhanced by the addition of a title, "Distribution of Digital Finance Breadth Across Years," and axis titles 'Year' and 'Digital Finance Breadth (dif breadth).' The x-axis tick labels are rotated 45 degrees to increase readability, and plt.tight_layout() ensures the labels fit in the figure. Finally, plt.show() generates the created box plot. This plot offers the means to compare the distribution (median, quartiles, outliers) of the breadth of digital finance by year and to observe trends or imbalances in breadth by year.

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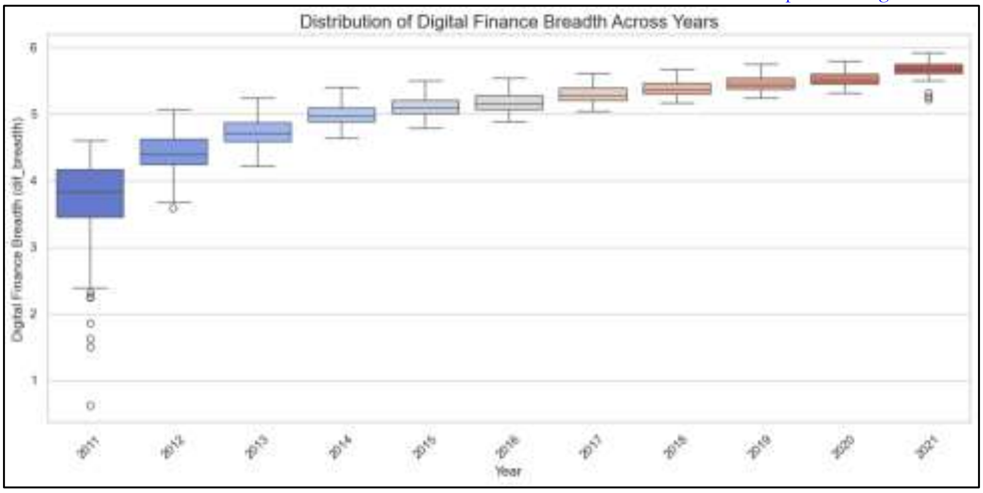

Figure 4. Distribution of Digital Finance Breadth Across Years

The histogram displaying the distribution of Digital Finance Breadth (dif_breadth) between the years 2011 and 2021 gives a good picture of trends in the uptake of digital finance throughout the decade. The boxes represent the interquartile range (IQR) and give the spread in the data, and the central line represents the median in each year. The boxplot also shows a steady increase in the median Digital Finance Breadth, reflecting the general increase in the uptake and incorporation of digital finance solutions throughout the years. The incidence of outliers in some years, most notably in 2021, suggests some urban localities have significantly exceeded the general breadth, possibly reflecting the improvement in technology or the focus on specific money-based initiatives. The narrowing IQR throughout the years also suggests the narrowing in the practices in the use of digital finance among urban localities, indicating the leading localities in the uptake are joined by others in the catchup. This visualization captures the 1426ncreasee in the prominence of the use of digital finance in economic models and the necessity to provide support and the formulation of policy to provide equality in the use in all urban localities.

Displays Distribution of Key Features

The computed code generated a two-by-three subplot layout to plot the distribution of some significant economic indicators 'pop' (population), 'dif' (digital finance index), 'res' (economic resilience), 'trade,' and 'gov' (assumed to represent government expenditure or governance). It uses Matplotlib and Seaborn in Python. The code establishes a two-by-three subplot layout in size 18 by 12. It continues to plot each item in the list in a separate subplot. SNS. histplot gives the histogram plot with kernel density estimation (kde=True) and colors from the viridis palette. The title in each subplot uses the upper case version of the item, and the y-label uses "Frequency." The last subplot in the two-by-three subplot layout, and consequently the only subplot in the last row, if only the first five items are in the list, is switched off by axes[-1].axis('off'). The subplot parameters are finally tweaked to give a tight layout by plt.tight_layout(), and the plot is shown by plt.show(). This plot gives the means to compare the different economic indicators' distribution and gain some intuition about each pattern and possible relationships.

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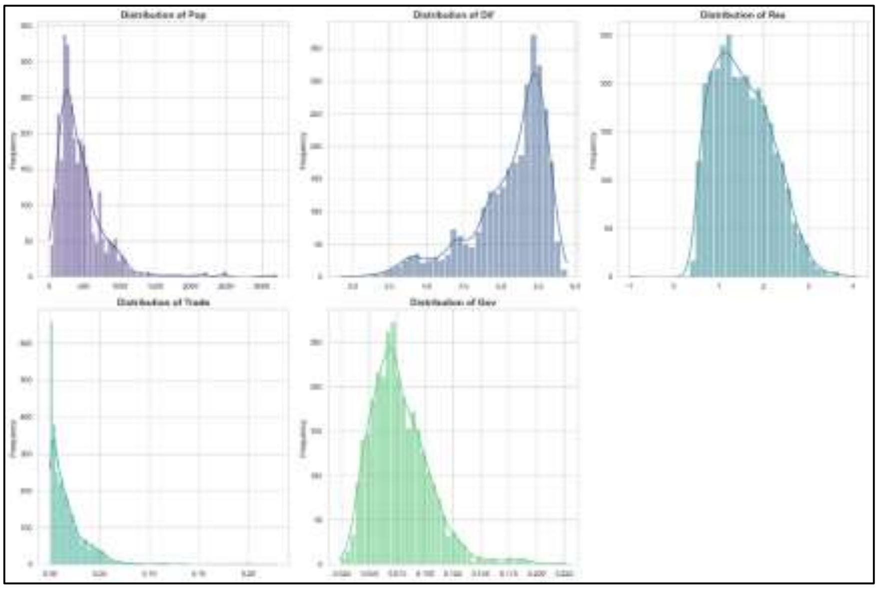

Figure 5. Displays the Distribution of Key Features

The multi-panel histogram depicts the distribution of the five most significant variables: Population (Pop), Digital Finance Index (Dif), Economic Resilience (Res), Trade Index (Trade), and Government Effectiveness (Gov). The distribution of the Population, represented in purple, is significantly right-skewed, reflecting the majority of urban populations to be smaller, leaving only a few considerably greater in size. The Digital Finance Index, represented in blue, also depicts the clustering of values at the upper end, reflecting the majority of the regions having well-adopted digital finance solutions. The Economic Resilience, represented in the color gray, also depicts the pattern to be right-skewed, reflecting the majority having weaker scores while some are strongly resilient. The Trade Index, represented in green, depicts the distribution to be left-skewed, reflecting the majority have less trade activity while only a few exhibit considerable trade activity. The Government Effectiveness distribution, represented in light green, depicts the majority experience governance ineffectiveness, represented by the clustering at the lower end. The collective distribution depicts the differential in the various dimensions of urban economic performance, reflecting the necessity to formulate differential strategies to fill the gaps and to increase overall economic health.

Digital Finance Index Vs. Urban Economic Resilience

The executed code provides a joined kernel density estimate (KDE) plot and scatter plot to represent the association between the 'digital finance index' (dif) and 'urban economic resilience' (res) and other dimensions 'year' and 'population' (pop). It configures a 12 by 8-inch size figure. A superposed filled KDE plot by the 'magma' colormap and transparency (alpha=0.7) is added to represent the marginal distribution of 'dif' and 'res.' A scatter plot follows to represent the individual points, colored by 'year' from the 'Viridis' palette and sized in proportion to 'pop' between 20 and 200. The same 'dif' and 'res' axes are shared by the two plots. The plot title "Digital Finance Index vs Urban Economic Resilience" and styling, axis title, and 'year' legend outside the plot area are added. A grid is added to increase readability. Finally, plt.tight_layout() adjusts the subplot parameters to fit in a tight layout, and plt.show() gives the joined visualization. This assists in studying the association between the two main variables in light of the influence of the effect of time and the size of the population.

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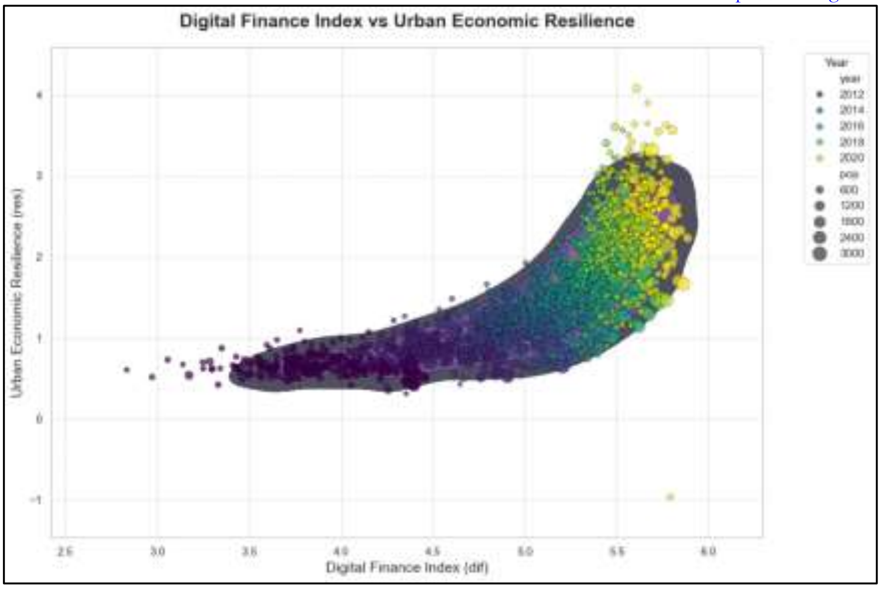

Figure 6. Digital Finance Index Vs. Urban Economic Resilience

The scatter plot between the Urban Economic Resilience (Res) and the Digital Finance Index (Dif) provides telling conclusions about the co-movement between the two variables from 2012 to 2020. The point represents each unique urban area, color-coded by year, so trends year by year are readily apparent. The overall upward trend implies a positive correlation between the Urban Economic Resilience and the Digital Finance Index, in the sense that the higher the use of digital finance, the higher the economic resilience. The point density, however, implies that most urban regions are at the bottom end of the scales of the two indices, but many are at the upper end. The shaded contours reinforce the point, indicating the most resilient economic outcomes in the most concentrated regions and the most integrated use of digital finance. This visualization also implies the huge impact of investments in the infrastructure of digital finance in making urban regions resilient to economic shock.

Yearly Trends: Digital Finance, Resilience, and Trade

The code block gives a line plot to represent the yearly trends in the 'digital finance index' (dif), 'economic resilience' (res), and 'trade.' It first calculates the yearly averages in each of the above parameters through the use of data. Group by ('year').mean(). A size 14 by 7-inch figure is created. The lines are established by calling sns. lineplot three times, each to plot 'dif' (blue, circles), 'res' (green, squares), and 'trade' (orange, diamonds) versus the 'year' from the avg_yearly data frame's index. The lines all share a linewidth of 2.5. The title of the plot is "Yearly Trends: Digital Finance, Resilience, and Trade," and styling, axis labels are added to 'Year' and 'Index Value,' and a legend is in the optimal position. A dashed-lined grid and some transparency are added to the plot to increase readability. Finally, plt.tight_layout() and plt.show() are employed to provide a proper layout and to plot the created plot to enable comparative observation of the trends in the three indicators throughout the years.

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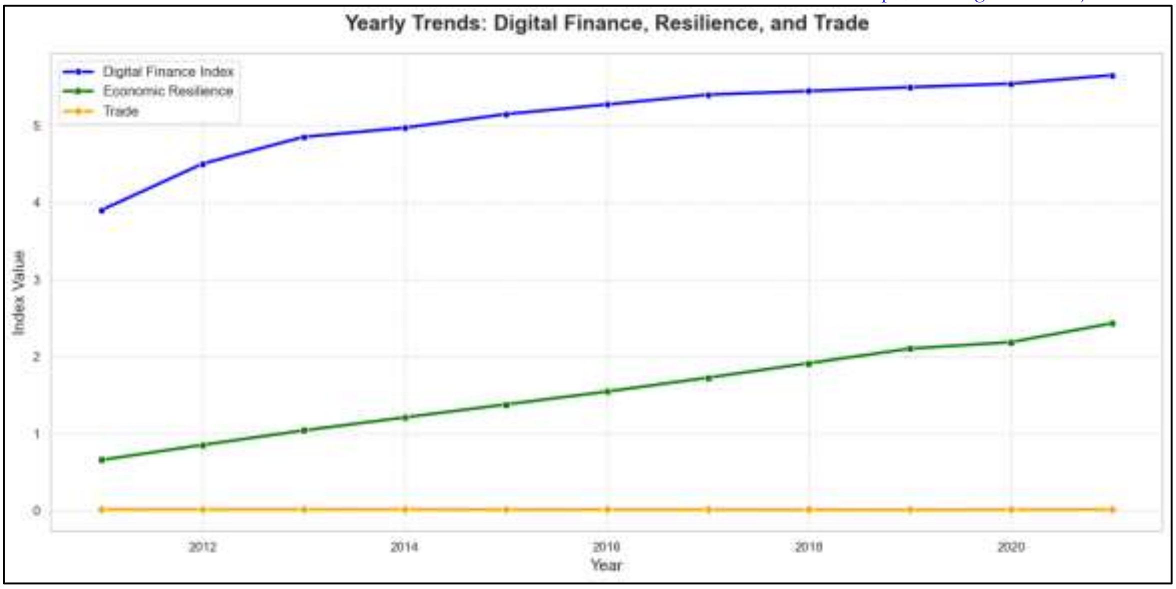

Figure 7. Yearly Trends: Digital Finance, Resilience, and Trade

The line chart illustrating yearly trends in the Digital Finance Index, Economic Resilience, and Trade between 2012 and 2020 portrays unique patterns in the increase in the three indices. The Digital Finance Index, marked by the blue color, portrays a steady upward trend, climbing steeply from approximately 2.5 in 2012 to about 5.5 in 2020, reflecting considerable progress in the integration of digital finance. The Economic Resilience Index, marked by green, portrays a slow increase, from about 1.0 to 2.5, between the same years, reflecting the improvement in economic resilience, albeit at a slower pace in comparison to the integration of digital finance. The Trade Index, marked by the orange color, is steady and only fluctuates around 1.0, reflecting the failure to achieve a considerable increase in trade activity in the years under consideration. This difference in trends implies that despite the progress in the integration of digital finance, the improvement in the capacity to enhance trade and overall economic resilience could be incomplete, and strategies to use the integration in digital finance to spur trade and increase economic stability are required.

Bubble Chart: Resilience vs. Digital Finance Index by Population

The code in the Python program generates a bubble chart to plot the association between 'economic resilience' (res) and 'digital finance index' (dif) and 'population' (pop) size, and colored by 'year.' It configures the size of the figure to 14 by 8 inches. A scatter plot is created by sn's. Scatterplot with 'res' along the x, 'dif' along the y, 'pop' varying the size (50 to 500), and 'year' varying the color through the 'cool' color palette. The transparency of the bubbles is created by alpha=0.7, and the border colors are added. The title of the plot is "Bubble Chart: Resilience vs Digital Finance Index by Population," and styled and axis titles are included. A legend outside the plot area and a grid are included to increase the readability. The use of plt.tight_layout() ensures the fit in the figure, and plt.show() gives the created bubble chart. This visualization gives the means to evaluate the association between resilience and the digital finance index and, at the same time, the effect of the size of the population and how the association changes through the years.

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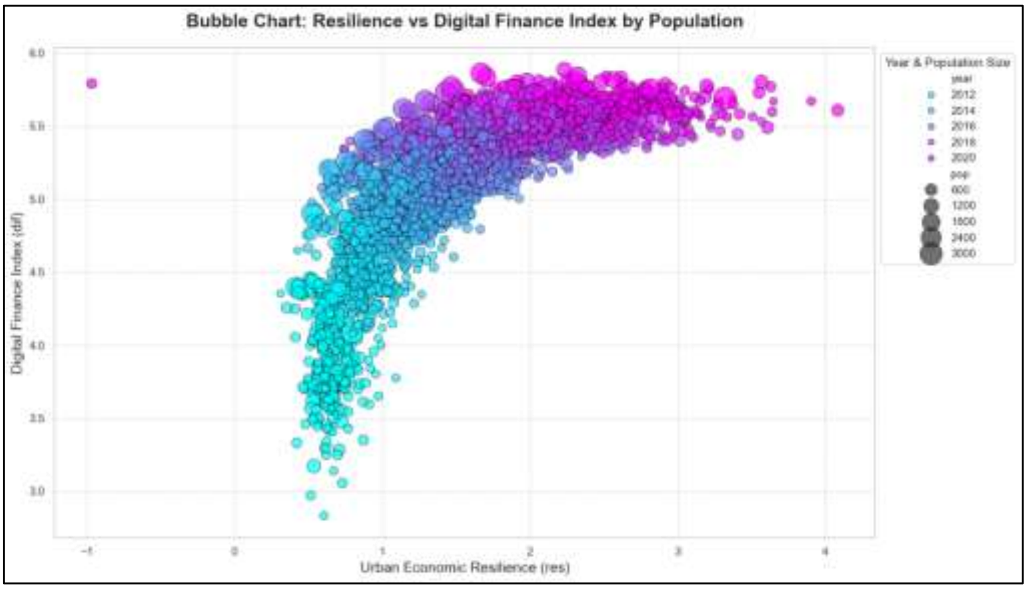

Figure 8. Bubble Chart: Resilience vs. Digital Finance Index by Population

The bubble plot between the Urban Economic Resilience (Res) and the Digital Finance Index (Dif) captures interesting trends by size and year. The bubbles are sized by population and color-coded by year, and each point represents an urban area. The trend in the plot captures the economic resilience of the economy and the use and uptake in the economy to be positively associated, and the different size bubbles also capture the greater the urban area, the greater the clustering to the upper end in terms of the indices. The majority are at the bottom end. This trend captures the use and uptake in the greater urban populations, albeit at the upper end, and the possible constraints in the economic resilience and use and uptake in the case of the smaller populations. The general trend captures the need to formulate specific strategies to enhance the use and uptake in the economy and, in the case of the smaller populations, to enhance economic resilience and attain balanced economic progress in the various urban populations.

Years Contributions: Trade, Government Spending, and Innovation

The code snippet produces a stacked bar plot to represent the yearly contributions by 'trade,' 'government expenditure' (gov), and 'innovation' (inno) based on the data. It computes the yearly average of each of the above-mentioned attributes through data. Group by ('year')[['trade,' 'gov,' 'in no']].mean() and assign the result to stacked_data. It generates a stacked bar plot by calling stacked_data.plot kind='bar' and stacked=True. It uses the viridis colormap, sets the size to 14 by 8 inches, and the color around the border to black. It also sets the transparency to 0.8. The title of the plot reads "Yearly Contributions: Trade, Government Expenditure, and Innovation," and styling and axis labels are added to 'Year' and 'Average Value.' A title to the legend, "Feature," and outside the plot area, and plt.tight_layout() to accommodate the labels in the figure and plt.show() to plot the created stacked bar plot. This plot assists in the comparison between the relative contributions by trade, government expenditure, and innovation to the overall value in different years.

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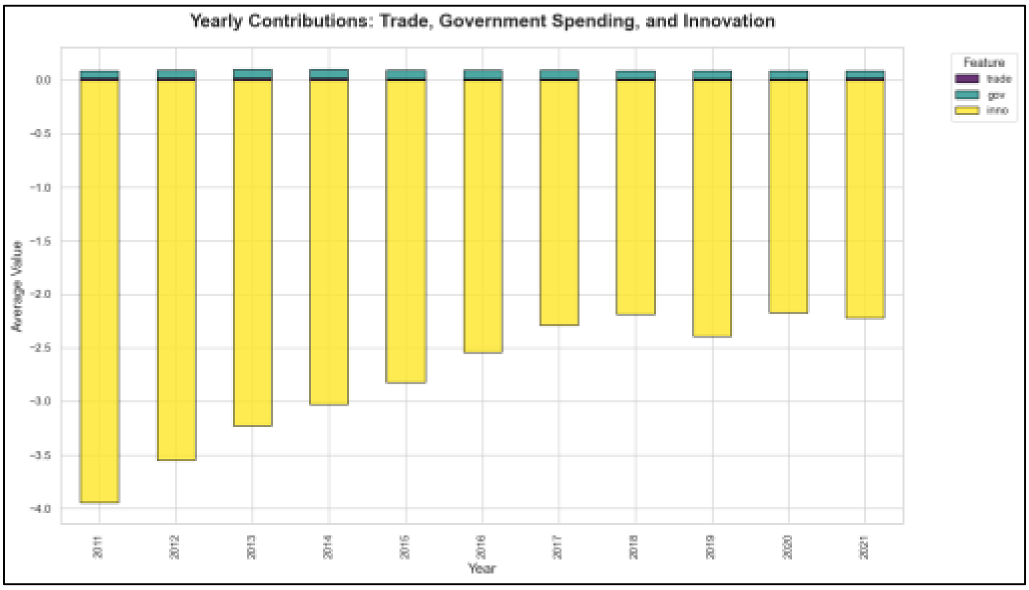

Figure 9. Years Contributions: Trade, Government Spending, and Innovation

The bar chart displaying yearly contributions by Trade, Government Expenditure (GOV), and Innovation (IMO) from 2011 to 2021 provides a comparative picture of how the parameters have influenced economic performance year by year. The average value in each attribute in each year is depicted by each bar, and all the years are distinguished by the consistent negative contributions by the Trade, indicating problems in the dynamics of the trade, possibly influencing overall economic growth. Government Expenditure, in green, also depicts a relatively consistent albeit negative trend, indicating the possible retention in the expenditures by the government, albeit unable to influence economic progress. Innovation, in the color blue, depicts a steep downward trend, beginning from 2017, and could represent the experience in reducing the returns or reducing investments in the kind of creative endeavors in the years. The overall downward trend in all three parameters serves to represent possible systemic issues in driving economic progress and the call to intervene strategically to induce trade, enhance the efficacy of government expenditures, and develop a resilient culture in terms of innovation to induce future economic progress and development.

Radar Chart: Comparing Key Indicators Across Years

The code script generates a radar chart to compare the main indicators ('gov,' 'dif,' 'res,' 'inno,' and 'green') between years. It first imports the math module's pi and gets unique years from the 'year' column in the data frame. It sets the list of the main indicators and calculates the yearly average of each main indicator by calling data. group by ('year')[indicators].mean(). The code calculates the evenly spaced angles in the radar chart by calling np.linspace. A figure and polar subplot are created. The code iterates through each year, getting the respective main indicator values, and transforms them into a list, appending the first value to end the radar polygon. It then plots the same values in the radar chart with year labeling, fills the area under the curve, and customizes the chart by removing y-axes, setting the x-axes and the respective labels (main indicators) and title. A legend outside the plot area and the chart are added finally. This plot gives the relative comparison between the different main indicators' performance throughout the years in a shared circular scale.

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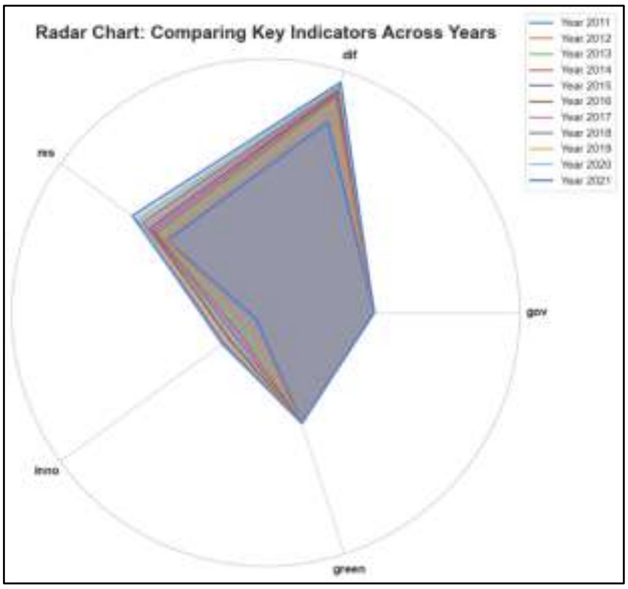

Figure 10. Radar Chart: Comparing Key Indicators Across Years

The radar chart of the main indicators—Digital Finance Index (dif), Economic Resilience (res), Government Effectiveness (gov), Innovation (IMO), and Trade (green)—over the period from 2011 to 2021 identifies unique trends in the economic performance dimensions. The different colored lines represent each year, making possible the comparison by sight between how the different indicators have trended through the years. The most striking observation from the chart is the consistent upward trend in the Digital Finance Index, most pronounced from 2015, reflecting the widespread uptake in the use of digital finance solutions. The Government Effectiveness and Innovation indicators are less consistent, and the fluctuations in them are indicative of the mixed progress in the respective domains. The Economic Resilience trend has been overall low throughout the years, reflecting the long-term issues despite the improvement in the use of digital finance. The trajectory in the Trade indicator is relatively flat, affirming the issues in the stagnation in the conduct of trade. The overall picture in the chart calls for the intensification in focus to build the government's effectiveness and the pace in the pace in the pace in use in the use in use.

Methodology

Feature Engineering

In the first stage of the analysis, we centered around the selective selection of the most significant economic and financial indicators, the selection of which is essential in comprehending the economic resilience dynamics. The indicators used are digital transactions, access to credit, GDP growth, the rate of unemployment, and the inflation rate because, through them, the overall economic climate could be comprehensively reviewed. The use of digital transactions acts as a proxy for the use of digital finance, indicating how well populations use the digital platform to conduct economic activity. The use of credit helps in determining the openness of the financial systems, and GDP growth provides the macroeconomic outlook to the economic condition. The rate of unemployment and the inflation rate are essential in determining the socio-economic issues, the impact of which could influence resilience.

To enhance the predictive power in the models, derived features were created to capture the nuances in the patterns in the data. This included frequency of transactions, indicating how often people are making digital transactions, and expenditure patterns, indicating patterns in consumer expenditure. The financial inclusivity scores, considering the availability of the financial services to various segments, were also created.

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Normalization and scaling of the features to ensure all the variables are considered in the model building in the same manner follows. This is a necessary step, in the case of the machine learning algorithms, in particular, because the model's performance and the rate at which the model converges during the building are optimized.

Model Selection and Training

We employed three machine learning algorithms for model selection to provide a detailed investigation into economic resilience, notably, Logistic Regression, Random Forest and XG-Boost algorithms. The first model, Logistic Regression, acted as a control to test linear relationships in the data. The model comes in handy because it provides interpretability, and through the model, we are in a position to see how each attribute affects the prediction of economic resilience. The second model, the Random Forest Classifier, was employed because the model is an ensemble model and performs well in identifying complex interactions between the features. The model assists in making accurate predictions and also provides useful feedback on the importance of the features, and through the model, we are in a position to see what the most significant indicators are in determining economic resilience.

The third model, the XG-Boost Classifier, was used because of the effective gradient boosting function, which performs optimally in predictive tasks by having high precision. The model performs optimally in handling interactions and non-linear relationships between the features and, in the process, captures the trend in the world of the digital economy. The reasons the models above are used are because they are interpretable, precise, and flexible enough to accommodate the trends in the world of the digital economy, making the analysis reliable and fit for economic resilience.

Model Optimization and Performance Analysis

To enhance the efficiency of the models, hyperparameter optimization techniques, by the use of the Grid Search and the Random Search algorithms, were applied. The hyperparameters, in the case of the Random Forest and the XG-Boost models, included the estimators, the rate of learning, and the trees' depth. The adjustments are necessary for the model efficiency optimization and the prevention of issues such as overfitting. In the case of the Logistic Regression model, the regulation parameters to attain good generalization to new data were the focus.

Overfitting is a prevalent issue in machine learning, and so, in the case of intricate models, we employed techniques in cross-validation to test the models' performance in various subsets of the data. This activity was accompanied by the improvement in the selection of the features, in the sense that each feature's contribution to the model's prediction was evaluated. Through the reduction in the unwanted and redundant features, the efficiency and interpretability of the models improved, and finally, the models' prediction of economic resilience improved.

Evaluation Criteria

To evaluate the predictive performance of our models, we employed a suite of classification metrics, including accuracy, precision, recall, and the F1-score. The overall proportion of accurate prediction is indicated by accuracy, and precision and recall provide some sense of the model's performance in identifying the actual economic resilience case. The F1 score serves as the harmonic mean between precision and recall and provides a balanced score in the event of imbalanced class distributions. Model interpretability was also improved by the use of feature importance analysis, most significantly in the case of the Random Forest and the XG-Boost classifiers. This served to give some visualization of the relative contributions of each feature to the prediction and some idea of what economic indicators are most important. A comparative evaluation in terms of predictive efficacy and the computational burden between each model was also followed. This overall evaluation ensures the models picked are effective in prediction and are also computationally efficient enough to be useful in real-life applications.

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Results and Analysis

Model Performance Evaluation

Logistic Regression Modelling

The implemented code snippet depicted the training and evaluation of a Logistic Regression model in Python's scikit-learn to conduct binary classification. It begins by importing the necessary modules, train-test-split to separate the data, Logistic Regression to train the model, and the metrics such as the classification report, confusion matrix, and accuracy score to assess the model. The data are initially cleansed by dropping unwanted columns ('res,' 'id,' 'year') and imputing the missing values by 0. The y-target variable is established by making the 'res' column into a 0-1 binary indicator depending on if the 'res' value is above the mean. The data are separated into the train and test sets by train-test-split in 80-20 proportion and random state to achieve reproducibility. A Logistic Regression model object and the model are established and trained to the train data. The model performs prediction in the test set, and finally, the model is assessed by the metrics imported. The result, including the confusion matrix, the report in precision, the report in the recall, the report in the F1-score, and the score in the accuracy (in the form of a percentage), are printed to the console. The test size in the train-test-split function is 0.2, meaning 20% are used in the test, and 80% are used in the train.

Output:

Table 1. Portrays Logistic Regression Classification Report

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Classification Report:
              precision    recall  f1-score   support

           0       0.67      0.79      0.72       335
           1       0.69      0.54      0.61       290

    accuracy                           0.67       625
   macro avg       0.68      0.66      0.66       625
weighted avg       0.68      0.67      0.67       625


Accuracy Score: 67.36%
```

The baseline model results from the Logistic Regression model hold great implications for the linear relationships in the economic data, specifically through the provided classification metrics. The confusion matrix also implies the model correctly identifies 263 true negatives and 132 true positives and misclassifies 72 false positives and 158 false negatives. The precision, the recall, and the F1-score are 0.67, 0.79, and 0.72, respectively, and the model performs well in identifying resilient cases, albeit there's some room to reduce the false negatives. The overall accuracy score of 67.36% implies the model performs at a moderate rate, reflecting the model's precision in accurately classifying approximately two-thirds of the observations. The macro and weighted averages also refer to the model's balanced performance in various classes, and the weighted average F1-score at 0.67 implies the model's prediction holds a good level of correctness. The implications refer to the need to consider more complex models to model the non-linear relationships and enhance the predictive precision in future research.

Random Forest Modelling

The implemented code trained and tested a Random Forest Classifier from Python's sci-kit-learn library. It invokes the Random Forest Classifier class and instantiates the model having 100 trees (n-estimators=100) and a deterministic random state to provide reproducibility (random-state=42). The model gets trained

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from the train data (X-train, y-train). It performs the prediction from the test data (X-test). The model's performance gets tested by standard metrics: a confusion matrix, a report (precision, recall, F1-score), and accuracy. The result gets printed to the standard output, and the overall picture of the classifier's performance, including how well the classifier discriminates between the classes and the overall test-set accuracy, gets seen.

Output

Table 1: Random Forest Classification Report

Classification Report:

	precision	recall	f1-score	support
0	0.91	0.91	0.91	335
1	0.89	0.90	0.90	290
accuracy			0.90	625
macro avg	0.90	0.90	0.90	625
weighted avg	0.90	0.90	0.90	625

Accuracy Score: 90.24%

The results from the Random Forest Classifier reveal a significant improvement in predictive performance over the baseline Logistic Regression model, achieving an impressive accuracy score of 90.24%. The confusion matrix indicates that the model correctly identifies 304 true negatives and 260 true positives, with only 31 false positives and 30 false negatives, suggesting robust performance in distinguishing between resilient and non-resilient economic cases. The precision, recall, and F1-score for the positive class are all at 0.91, reflecting a strong ability to accurately identify economically resilient areas while minimizing misclassifications. Additionally, the feature importance ranking derived from the Random Forest model highlights which economic variables are most influential in predicting resilience, allowing for targeted insights into the factors driving economic stability. This contrasts sharply with the Logistic Regression model, which, while providing a reasonable baseline, demonstrated lower accuracy and weaker performance metrics. The enhanced predictive accuracy and feature insights from the Random Forest Classifier underscore the value of using ensemble methods to capture complex relationships within economic data, ultimately leading to better-informed decision-making in economic resilience assessments.

XG-Boost Modelling

The executed code trained and tested an XG-Boost Classifier from Python's XG-Boost library. It utilizes the XGB-Classifier class and instantiates a model object named xgb_model. Notably, it disables the label encoder (use-label-encoder=False) and utilizes the evaluation metric to be the logarithmic loss (eval-metric='logl oss'). A random state is also defined to obtain reproducibility. The model gets trained from the provided train data (X-train, y-train) by invoking the fit function. It gives the prediction in the test set (X-test) next. Finally, the trained model's performance gets tested by standard metrics: confusion matrix, a classification report (precision, recall, F1-score), and the overall correctness. The outcomes are printed to the standard output, and the overall correctness in the unknown test and the correctness in classifying the instances by the overall correctness are tested. The use of the log loss evaluation metric in the above case fits the case of the probabilistic classification problems, and the model's predicted probabilities are optimized in terms of the evaluation metric.

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Output

Table 2. XG-Boost Classification Report

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Classification Report:
              precision    recall  f1-score   support

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           1       0.89      0.89      0.89       290

    accuracy                           0.90       625
   macro avg       0.90      0.90      0.90       625
weighted avg       0.90      0.90      0.90       625


Accuracy Score: 89.92%
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The results from the XG-Boost Classifier indicate that it is the second most accurate model for predicting urban economic resilience, with an accuracy score of 89.92%, closely following the Random Forest Classifier. The confusion matrix shows that the model correctly classifies 303 true negatives and 259 true positives while misclassifying 32 false positives and 31 false negatives, highlighting its strong performance in identifying economically resilient regions. The precision, recall, and F1-score for the positive class are all at 0.91, demonstrating a consistent ability to accurately predict resilience, similar to the Random Forest model. One of the strengths of XGBoost lies in its ability to handle complex relationships and interactions between features, making it highly adaptable to data nuances. Additionally, its implementation of regularization techniques aids in preventing overfitting, which is a common concern in ensemble methods like Random Forest. However, a potential weakness of XGBoost is its greater sensitivity to hyperparameter tuning, which can make model optimization more challenging compared to the more straightforward tuning of the Random Forest model. Overall, while both models exhibit strong performance, the choice between them may depend on specific project requirements, including the need for interpretability versus accuracy in capturing complex interactions.

Comparison of All Models

The implemented code snippet compared the performance between Logistic Regression, Random Forest, and XG-Boost models by finding and displaying the most important evaluation metrics of the models. It begins by importing the necessary metrics from the sci-kit-learn library, including accuracy score, precision score, recall score, and f1_score. It continues to get the prediction from each model run through the test set (assumed to be in the variables lr_pred, rf_pred, and xgb-pred). A dictionary model comparison is defined to store the metrics from each model, whose keys are the names of the metrics and whose values are listed in the same order, listing the scores from each model. This dictionary is also put into a Pandas Data Frame to render in a clearer format. Finally, the comparison Data Frame is printed, and the comparative table of the models and respective accuracy, precision, recall, and F1-scores are printed, making the comparison between them easier.

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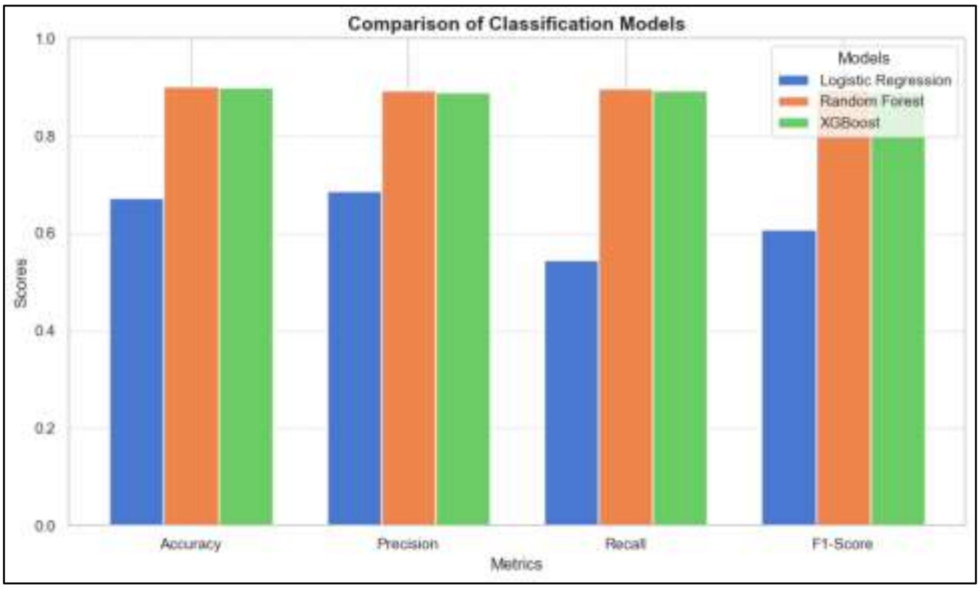

Figure 11. Comparison of Classification Models

The provided group bar chart compares the Logistic Regression, Random Forest, and XG-Boost models based on the metrics Accuracy, Precision, Recall, and the F1-Score. The chart readily captures the relative differences in the models' quantitative performance in each area. From the charts, the Random Forest and the XG-Boost are seen to be identical and are significantly better than Logistic Regression in all the metrics, reflecting the efficiency in the use of the ensemble techniques in the current task. Logistic Regression, despite achieving good scores, falls significantly behind the other two, most notably in the case of the Recall and the F1-Score. The visualization readily captures the relative advantages and shortcomings of each model, reflecting the use of the Random Forest or the use of the XGBoost in the current case. It readily allows the comparison between the models' performance, making model selection easier based on the desired precision-recall tradeoff, evident in the use of the F1-Score.

Insights on Economic Resilience

Digital finance has emerged as a transformative force in enhancing urban economic stability, significantly influencing various facets of economic resilience. By facilitating easier access to financial services, digital finance empowers individuals and businesses, enabling them to engage in economic activities that were previously out of reach. This accessibility is particularly crucial in urban areas, where diverse populations and varying economic statuses can create significant challenges to financial inclusion. The proliferation of digital wallets, online banking, and mobile payment systems has streamlined transactions, reduced costs, and increased the speed of financial operations. Consequently, urban dwellers can respond more swiftly to economic fluctuations, thereby reducing vulnerability to economic shocks. Furthermore, digital finance fosters innovation by providing entrepreneurs with the necessary capital through crowdfunding platforms and peer-to-peer lending, which can stimulate local economies and create jobs. This interconnectedness enhances overall economic stability, as businesses can adapt more readily to market demands, and consumers can manage their finances more effectively. However, the expansion of digital finance also presents challenges, such as cybersecurity risks and the need for robust digital literacy programs. Addressing these challenges is essential to ensure that the benefits of digital finance contribute positively to urban economic resilience in the long term.

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Identifying Financial Policies Leading to Desired Economic Results

The identification of effective economic policies is essential to driving favorable economic outcomes and building economic resilience in urban economies. Policies to increase economic inclusivity, including microfinance and community banking, are effective in enhancing the availability of credit to marginalized populations. By making available the availability of funds to small businesses and poor people, such policies are effective in promoting enterprise and enterprise-based innovation, resulting in the generation of employment and economic diversification. Government incentives to use digital finance, in the form of tax incentives to fintech businesses or subsidies to infrastructure, are also effective in promoting the building up of a resilient digital economy to support economic stability. The other area is the use of regulation to enhance transparency and consumer protection in the conduct of economic affairs, effective in building trust in the use of the digital economy and promoting greater use. Targeted training to enhance the use of money among urban dwellers to support the making of rational money decisions, effective in enhancing economic resilience, is also essential. Policymakers also need to pay attention to the economic and social context in urban places to ensure the formulation and implementation of effective responses to local economic and social issues. Through the alignment of economic policies to the objectives of economic resilience, the city economy can become a resilient, resilient, and resilient economic entity in the face of future economic and social challenges.

Practical Applications

Impact on Urban Financial Planning

The integration of artificial intelligence (AI) in urban fiscal planning offers tremendous promise to support decision-making and optimal use of available funds. Through the algorithms in AI, city planners, and fiscal administrators are in a position to scan vast amounts of data to uncover trends and patterns that are less evident through conventional means. For instance, economic signs, population, and previous fiscal outcomes could be run through the algorithms by AI to provide predictive feedback to inform the use of funds, investments, and fiscal policymaking. This evidence-based approach assists urban destinations in making smarter fiscal decisions, such as the area to use funds in infrastructure investments and the most appropriate industries to develop economically. Additionally, the use of AI could also enhance the evaluation and management of risks by modeling various economic circumstances, and the planner could evaluate the outcomes and develop strategies to avoid fiscal risks.

To further enhance urban fiscal planning, strategies to enhance digital financial inclusion are necessary. This comprises the introduction of improved access to digital financial services to marginalized populations, making all citizens accessible to the opportunities presented by developments in digital finance. Policymakers can engage the support of the fintech industry to roll out cellphone-based banking and digital wallets, especially in under-serviced localities. Additionally, the introduction of community outreach and education in the area of money literacy can prepare people to use the tools, making them engage fully in the monetary system. Through the encouragement of accessible and inclusive monetary services, urban places are in a position to increase economic resilience and spur local economies, leading to improved and balanced growth.

Scalability and Future Uses

The methodologies and models developed to project economic resilience in urban environments are scalable and could be extended to other economic segments, including global economies and rural economies. For instance, rural landscapes normally face specialized economic problems, such as the availability of scarce financial services and poor digital literacy. Through the employment of the same models based on AI, stakeholders are in a position to formulate specialized solutions to such problems, such as the formulation of local financial products to accommodate the agricultural community or the introduction of community-based banking practices to accommodate savings and investments. Global economies, in turn, could also benefit from predictive models through the employment of AI to track global economic trends, patterns in trade, and global politics. This assists businesses and governments in

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formulating effective decisions to enhance competitive advantage and responsiveness in the face of a constantly fluctuating global economy.

Furthermore, the integration of AI models into forecasting applications in the economic world is also a major area of future use. By integrating predictive models into the existing economic frameworks, businesses are in a position to enhance forecasting accuracy, making possible better projections and estimations of risks. Platforms built around AI are continually learning from new datasets, making better projections based on experience, and returning real-time feedback to guide decision-making. This responsiveness, in turn, comes in extremely handy in the event of fluctuating economic trends, in which economic shifts are most evident. As the technology continues to develop, so also the uses in other industries and the opportunities to increase economic security and longevity at local and global scales. By embracing the future, businesses and cities are, in turn, poised to combat the future's challenges and capture future opportunities in the world's economy.

Discussion and Future Directions

Challenges in AI-Driven Economic Analysis

The application of economic analysis through the use of AI comes with some challenges, the most significant among them in the case of bias in economic datasets and the protection of the data in the event of digital transactions. Bias in economic datasets may result from the unequal availability of economic services in the past, leading to imbalanced representations of economic activity among different segments. The use of biased datasets to train models could see the models replicating the same imbalances, leading to incorrect predictions and recommendations. This challenge calls for a collective effort to recognize and remove bias in the processes involved in collecting and preparing the data. This implies the use of diverse datasets reflecting the population and the integration of fairness into model training.

Data privacy concerns are most significant in the area of digital transactions, whereby sensitive monetary information is collected and processed. As urbanization and enterprises become increasingly reliant on mechanisms of digital money, consumer data protection also gets priority. Robust frameworks of governance and compliance under the GDPR are required to build consumer trust. Transparent practices in the handling of the data and transparency in revealing how the data are accumulated, stored, and employed also alleviate privacy concerns. The balancing act between the need to use the data to gain insights and the need to uphold the privacy of the person shall be the most daunting challenge in future economic analyses based on AI.

Limitations of the Study

While this study provides useful insights into the impact of AI on economic resilience, it also has limitations. Among the limitations is the availability of datasets, and this could also constrain the breadth and depth in terms of the quality of the kind of analysis possible. Many urban financial datasets are incomplete and/or are not granular, and this could result in the inability to capture the economic nuances in the way in which they occur. The models developed in this study could also suffer from generalization issues, particularly when applied to other populations and other contexts different from the populations in the train data. This limitation could impact the quality of the prediction and the generalization to other urban landscapes.

Furthermore, the study also identifies the limitations of long-term economic resilience forecasting. Economic situations are based on many different variables, including political occurrences, natural disasters, and consumer patterns, and are usually difficult to accurately forecast. Thus, while useful in making short-term projections and yielding good insights, the efficiency of the models in detecting long-term trends could be limited. Future research must consider the means to enhance model resistance and responsiveness, particularly in the case of dynamically varying economic situations.

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Future Research Opportunities

Looking ahead, some of the most hopeful research directions to push economic modeling through the employment of AI are the employment of deep learning techniques. Deep learning techniques, through the ability to recognize detailed patterns in huge datasets, already hold tremendous promise in numerous different applications. Through the employment of deep learning in economic modeling, scientists are in the position to develop models that are more sophisticated and take into consideration the interactions and relationships between the different parameters in a non-linear fashion, resulting in improved predictive accuracy and economic resilience.

Another exciting future area to develop is the employment of blockchain analytics to enhance transparency in the economy. The blockchain's decentralization and immutability hold the promise to track and verify transactions and provide a reliable model to employ in auditing and accountability. Combined with blockchain analytics, the employment of AI means models are built, which are predictive in terms of economic outcomes and also provide integrity to the data under scrutiny. This twin track could provide the foundation to achieve greater transparency in the economy, build trust among stakeholders, and spur economic practices to become sustainable. The integration of AI, deep learning, and blockchain holds tremendous promise to advance economic analysis and economic resilience in the future.

Conclusion

This paper utilizes the tools of machine learning and artificial intelligence to analyze the impact of digital finance on the construction of urban economic resilience. The overall research objective is to develop predictive models to assess the economic adaptability and financial solidity in major American metropolises, considering the various urban area-specific traits and the various ways digital finance is used. The dataset captured a vast pool of digital finance transaction data, economic indicators, and economic health parameters to research the urban economic resilience nexus and the effect of digital finance. The digital finance transaction data captured parameters, including the size of the transactions, the type of the transactions (for instance, investments, payments), and the users' profile, from various fintech applications employed to carry out mobile banking and digital payments. The dataset was accompanied by the economic indicators extracted from the fiscal documents of the government to provide macroeconomic trends, including GDP rate, employment rate, and inflation. In the first stage of the analysis, we centered around the selective selection of the most significant economic and financial indicators, the selection of which is essential in comprehending the economic resilience dynamics. The indicators used are digital transactions, access to credit, GDP growth, the rate of unemployment, and the inflation rate because, through them, the overall economic climate could be comprehensively reviewed. We employed three machine learning algorithms for model selection to provide a detailed investigation into economic resilience, notably, Logistic Regression, Random Forest, and XG-Boost algorithms. The results from the Random Forest Classifier reveal a significant improvement in predictive performance over the baseline Logistic Regression model, achieving an impressive accuracy score. Equally, the results from the XG-Boost Classifier indicated that it is the second most accurate model for predicting urban economic resilience, with a relatively high accuracy score closely following the Random Forest Classifier. The integration of artificial intelligence (AI) in urban fiscal planning offers tremendous promise to support decision-making and optimal use of available funds. Through the algorithms in AI, city planners, and fiscal administrators are in a position to scan vast amounts of data to uncover trends and patterns that are less evident through conventional means.

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