
THE IMPACT OF ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE ON ACCOUNTING

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Abstract

Artificial Intelligence (AI) is reshaping the traditional practices of accounting by automating routine operations, enhancing analytical capabilities, and supporting strategic decision-making. This paper evaluates the current and potential impacts of AI on accounting, focusing on efficiency, accuracy, and transparency. While AI offers significant advantages in terms of data processing and fraud detection, it also raises challenges related to ethical concerns, data privacy, and the need for professional reskilling. The study highlights the importance of integrating AI responsibly into accounting systems to ensure sustainable growth in the digital economy.

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Introduction

The accounting profession has traditionally relied on manual processes, human judgment, and standardized reporting frameworks. However, with the rapid development of digital technologies, Artificial Intelligence (AI) is increasingly being integrated into accounting functions. AI-driven solutions such as machine learning, natural language processing, and robotic process automation are revolutionizing the way accountants record, analyze, and present financial information. This transformation is not only improving efficiency but also reshaping the role of accountants as strategic advisors rather than solely data processors.

Purpose of the Study

The aim of this study is to explore the extent to which AI affects the accounting field, particularly in terms of:

1. Reducing routine workloads through automation,
2. Increasing the accuracy and reliability of financial reporting,
3. Enhancing fraud detection and risk management,
4. Redefining the skills required for future accountants.

Methodology

This research is based on a systematic review of academic literature, professional reports, and case studies from international firms that have adopted AI in their accounting systems.

Comparative analysis was conducted between traditional accounting practices and AI-based systems to highlight the advantages and potential risks.

Findings and Discussion

The findings indicate that AI has a transformative impact on accounting practices:

- Automation: Routine bookkeeping and data entry tasks are increasingly managed by AI-driven systems, saving time and reducing errors.
- Analytics: AI provides predictive insights by processing large datasets, enabling more accurate forecasting and strategic decision-making.
- Audit and Fraud Detection: Advanced algorithms can identify unusual transactions and patterns that may signal fraud, thereby strengthening internal controls.
- Challenges: Despite its benefits, AI implementation faces barriers such as high costs, cybersecurity risks, ethical dilemmas, and the necessity for accountants to acquire new digital competencies.

Conclusion

Artificial Intelligence is not replacing accountants but reshaping their professional roles. Accountants of the future will need to combine financial expertise with technological proficiency to adapt to the digital era. Therefore, educational institutions, policymakers, and organizations should invest in upskilling professionals to bridge the gap between accounting knowledge and AI-driven technologies. Responsible adoption of AI will ensure accuracy, transparency, and trust in financial systems, making it an essential driver of innovation in the global economy.