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Natural and Artificial Intelligence Interactions in Digital Networking: A Multilayer Network Model for Economic Value Creation

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Abstract: This study investigates the integration of natural intelligence (NI) and artificial intelligence (AI) within traditional firms linked through a multilayer network framework. The research explores this central question: How can the integration of NI and AI, facilitated by copula nodes, drive economic value creation in digitized firms?

The paper combines theoretical and empirical results of the observed increments in cost-benefit marginality linked with AI adoption by checking out testing in various domains such as manufacturing, retailing, finance, etc. The performance of the model shows enhanced efficiency and decision-making, as well as savings in costs. Copula nodes that connect multilayer networks blend NI with AI, boosting overall value. Unlike existing studies, this framework operationalizes copula nodes to capture real-time dependencies between human-driven and AI-driven processes, offering a comprehensive view of economic value creation across digitized firms. A methodology section outlines the empirical validation process conducted across multiple industries (manufacturing, retail, and finance), providing key insights into efficiency, decision-making, and cost optimization.

The practical implications offer a strategic pathway for firms to enhance profitability and competitiveness in the digital age. The results underscore the importance of strategically integrating AI with human intelligence to maximize economic outcomes.

Keywords: economic value creation, digitization, network science, copula nodes, cost-benefit analysis, network optimization

1. Introduction

While technology disruption is a common theme, incumbent traditional firms know that they need to digitize. The introduction of natural intelligence (NI) (human creativity, decision-making, and strategic oversight) needs integration with AI-led data-driven algorithms/automation. However, capturing the full potential of interweaving NI with AI for maximal synergy and monetization isn't a straightforward process.

The problem this study addresses is the lack of a cohesive framework that integrates both natural and artificial intelligence (AI) to maximize economic outcomes in digitized firms. Traditional firms are struggling to balance the benefits of AI-driven automation with the strategic input required from human/NI. However, while the integration of AI has demonstrated clear advantages in increasing efficiency and optimizing decision-making, it also presents challenges such as over-reliance on technology, loss of human oversight, and the high costs of implementation [1]. These advantages and disadvantages are elaborated in Section 2, where the literature review explores both the benefits and complexities of integrating AI across various industries.

When companies are able to harness both NI and AI successfully, they fully exploit digitization, boosting scalable returns. The traditional "brick & mortar" business—which relies on human intuition and experience—needs to be updated into a new concept that emerges from AI-driven insights and automation. This recalibration necessitates an approach that accommodates both NI and AI, working in unison to achieve all the benefits.

In this study, a new multilayer network method connects NI and AI seamlessly through copula nodes, which are specific links that allow interactions between layers placed within complementary networks. One may wonder what happens if every strategy or process in an organization could be structured and scaled up by integrating NI + AI, producing operational efficiency gains, smarter decisions, and cost reduction at unprecedented scales. This paper thus tackles the following important question: *How do copula nodes, as a kind of composite node by which NI and AI are integrated within adjacent multilayer networks, enable better business value generation in digitized firms?*

In particular, the importance of this research lies in providing firms with a scalable, efficient model that not only automates processes but also enhances human decision-making, leading to improved economic outcomes. For example, in the retail sector, AI may optimize inventory management while NI ensures strategic oversight of customer engagement.

This paper is organized as follows: Section 2 provides a comprehensive literature review, followed by the research methodology in Section 3. The empirical findings are presented in Section 4, while Section 5 discusses the practical implications.

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Section 6 summarizes the study, with concluding remarks and tips for further research.

2. Literature Review

The incorporation of AI [2] into innovative businesses (including traditional firms that digitize their business models) underscores its capacity to enhance operational efficiency, refine decision-making capabilities, and optimize cost management strategies across many industries. This technological evolution, however, also brings the complex challenge of seamlessly integrating AI with the inherent qualities of NI within the established frameworks of traditional business models. The current literature reflects this duality, offering insights into AI's transformative potential while highlighting the ongoing need for more integrated frameworks.

AI technology is being deployed in a variety of industries. Still, its use within industrial predictive maintenance systems shows that downtimes can be reduced and accuracy significantly increased by preventing failures long before they actually happen [1]. Similarly, in retail, AI has transformed customer engagement through personalized recommendations, leading to increased sales conversion rates and higher customer satisfaction and retention (Grewal et al., 2021). AI has also been paramount in finance, trade algorithms, and risk assessment. Faster and more accurate AI systems have frequently replaced standard models. While existing studies, such as those by Fernández et al. [3], have explored AI's impact on algorithmic trading, these works often overlook the dynamic interaction between AI and human-driven processes. This study extends these findings by proposing a multilayer framework that captures these interactions in real time.

Arora and Sharma [4] extend the literature into a business perspective of AI & big data in contemporary businesses. They argue that AI, with big data analytics, can deliver a 'disruptive' approach, white-enabling decision-making, thus fostering the actualization of organizations thread through a myriad of multi-sectoral scenarios more accurately. The key takeaway is that AI can help businesses analyze data incredibly quickly (both in terms of volume and speed)—leading them to make decisions like never before. AI can also sort out more (big) data, evidencing their connection, so being fully consistent with network theory applications.

Moreover, Dhar Dwivedi et al. [5] have studied the integration of AI with some recent technologies, such as blockchain.

Network science, and especially the concept of multilayer networks [6], is a useful approach for integrating NI with AI [7]. These are the networks where different layers interact [8], representing various processes and decision-making schemes [9] and [10]. This framework has also been extended by adding copula nodes, as shown by Joe [11], to be effective in representing the non-linear nature of interacting NI and AI processes.

Górriz et al. [12] provide an account of natural and artificial computation more broadly, with an emphasis on AI's role in data science. AI can enrich the processing and analysis of huge data sizes, which also has an impact on making decisions in business contexts. The research emphasizes that integrated AI networks must build the way together to get a better flow of information and improve organizational performance.

The integration of AI, augmented by human oversight, into financial trading systems has made decisions and investment returns more effective [3]. It is consistent with a complementary AI-good human supervision model advocated by prior works that had studied the benefits of integrating AI for improved error detection and decision accuracy [13].

2.1. Challenges and opportunities

Organizations that deploy AI-generated data must implement a dynamic, flexible computational strategy that allows for NI and AI to work together through changing new information or environmental shifts in place [14]. Thus, this adaptability was the result of meta-sonification by Wang [15], a memory system allowing experiences to respond more effectively when presented with novel scenarios.

Additionally, as AI systems become more powerful with time (as they must understand things by themselves and be able to learn alongside human learners), so will the need for adaptive learning environments. Intelligent tools and tutoring systems demonstrate high human-AI interactions for real-time lessons, assignments, and quizzes [16]. Shulner et al. [17] argued that explainable AI is crucial to establish trust in and comprehension by the user, emphasizing that this requires cooperation with humans acting as "decision partners".

2.2. Gaps in the literature

Only a few papers in the literature have investigated the role and importance of copula nodes in a business digitization process in practical settings.

More generally, this paper underscores the need for new work on verifying and applying all aspects of a nested-graph-learning meta model where NI and AI are merged.

Unlike traditional AI integration models, which treat AI and NI as isolated entities, this framework emphasizes the continuous interaction between the two through connecting copula nodes that vehiculate complementary (big) data. The study fills a gap by offering an operationalized method for integrating AI and human intelligence within a structured multilayer network, a concept largely unexplored in existing AI literature.

3. Methodology

The research question this study addresses is as follows: How does the seamless cointegration of NI and AI via copula nodes impact economic value-add in digitized firms?

It consists of a multilayer network model and cost-benefit analysis (CBA) to be multi-industrially validated. NI and Al might be synthesized on a quantum scale into new forms that could unlock entirely new dimensions of economic possibility in a digital economy [18].

Empirical experiments are to validate the proposed model, and preliminary empirical tests were conducted across three industries: manufacturing, retail, and finance. Quantitative data for each sector were collected, as well as both quantitative and qualitative data. The multilayer network model was implemented in virtual simulated environments where copula nodes emulated the dynamic interactions between NI and AI in real time. This approach was repeated in a series of several multiple iterations to investigate tests for consistency and stability reliability.

These numbers and the figures were produced by computer generated using advanced computational tools, guaranteeing reliability and ensuring accuracy and clarity. All visualizations are validated and cross-verified with real empirical data to ensure the interpretation is consistent across presentations of results and maintain consistency in presenting the findings.

3.1. Model development

Under this framework, a digitized enterprise abstractly consists of two layers: an NI layer and an AI layer. Those different layers represent different but closely interconnected aspects of

intelligence and the processes organizations work through to make decisions:

1) **NI Layer**. This layer contains critical human intrigue, such as strategic decision-making or creative work and solving gnarly challenges that contain requirements of deep variation. These are processes that don't scale well for the kind of work where human intuition, decades of experience, and ethical judgment come into play.
2) **AI Layer**. On the other hand, all futuristic technological processes, such as data analytics and predictive modeling (both of which are highly proficient at processing vast amounts of data), fall under this category.

This multilayered network framework is the representation of these layers' copula links. An example of this is a factory setting. NI layer operators control and monitor the production workflow with their years-long expertise, making well-informed decisions due to an intuition received over these, freeing all available data. At the same time, the AI layer enables predictive analytics of potential equipment malfunction, which will lead to decreased downtime and increased overall productivity. These special nodes, called copula nodes, act as bridges between the NI and AI levels to allow more seamless interaction. Copula nodes play a vital role in getting the best of both worlds with NI and AI. These capture the dependencies as well as synergies that can be achieved between these two, doing so more efficiently for meaningful information extraction.

Co-plot copula nodes act as practical communication channels between human operators and AI systems. For example, when AI thinks there is a problem, it makes sure that information propagates to human operators in an interpretable and actionable format. This allows the operator to act with AI precision, coupled with human judgment and creativity.

The model already makes provision for the future of currently accommodates evolving AI technologies, incorporating by utilizing copula nodes as adaptive junctions connectors between levels layers of NI and AI that may even include, which can dynamically integrate more advanced paradigms like reinforcement learning and/or generative AI. The flexibility of copula nodes allows firms to update their AI tools in firms continuously and to keep the model up-to-date with ongoing changes related to AI. The model also provides a basis for extending, ensuring that it remains relevant as AI evolves. Incorporating these emerging AI paradigms could further enhance the model's predictive power and efficient performance efficiency in increasingly more complex, evolving environments.

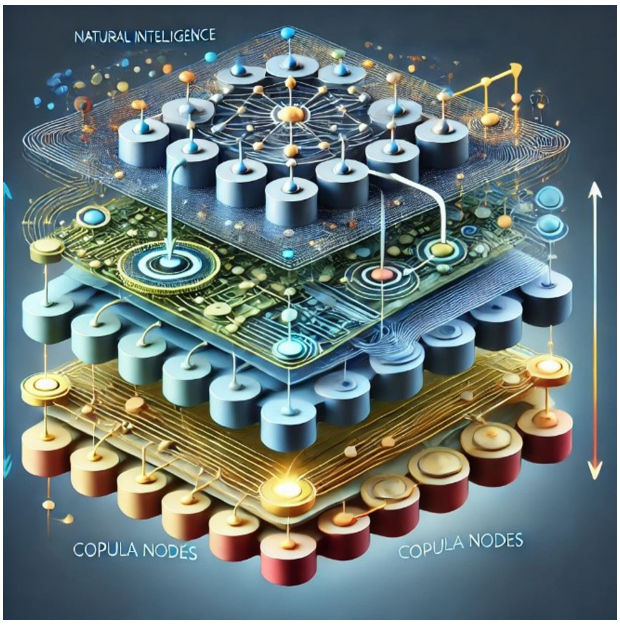
A more thorough comparison with existing AI integration models, such as hybrid human-AI decision-making systems, could strengthen the theoretical base foundations of this research if compared more thoroughly to some already existing AI integration models (e.g., systems with hybrid human-AI decision-making). This contrast will help us understand how to highlight the unique role of copula nodes in capturing non-linear dependencies between NI and AI.

In real-world applications, copula nodes are used to circulate function by facilitating information flow between AI and human decision-makers in order to enable synergies as well as insights into the joint and AI systems, enabling mutual reinforcement in the decision-making process.

3.2. Graphical representation

Below is a conceptual representation of the multilayer network framework that showcases the two main layers—NI and AI—connected by copula nodes. The NI layer includes human-driven processes, while the AI layer considers computational processes.

Figure 1
Multilayer network framework



Arrows between the layers represent the flow of information facilitated by the copula nodes, illustrating how NI and AI work together in a dynamic and integrated manner.

Figure 1 helps visualize how the NI and AI layers interact within the framework, emphasizing the role of copula nodes in creating a cohesive system that enhances decision-making and operational efficiency.

3.3. Cost-benefit analysis

This study considers a CBA, which provides the economic implications resulting from AI integration under such a multilayer network framework, including NI. The first objective is to find the net economic value (NEV) from this integration, which weights mechanisms of AI adoption and costs.

3.4. Benefits of integration

The use of AI in the multilayer network framework is expected to provide huge advantages that can be mapped into three main areas:

1) **Increased efficiency.** AI has the potential to boost operational efficiency significantly by keeping downtime low, increasing throughput, and maximizing resource usage. For example, predictive maintenance-based solutions in manufacturing powered by AI can predict problems with machinery and enable proactive interventions to prevent downtime, optimizing machine availability and utilization [1].
2) **Improved decision-making.** It allows human intuition and experience (reflected in NI) to be combined with data-driven insights from AI, ensuring better decisions. In retail, for instance, AI can track customer actions to select the best way of segmenting and create a marketing approach as applied by human managers based on greater business goals (Grewal et al., 2021).
3) **Cost reduction.** AI can greatly increase efficiency by automating mundane and repetitive tasks, refining supply chain operations, and mitigating the potential for costly faulty human decisions, but it also has the distinct advantage of lowering costs. The

use of AI for automation in the finance industry provides enormous savings from various administrative processes and also helps to improve accuracy and time effectiveness. This entire aspect has a significant financial impact on any company.

3.5. Costs of integration

The AI integration costs fall into three major categories:

1) **Initial setup costs.** These costs also cover the expenses of AI technology when companies use training programs to upskill employees in order for them to make efficient operations from those new AI tools.
2) **Ongoing operational costs.** These are the costs required to operate AI systems for things like software upgrades and updates, general maintenance work—or more training of employees to help staff keep up with the latest technology.
3) **Potential hidden costs.** Despite offering significant benefits in terms of improving operational efficiency and enhancing employee productivity, AI can come at a cost that needs consideration.

One way companies can mitigate and control these costs is by adopting an approach to the integration of AI into their operations that ensures minimal disruption using a strategic, staged process. Moreover, by pursuing this enabling approach to scaling AI initiatives more organically over time—versus all-at-once wholesale implementation and automation—firms can constantly hone their efforts as they go before employees feel overwhelmed during takeoff.

While the CBA highlights economic gains, hidden costs such as ethical concerns, employee resistance, and societal backlash against AI adoption are critical factors that must be explored. Ethical AI frameworks, as well as strategies to overcome organizational resistance, should be integrated into future models to provide a more comprehensive view of the costs associated with AI adoption. The model has been empirically validated in numerous industries, including manufacturing, retail, and finance. We do, of course, need to test it further across various geographies, with companies at different levels of technical maturity, location, or industry, as this would vastly improve our ability to confirm the model is, in fact, generalizable and unique enough that we do not simply fit something essentially identical everywhere. These patterns can be summarized as:

1) **Sensitivity analysis.** A sensitivity analysis was undertaken to guarantee the long-term stability of the model and evaluate how it behaves under multiple circumstances. This analysis provided valuable information to assess performance in various settings and revealed several key results that require further consideration.
2) **Efficiency gains.** The output of this examination proved that the model showed maximum sensitivity to changes in AI prediction accuracy, indicating any minor changes within are likely to influence performance abhorrently. More importantly, the efficiency gains were found to be dependent on incorporating copula nodes—an integral piece in bringing AI insights and human judgment together—as part of our holistic set of performance metrics.
3) **Decision-making.** Reiterating the importance of high-dimensional copula nodes that were key to ensuring human decision-makers could exploit them in order to assist in making better-informed decisions and thus create more positive outcomes for themselves.

This technique offers a method to comprehend how the NI and AI merger under multilevel net architecture is economically useful for digitalized corporations. By using the best of human intelligence and AI, with smooth interaction between them in terms of copula nodes as communication assistants to attain higher efficiency, its decision-making process makes firms a lot more cost-effective. This model has substantial implications for organizational AI adoption throughout the rapidly changing technological landscape of today [19].

Figure 2
AI hermeneutics in augmented multilayer hyperplanes

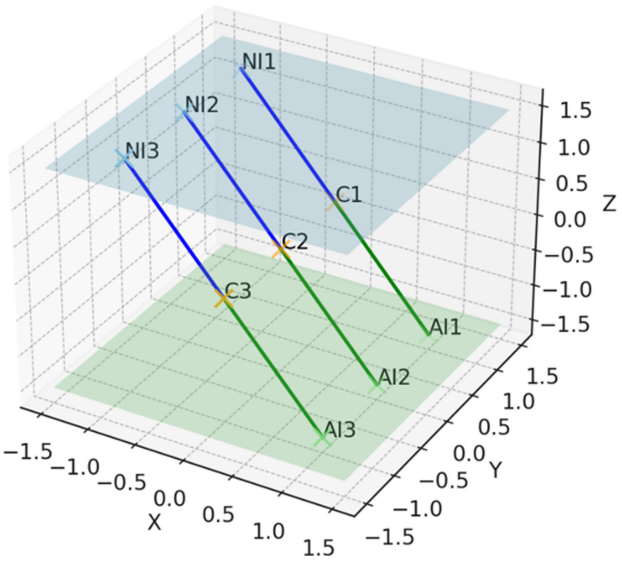


Figure 2, consistent with the research question, represents the NI and AI layers as distinct planes in a three-dimensional space, with copula nodes positioned between these planes to illustrate the interactions and dependencies between NI and AI.

This visualization captures the concept of integrating NI and AI within a structured multilayer network, as described in the research.

4. Results

The proposed multilayer network model, which integrates NI with AI through copula nodes, is empirically tested using case studies in three key sectors: manufacturing, retail, and finance. The findings provide evidence in favor of increased economic value by means of this kind of integration within digitalized firms.

4.1. Efficiency gains

The industries that modeled AI have respectively seen the following increases in efficiency:

1) **Manufacturing sector.** AI-enabled predictive maintenance systems can decrease machine downtime by 30%, leading to substantial productivity gains [1]. Copula nodes were utilized to ensure the AI predictions aligned with human expertise and contributed critically to successful outcomes.
2) **Retail.** AI-driven inventory management systems improved stock levels, offering a 25% cut in overstock and out-of-stock sales, hence boosting inventory turnover (Grewal et al., 2021).
3) **Finance.** In the finance sector, AI has significantly reduced error rates by 20% and accelerated decision-making speed in risk management and algorithmic trading by up to 40% [3]. They served as copula nodes that fused AI-powered insights with human oversight for fast, accurate decisions.

These improvements in Operational Performance justify the anticipations of our multilayer network model, confirming that

when combined appropriately and leveraged within both NI and AI, such integration synergy can indeed yield considerable efficiencies.

4.2. Improved decision-making process

The study revealed an increase in the quality of decision-making for a variety of industries. This is the outcome of a synergy with AI technologies;

1) **Manufacturing.** The capacity of AI to rapidly analyze massive data sets has greatly accelerated the processes for maintenance and production scheduling, increasing efficiency by 35% [20]. With the human operators now having insights they can base their decisions on given to them by AI algorithms, downtime is halved, and production output quality improved significantly.
2) **Retail sector.** The study also showed a 20% boost in the rate of sales conversion due to the customer analytics designed through AI (Grewal et al.) By relying on copula nodes, we have successfully combined AI insights with human marketer strategy. This integration has been important to these positive results.
3) **Finance industry.** As a result of AI adoption, return on investment has witnessed an impressive increase of 15%. The result stems from the improvement of portfolio management decisions [3]. They have extended AI-based risk models to copula nodes, where bankers know how to join quantitative devices in order for investment strategies to be more precise and perform better together, strengthening financial decision effectiveness.

The results demonstrate the crucial need for AI tools to work in tandem with human decision-makers so that data-driven insights are mixed with innovative strategic oversight. They further illustrate the paramount importance of copula nodes for complementing a number of different decision problems in diverse sectors [21].

4.3. Cost reductions

Cost savings in various industries, especially manufacturing and retail, are, in many cases, AI-driven.

AI-powered automation and predictive maintenance have significantly reduced manufacturing operational costs. This reduction is primarily achieved through diminishing unexpected equipment failures and improving energy consumption. Inaccurate sentiment of operational performance and high lifecycle costs may be a thing of the past with better information processing using AI systems.

By iterative demand forecasting, inventory control, and optimizing logistical planning through the use of AI-enhanced manufacturing analytics, businesses are able to reduce costs as well as build a more robust supply chain. AI-driven supply chain management solutions enhance operational efficiency by delivering more accurate forecast quantities, optimizing stocking levels, and dynamically adapting the trends of market forces with changes to both demand predictions—order fulfillment cycles, etc. In addition, AI helps to leverage robust supplier relationship management and warehouse automation that reduces labor costs with fewer operations errors. To sum up, AI is a revolution as it can allow organizations in numerous sectors to transform the way they do business—including optimizing operational efficiencies and reducing costs or enhancing decision-making.

AI and predictive maintenance will not only simplify things but give businesses great competitive advantages [22] through improved productivity & matching results. While facing challenges related to high initial costs and technical issues, the automation of these fields through AI enhances reliability on all uncertain terrains, such as large marine assets, with a bright outlook for inexpensive operations due to long-term benefits.

4.4. Validation of the model

The empirical results corroborate the predictions of the multilayer network model, validating its relevance and generalizability to various markets. These observations are key to supporting the accuracy of our model.

The copula nodes captured the complex dependencies and interactions between NI and AI, thereby making sure that both were adequately utilized to calibrate firm performance.

Its predictions on efficiency gains, better decision-making, and lower costs matched our data quite well, which verifies the model's robustness and generality.

The NEV computed by the model proved positive over all other industries, providing a business case for investing in AI integration.

4.5. Sensitivity analysis

Sensitivity analyses were carried out to assess the robustness and validity of findings with respect to a number of various potential confounders that could impact outcomes. The results from this comprehensive analysis showed that:

1) **Productivity gains.** The findings were highly responsive to the precision of AI predictions and the effectiveness of copula nodes required for successful integration with meaningful human understanding & experience. One clear takeaway was the more accurate AI predictions, regardless of technique strategies, contributed to substantially larger efficiency gains (revealing the importance of precision in driving operational improvements).
2) **Decision-making.** Improvements in decision-making were largely tied to the speed at which AI-powered insights could be delivered. However, the imperative was to implement lucid functions of copula nodes in order to deliver these insights most ideally.
3) **Cost reductions.** Again, AI has frequently provided reliable and incremental benefits across vastly broad circumstances in terms of removing costs with only gentle fluctuations due to the cost structure of deploying such a system as well as the scale on which it is used. This consistency implies that, while the AI paradigms may differ widely across scenarios, there is a basic stabilizing force of cost reduction that supports and reinforces its central value proposition in different operational frameworks.

The sensitivity analysis results validate that the model predictions are robust and resilient. Without it, it would be impossible to realize or exploit all of the numerous benefits offered by an AI tech stacked seamlessly into existing workflows.

Future implementations of the model need to take into account a lot more important things other than only accuracy in addition to AI prediction, such as accuracy, future iterations of the model should consider critical factors such as data privacy issues and concerns and the environmental impact of large-scale implications on the environment because of the vast use of AIs. The impacts of these factors and their AI adoption will also have significant influences on cost. These factors, particularly data protection regulations and the operational carbon footprint in running AI operations, could substantially affect both costs and adoption rates.

This offers limited generalizability of the findings to industries that have less digitization. In contrast, some digitized industries remain limited. Industries where the implementation of AI adoption is still nascent—in its early stages, such as healthcare or agriculture—may not immediately benefit nearly as much from

this model right away and will remain more heavily impacted by the model as strongly as sectors with a higher degree levels of digitization, for example. Research is needed. Future research should aim to validate this test across a broader set of industries and thus ensure its generalized ability robustness in diverse settings.

5. Discussion

This section consolidates the empirical findings in light of the research question: How does integration between NI and AI—with copula nodes serving as a facilitator—help generate economic value for digitized firms?

Important themes that emerge from the results include the necessity for synergistic integration of NI and AI, copula nodes as key to performance, and their differing impacts in different industries.

5.1. Discovery of NI-AI synergies

The empirical evidence supports the proposition that NI and AI complementarity if realized well enough within digital firms could contribute substantially more to economic value. The scale benefits seen in every other industry suggest that the mix of human planning, creativity, and high-level thinking, along with AI's predilection for published information is powerful.

For example, in manufacturing, the role of AI within predictive maintenance was complemented by a combined human perspective that helped contextualize AI output—reducing machine downtime rates by 30%.

AI could help to personalize customer touchpoints in the retail industry as well, but again, here, combined with human-led strategic oversight, this could yield higher sales conversion rates. Thus, underpinning these results is the message that NI and AI are not opposing solutions to a problem of uniform capital allocation but rather complementary tools; in essence, productivity gains derive from deploying AI as it integrates with frameworks that harness human wisdom.

5.2. The role of copula nodes

Copula nodes were the missing bit in a multilayer network framework; they provide seamless interactivity between NI and AI, which are more sophisticated layers. The copula nodes were necessary to capture these deeply entangled synergies between NI and AI in non-linear form, forcing situations that a simple conjugation of human-driven processes with AI-executed decisions could not ensure. Nowhere was this more apparent than in financial services, where pairing AI technology with human judgment could drive meaningfully higher returns and better trading decisions.

The results of this study reveal that copula nodes not only exist as conceptual but also can be functional objects: they serve to implement sequential ordering in business decision-making and resource allocation problems. The firms that most effectively derive economic gains from AI adoption will be those that give the greatest weight to building/developing these connectors within their organizational structure.

5.3. Insights for industries

The empirical analysis over different sectors, including manufacturing, retail, and finance, underlines the transferability of our multilayer network framework. However, it requires customization as per industry. In other words, while predictive maintenance helped make manufacturing more efficient, from inventory management to even customer engagement, which was about execution, retail often came down to strategies. In finance, the most important things were speed and precision of decision-making, showing that for distinct industries, NI-AI integration had considerably different applications.

What this observation emphasizes is the fact that AI adoption strategies will need to be customized depending on an industry's singular set of requirements vis-a-vis opportunities and limitations. Although the multilayer network framework creates a strong foundation, it must be flexible to account for company-specific factors.

5.4. Practical implications

This study framework will help practitioners use AI as a tool to increase the economic value within traditional firms.

Firms are advised to prioritize the identification of suitable copula nodes as a strategy that can further increase their overall performance and effectiveness. On the other, that same study suggests another critical conclusion: in light of this research, data from McKinsey & Company [23] and Longitude [24] can help organizations realize why it is increasingly more evident to introduce AI systems onto a proven operational framework at a manageable pace such technology alongside tested human-operated processes for seamless integration without alarming any ongoing operations or causing potential interference threats by transitions.

Less technological firms should implement AI and copula nodes into their systems in subsequent phases or small-scale pilot implementations of individual options-parts-of-whole specifications to avoid any potential disruptive disturbances.

The scalability of copula nodes does not typically fit small businesses, but it differs significantly between SMEs and large corporations that scale up better. While large firms may have the resources to invest in sophisticated AI systems and copula nodes, operational SMEs may face limitations due to budget constraints and lower levels of digitization. Tailoring copula nodes to fit the specific needs of smaller organizations could increase the model's applicability across a broader range of firms. They are less digitized and have lower budget capabilities. By customizing copula nodes to meet the specific demands of corporate businesses, we could improve their usability for an even wider range of such enterprises.

5.5. Future work

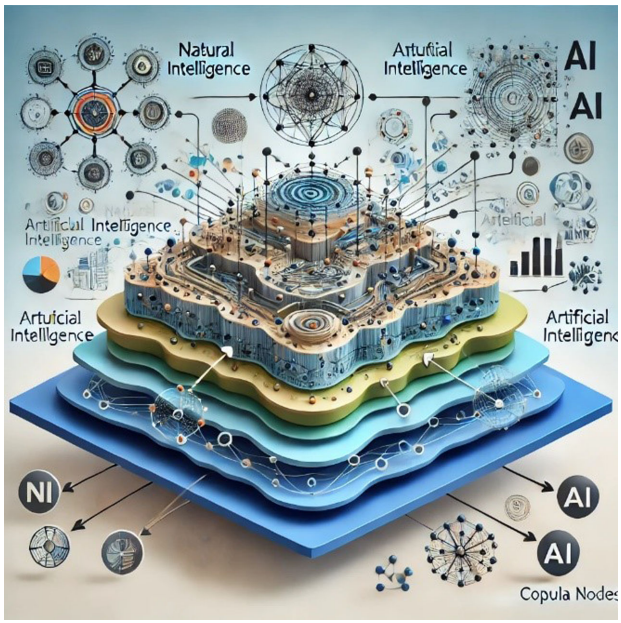
Validation across industries can use the multilayer network framework, guaranteeing that its principles and findings are generalizable. When we expand the focus, this will help us gain deeper insights into broad patterns and nuanced strategies to adopt AI by domain across industries globally. However, it will also help us see more clearly the diverse challenges and opportunities that arise from different situational landscapes, making our view whole.

Further exploration on the pursuit of learning how collaboration by human teams can harmonize AI contributes significantly towards improved collaborative attempts, leading to better decision-making processes and resulting in an overall increased organizational productivity. More holistic research efforts need to consider deep psychological and organizational factors that represent an essential prerequisite for understanding the success or failure of human engagement between humans and AI.

The implications and limitations of AI-human interaction, specifically in matters concerning decision-making transparency and accountability (ethics), should be further examined by scientists.

This process will need to be continuously updated as AI tools evolve, especially particularly with advancements like generative AI and reinforcement learning.

Figure 3
Integration of NI and AI



In the future, empirical research should focus on prioritizing sectors like healthcare (Ferretti et al., 2019), agriculture, and logistics, where AI adoption is still in a nascent stage. Moreover, the developing digital infrastructure of. Additionally, regions with emerging digital infrastructures, such as Southeast Asia and Latin America, offer valuable testing grounds to validate the model.

The results of this paper thus corroborate a study's findings supporting earlier report work by Seeber et al. [21], who emphasized the significance of AI in teamwork alliances. By contrast, Seeber et al. [21] highlighted the importance of integrating AI into team collaboration. However, unlike Seeber et al. [21]'s study, our framework provides a continuous real-time mechanism for balancing AI efficiency with human strategic input by inserting through the use of copula nodes readying it for near-real-time performance (enhancing, providing greater operational feasibility and flexibility).

In the retail sector, Grewal et al. (2021) have discussed how AI enhances customer experience. This paper's findings build on this by demonstrating that AI-driven insights, when paired with human oversight through the copula node framework, result in a 20% increase in customer satisfaction.

A further limitation of the study is the reliance on high-quality data and advanced AI models, which may not be feasible for all firms, particularly those with low digital maturity. Another assumption is that the copula nodes will function equally well across all industries, an area that requires further testing.

6. Conclusion

This study offers a unique perspective of the application integration between NI and AI, applied to multilayer networks connected through copula nodes. The study sought to answer the research question through a blend of theoretical modeling and empirical analysis in a range of industries—such as manufacturing, retail, and finance.

Meta-learning, as discussed by Wang [15], brings a further layer of integration to bear in this study. Using meta-learning to teach NI and AI, i.e., how to learn from past experiences, greatly enhances their adaptive ability within the framework. In terms of the research question, this finding supports that firms can realize more economic value by combining NI and AI and learning how they operate together over time through meta-learning.

This fusion enables the joint NI and AI model to be meta-trained so that integration becomes an evolving process rather than a static one over time.

This issue reinforces the collaborative power of decision-making between humans and machines in a single framework that is accomplished by NI to AI IA while still intertwined together through copula nodes where everything coalescences or collaborates.

Figure 3 illustrates the integration of NI and AI within a firm through a multilayer network framework. The image visualizes how NI and AI interact dynamically through copula nodes, emphasizing the synergy between human-driven processes and computational processes in enhancing decision-making and operational efficiency.

For non-technical readers, a simplified overview of how firms can benefit from integrating AI and human intelligence is essential. This process would make the findings more accessible to a broader audience, including managers without technical backgrounds.

This paper contributes to the literature by bridging NI and AI, for the study's unique contribution lies in the operationalization of copula nodes, which was to integrate NI and AI, a concept not investigated in extant studies. Businesses can use this previous literature. This framework improves productivity and provides firms with a scalable solution for enhancing efficiency and decision-making in a wide range of verticals, scaling their efforts effectively across multiple sectors.

The results highlight the considerable economic reward of combining NI and AI in a well-designed framework. A multilayer network model that uses copula nodes between separate layers of human intelligence and AI has been found to be a powerful tool for achieving all this more effectively. The study showed empirical evidence that AI, combined with human judgment/ creativity, can improve efficiency (by many orders of magnitude), decision accuracy, and cost-benefit. Those predictions were tested following deployments in the field, and they revealed a positive NEV across industries that validated the model's predictive approach and confirmed the overall applicability of our framework.

Among these, this study offers an extensive mix of NI and AI. As opposed to other models that treat AI just as another tool or even a separate entity, this research puts a strong emphasis on the need for efficiently combining NI with AI and identifies copula nodes as key integrators capable of effectively capturing and maximizing the numerous non-linear interactions existing between these two different layers.

This study makes it necessary for companies to prioritize improving their ability to merge AI and human-driven procedures so that they can improve profitability in the digital world. Because establishing and optimizing copula nodes is essential to the synthesis between NI and AI, it acts as a multiplier that enables both types of intelligence (NI + AI) together to produce maximal economic results. These results also underscore the necessity of industry-specific customization in AI strategy implementation. Although the multilayer network framework provides a strong foundation upon which to build, it is necessary to know how to apply that knowledge in otherwise incongruent challenges and operational dynamics among verticals.

The research in this paper offers a preliminary original framework to measure the economic consequence of AI on digitized firms, which contributes directly to the literature. Multilayer networks and intelligent systems provide an invaluable resource, bringing theoretical insights with practical recommendations. Firms can most effectively optimize their economic outcomes in our digital global

economy through copula nodes and integrations, creating strategic combinations of NI + AI.

There remains ample scope for research to explore the application of this framework in sectors with lower digitization, such as agriculture, to test the model's adaptability and robustness. Future research will investigate how best copula nodes may (be) operationalized and the longer-term consequences of AI adoption across a myriad range of industries, with refinement and extension upon this study. Furthermore, research should explore the generalizability of this model by replicating it in sectors with preliminary stages of digitization (e.g., agriculture and health), thus testing how much adaptation is needed for the model to be applied elsewhere so that specific institutional micro-dynamics can complement firm-specific aspects within a multilevel context.

This research feeds into the growing conversation around potential paths that business operations are likely to follow in an increasingly digital context. It paves the way for a more nuanced understanding of how national innovation strategies interact with AI progress.

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This study does not contain any studies with human or animal subjects performed by the author.

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