

The Pillar of Technological Innovation: Artificial Intelligence

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Abstract— *The rapid advancement of artificial intelligence (AI) is driving technological innovation across various sectors such as medicine, finance, marketing, and logistics. AI, equipped with sophisticated algorithms capable of autonomous learning and reasoning, mirrors human intelligence and offers precise diagnostics, tailored treatments, fraud detection, and optimized investment strategies. It streamlines supply chain operations, forecasts market trends, and reduces costs. However, its transformative impact raises ethical and social concerns regarding employment, privacy, and cybersecurity. Yet, if used responsibly, AI has the potential to enhance quality of life and reshape the future positively.*

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I. INTRODUCTION

Technological innovation has revolutionized our society, and among its most significant advancements lies artificial intelligence (AI), which has profoundly transformed many aspects of our daily lives (Kaplan et al., 2020). Driven by fields such as machine learning (ML) and deep learning, AI aims to surpass human capabilities in the real world, with the primary objective of enhancing business performance and productivity (Goodfellow et al., 2016). Machine learning and deep learning, integral components of AI, enable computer systems to learn from data and improve their performance without explicit programming for each task (Bishop, 2006). This autonomous learning capability opens up new perspectives in various domains, including medicine, finance, logistics, and marketing.

For instance, in the medical domain, AI algorithms can analyze large volumes of medical data to assist doctors in more precise and rapid diagnoses (Esteva et al., 2019). In finance, AI is employed for fraud detection, market trend prediction, and investment optimization (Dorfman et al., 2020). In logistics, it facilitates supply chain optimization and cost reduction (Yang et al., 2019). In marketing, AI tailors offers and recommendations based on individual customer preferences (Davenport et al., 2017). This technological revolution holds immense potential but also raises significant ethical and social questions, particularly concerning employment, privacy, and data security (Bostrom et al., 2017). It is crucial to strike a balance between technological

innovation and societal values to ensure responsible AI usage beneficial to all.

II. THE CONCEPTUALIZATION OF ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

Entrepreneurial innovation is universally acknowledged as a catalyst for economic development, a principle that holds true within the Moroccan context. Several decades, its current importance and impact make it a crucial and indispensable subject of study. (siham and all 2023).

The recent emergence of advanced technologies in this field, such as machine learning and deep learning, has significantly increased the profitability and impact of artificial intelligence in many sectors. The influence of artificial intelligence now transcends all areas of modern society, from medicine to finance to industry and entertainment. It profoundly and tangibly transforms our daily lives, whether through virtual assistants on our smartphones, content recommendations on our favorite streaming platforms, or computer-assisted medical diagnoses.

Thorough exploration of artificial intelligence has become essential to fully understand its potential, limitations, and implications in various contexts. By studying underlying principles and developing new applications, researchers and practitioners can best leverage the benefits of this technology while mitigating risks and ensuring ethics. Furthermore, the study of artificial intelligence also offers opportunities to rethink traditional notions of intelligence, cognition, and creativity, thus raising fundamental questions about the nature of human intelligence and consciousness.

The growing importance of artificial intelligence in our modern society underscores the need for thorough and multidisciplinary exploration of this field to maximize its benefits while minimizing potential risks.

2.1. Historical Trajectory of Artificial Intelligence:

Historically, the concept of artificial intelligence finds its origins in the 1950s, with Alan Turing recognized as one of the pioneers and founders of this field. In his famous article "Computing Machinery and Intelligence," Turing raises the question of whether a machine can "think," thus proposing the "Turing Test" experiment to explore this idea (Alan Mathison Turing, 1950, Computing Machinery and Intelligence). The

term "Artificial Intelligence" (AI) was officially coined only from 1956 onwards, although the field, termed ancient, has recently experienced renewed and growing interest.

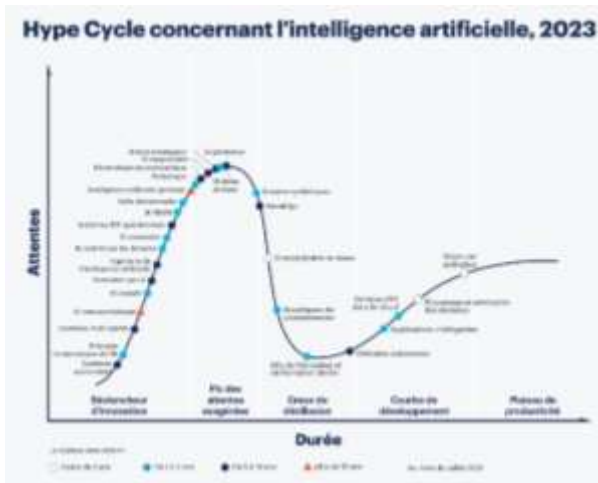


Figure 1: Hype cycle for artificial intelligence

At its inception, the goal of artificial intelligence was to emulate a form of intelligence similar to human intelligence, by merging principles from the study of the brain with those of computer science. This quest was guided by the desire to understand and replicate the cognitive and decision-making processes unique to humans. According to Pierre Mounier-Kuhn, artificial intelligence is now an unavoidable reality, marking a significant turning point in the evolution of our society. The term itself, both evocative and ambiguous, reflects the inherent complexity of this emerging discipline.

Research and analysis conducted as part of the Accenture Technology Vision 2017 underscore the central role that artificial intelligence is destined to play in the future economic landscape. Indeed, this technology is expected to drive economic growth and increase labor productivity in twelve developed countries by 2035. These forecasts highlight the growing importance of artificial intelligence as a driver of innovation and progress in the modern world.

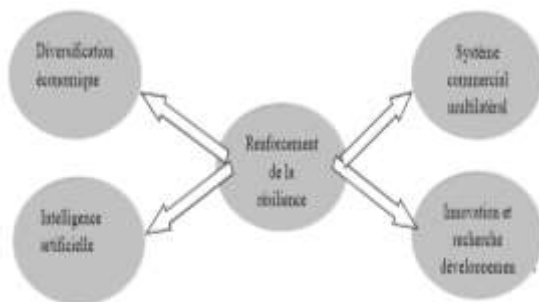


Figure 2: Actions taken by companies to enhance their resilience to various shocks

III. DIVERSITY OF DEFINITIONS OF ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE (AI)

The concept of artificial intelligence (AI) is subject to various interpretations. The most common definition describes

AI as "the set of theories, tools, and techniques used to design machines capable of simulating intelligence." This notion encompasses a multitude of concepts and techniques integrated into the field of artificial intelligence. Consequently, these concepts are often conflated with AI, such as machine learning, data science, and others.

Due to this diversity of interpretations, the National Commission on Informatics and Liberty has termed artificial intelligence as "the great myth of our time." Marvin Minsky (1961), considered one of the pioneers of AI, defines it as "the construction of computer programs that perform tasks currently done more satisfactorily by humans because they require high-level mental processes such as perceptual learning, memory organization, and critical reasoning."

Similarly, according to "Accenture Technology Vision 2017," AI is defined as "the set of processes and techniques enabling machines to become aware and intelligent, thus replicating human behavior." These technologies include machine learning, deep learning, chatbots, facial and vocal recognition, among others. Minsky's theory (1976) has inspired many researchers by defining artificial intelligence as "the construction of computer programs that perform tasks currently done more satisfactorily by humans because they require high-level mental processes."

3.1 Techniques of artificial intelligence

Artificial intelligence (AI) has reached a remarkable level of maturity, giving rise to various techniques used across different domains. Among these techniques:

Machine Learning: This approach relies on automated learning to develop sophisticated algorithms. These systems are designed to learn from data, enabling them to progressively improve in predicting individual behaviors.

Learning Analytics: With digital transformation, the increasing use of social networks, and the production of user-generated content, precise analysis and monitoring are necessary. Companies employ filtering techniques to process published content.

Customer Journey Mapping: This method involves tracing the customer's journey by identifying touchpoints, which helps better understand their behaviors.

Text Mining: By automatically processing natural language, this technique aims to collect and process available information online.

Facial Recognition: Through AI, it is possible to recognize faces or products, enabling better tracking and understanding of the clientele.

Expert Systems: Capitalizing on human expertise, these systems make optimal decisions in various domains.

Behavioral Retargeting, or marketing retargeting, dynamically adjusts communication strategy to re-engage interested but non-completing customers.

These techniques have allowed artificial intelligence to play an increasingly significant role across numerous industries globally.

The first essential element lies in the effective management of human resources, which represents a fundamental pillar for addressing various disruptions and

contributing to the resilience of businesses. The human resources department provides a diverse range of training to employees with the aim of enriching their knowledge and skills. These training programs enable employees to adapt to technological advancements, thereby reinforcing the overall productivity and efficiency of the company.

The second crucial aspect concerns the commercial offering and production of businesses, which must remain competitive in the markets. Innovation in the production of goods and services serves as a key driver of performance and constitutes a source of competitive advantage for a productive organization.

The third key element relates to the overall quality of the operational process and business performance, adopting a long-term perspective and integrating considerations of social responsibility. This approach aligns with a logic of sustainable performance.

Finally, the fourth strategic aspect resides in mastering information, ensuring the availability of confidential and secure databases. Information serves as a strategic tool for steering activities and enables companies to make informed decisions to address various disruptions, within a perspective of cyber resilience.

IV. REGIONAL ANALYSIS

Artificial Intelligence (AI) has become a major driver of technological innovation on a global scale, with the United States and China leading the pack in terms of investments and development. These two nations have injected considerable sums into AI research and advancement, thus elevating this technology to a national priority. In 2022, international private investments in AI reached an impressive \$91.9 billion. Although this figure saw a slight decrease of 26.7% compared to the previous year, it nonetheless reflects an upward trend over the last decade. Indeed, over the past ten years, investments in the field of AI have experienced exponential growth, multiplying private investment volume by 18 compared to 2013.

This trend underscores the growing importance of AI on a global scale, as well as its potential to significantly transform various sectors. The massive investments in AI research and development reflect the recognition of its central role in the future of technology and innovation. As a result, the United States and China emerge as global leaders in this field, with major implications for the global economy and international technological competition.

4.1. Product or Service Strategy

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4.3 Communication Strategy

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4. 4. Distribution Strategy

Companies are transforming their logistics operations and inventory management through the integration of Artificial Intelligence (AI)-based technologies. A notable example is Amazon, which leverages autonomous robots to streamline space management in its warehouses. These robots are programmed to perform various tasks, such as product movement and arrangement, leading to more efficient use of available space. Moreover, automating these processes reduces reliance on human labor for repetitive and physically demanding tasks, contributing to improved safety and reduced risks of workplace accidents. By incorporating AI into their logistics operations, companies like Amazon can enhance operational efficiency while reducing costs and optimizing overall performance.

4. 5 Pricing Strategy

Fine customer segmentation, known as micro-segment strategy, represents an essential approach to adjusting prices based on the individual preferences of different customer segments. A well-known example of this approach is yield management, widely used in the airline industry. This method involves setting ticket prices considering various factors such as anticipated demand, seasonality, market trends, and customer buying behaviors.

The primary goal of yield management is to maximize revenues by charging each customer the highest price they are willing to pay for a ticket while ensuring optimal flight capacity utilization. By dynamically adjusting fares based on demand and availability, airlines can optimize their revenues while maximizing the utilization of their capacities.

This sophisticated pricing approach relies on analyzing voluminous and complex data to predict customer buying behaviors and adjust prices accordingly. By using advanced algorithms and predictive models, airlines can segment their market into micro-segments and offer personalized fares for each segment, enabling them to remain competitive and profitable in a highly competitive global market. Artificial

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4.6. Distribution Strategy

In cultivating entrepreneurial mindset and behavior, a complex interaction of psychological, sociological, economic, and managerial elements is at play. This process involves nurturing an entrepreneurial mindset marked by innovative thinking, willingness to take risks, and emphasis on value creation, which stands as a cornerstone in modern economies and business environments (Siham et al. 2023).

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V. CONCLUSION

A conclusion section is not deemed essential for this document. Although it may reiterate the main points elucidated throughout the paper, it should refrain from mirroring the abstract. Rather, a well-crafted conclusion provides an opportunity to delve deeper into the implications and significance of the research findings. It can underscore the practical relevance of the work, highlighting its potential impact on industry practices or suggesting avenues for further research and application. Additionally, the conclusion may offer insights into how the insights garnered from the study could be translated into actionable strategies or policies. Ultimately, a robust conclusion serves to enhance the overall coherence and relevance of the paper, leaving a lasting impression on the reader.

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