The Application of AI in Enterprise Financial Accounting and the Impact of Industry Change

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Abstract:

The rise of artificial intelligence (AI) technology is the core driving force leading a new round of industrial transformation, and the deep application in the field of financial accounting is gradually reshaping the traditional application mode. Traditional accounting relies on manual processing, which is inefficient and error-prone, and makes it difficult to meet the needs of big data and real-time decision-making. The development and introduction of AI improves efficiency and accuracy, but at the same time, it also brings problems such as data security and compliance. This study mainly discusses the application through accounting automation, intelligent analysis, and proactive risk management, the impact, and the future development trend of artificial intelligence technology in the field of financial accounting. It provides a systematic framework for the transformative impact of financial accounting and promotes the deep integration of AI and corporate financial accounting.

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1. Introduction

In today's digital wave sweeping the world, artificial intelligence (AI), as a new generation of information technology, is developing rapidly, driving all fields and industries of society into a new era of intelligence. As an important part of enterprise operation and management, financial accounting has the characteristics of repeated processes and massive data, and the participation and practical application of artificial intelligence make its financial accounting mode gradually change. According to Hui's study, the analysis of artificial intelligence (AI) to drive financial accounting reform, efficiency enhancement and empowerment, and the difficulties faced are not comprehensive enough [1]. This paper applies a literature review approach to describe the impact of AI on financial accounting. This article provides a more comprehensive explanation of the application, impact, and future development of artificial intelligence (AI) in financial accounting. This article provides a clear understanding and development guide for the

transformation of the financial accounting industry and shows the challenges the industry will face while improving efficiency and value.

2. The application of artificial intelligence in financial accounting

2.1 Accounting automation

The accounting work of financial accounting is undergoing a fundamental transformation from manual operation to intelligent accounting and independent processing. The accounting work of traditional financial accounting mainly relies on manual accounting of personnel, which is highly repetitive, resulting in low efficiency and error-prone. Artificial intelligence (AI) systems enable robotic process automation (RPA), optical character recognition (OCR), and natural language processing (NLP) to integrate with each other and automate processing independently [2]. Through OCR technology to identify invoices, contracts, and other financial documents, automatically extract the key information, and generate accounting vouchers, greatly reducing the error probability and time cost of manual input. Combined with supply chain systems, AI systems are also able to automatically generate cost accounting vouchers. Especially in the face of complex cost accounting, AI can automatically calculate and generate vouchers based on the business data provided by the enterprise, thus reducing human intervention. Artificial intelligence also uses PRA technology to extract relevant data from the enterprise account system for calculation, to automate tax filing, and reduce repetitive labor. Therefore, the application of AI technology not only improves the efficiency of the core calculation of finance, but also provides enterprises with more comprehensive financial information support.

2.2 Analysis intelligence

Financial accounting has long been limited to simple data collection and reporting, but with AI, the role is evolving from data processing to intelligent insight and decision support. Artificial intelligence (AI) technology can independently predict key indicators such as sales revenue and cost in the future through efficient calculation and in-depth mining of historical financial data, operational data, and external macro data, and help enterprises make more scientific financial analysis, making dynamic prediction management and optimal allocation of resources gradually recognized. An AI system can deeply analyze customers, products, and other aspects of multidimensional profit-making, automatically identify all potential factors that are not conducive to the development of the enterprise, and adjust in real-time to ensure the realization of the enterprise's financial goals [3]. The assistance of artificial intelligence (AI) technology in financial accounting makes the financial department transform from a data processor to a value discoverer, to truly drive the value growth of enterprises.

2.3 Active risk management

Traditional risk management in financial accounting relied heavily on manual investigation, which was time-consuming and reactive. Today, AI shifts this paradigm from manual investigation to intelligent early warning and active defense. AI systems can monitor financial transactions in real time and analyze vast amounts of transaction data to establish patterns of normal behavior and accurately identify abnormal trading behavior, such as unauthorized transactions, duplicate payments, or large fund flows [4]. At the same time, artificial intelligence (AI) systems build risk models to predict possible future risks and give early warnings in advance. It is helpful for enterprises to adjust their financial strategies in time and avoid significant losses. Artificial intelligence (AI) predicts the potential impact of interest rate, exchange rate, and other fluctuations on enterprise value by analyzing market's big data, to help enterprises effectively control the risk of bad debt in the front end and avoid financial losses caused by market fluctuations.

3. The transformative positive impact of AI on financial accounting

3.1 An increase in the efficiency and accuracy of financial work

Financial accounting work is constructed by massive data processing. The traditional mode highly relies on manual repetitive operations such as bill review and bookkeeping reconciliation, which are inefficient and prone to errors due to fatigue. The application of an AI system perfectly solves this complex work. An AI system can automatically

complete the process of data reading, identification, verification, and input, so that the financial work efficiency can be qualitatively improved, and the generation of wrong information can be avoided, ensuring the accuracy and reliability of financial data [5].

3.2 Promote the strategic transformation of financial functions

The main core of the traditional finance department is to summarize historical financial statements, mainly to record and collect what has happened. Artificial intelligence (AI) systems can identify complex patterns, conduct predictive analysis on future enterprise development, and optimize cash flow, risk management, and other schemes in real time through deep learning and discussion [6]. In the process of transforming the functions of the financial department, the forward-looking, data-driven decision-making basis provided by the artificial intelligence system enables financial accounting to truly participate in the strategic planning of enterprises and realize the value creation of enterprises.

3.3 Building an intelligent „digital firewall."

Traditional risk management mostly adopts sampling inspection, which has limited coverage and lags. The anomaly detection model of AI systems can monitor in real time and accurately and quickly identify abnormal fluctuations, suspicious transactions, or potential fraud. This all-around and full-range intelligent risk management ability greatly improves the effectiveness of enterprise risk control and the response to the occurrence of risks [7]. Therefore, the "digital firewall" established by an artificial intelligence system provides a strong guarantee for the security of enterprise assets and greatly improves the effectiveness of internal control.

3.4 Cost optimization and resource reallocation

AI systems can process many repetitive tasks automatically so that enterprises can significantly reduce the corresponding labor costs and error correction and management costs caused by manual errors and realize the structural optimization of enterprise operating costs. At the same time, resources will be reallocated so that financial personnel with professional financial knowledge and analysis ability can discuss financial analysis and future prediction more deeply [8]. It fundamentally promotes the transformation of enterprise financial function and drives enterprise business growth.

4. The negative Impact of AI in financial accounting

4.1 Job substitution and impact

The substitution and impact of artificial intelligence on financial accounting positions are the most significant. Artificial intelligence technology is better at automating tasks with clear rules that are highly repetitive and based on structured data, which is the area with the highest proportion and concentration of entry-level jobs in traditional financial accounting. This means that the demand for accountants who only have traditional bookkeeping and accounting skills has decreased, and many related positions are facing the risk of being optimized or disappearing, which directly leads to the structural change of the job market [9]. In the future, the market will be more urgent for new financial talents who can use AI tools, perform data analysis, and provide strategic decision support, so existing practitioners are facing severe challenges of transformation or elimination.

4.2 Increased risks to data security and privacy

The application of AI systems mainly relies on massive, centralized, and sensitive data to analyze, build models, and make autonomous decisions. As a result, AI systems hold a company's most central financial secrets. If the artificial intelligence system is attacked by an external network, the core data of the enterprise will be leaked in large quantities, resulting in an irreparable situation [10]. In addition, AI systems can also become security vulnerabilities, in which attackers can tamper with the system or edit incorrect data to induce the system to make wrong judgments and decisions, which are difficult to detect immediately. As a result, AI systems are also invisibly placing a business's financial data in a complex and challenging environment.

4.3 Excessive dependence and technical risks

AI systems automate the accounting, reconciliation, audit, and other core processes of the enterprise, so some basic operations of the financial department will be fully transformed into technical operations. If an artificial intel-

ligence (AI) system is short-circuited or paralyzed due to software vulnerabilities, network outages, or other problems, the entire financial process may stall. Moreover, due to over-reliance on AI systems to deal with problems, employees will lack effective means to deal with such emergencies, resulting in indirect economic losses. Artificial intelligence (AI) systems are also unable to judge data with the same experience and common sense that humans do, so they produce a series of flawed financial reports. As a result, enterprises make major decisions based on wrong information, resulting in irreparable consequences.

5. The future development strategy of financial accounting

Financial accounting can strengthen the training of compound financial talents. Artificial intelligence is reshaping the financial accounting industry, and future finance personnel need to transform from traditional accounting to strategic decision support [11]. Enterprises should build a systematic talent training mechanism to cultivate talent at different levels. Grassroots personnel should master the specific operation of artificial intelligence (AI), middle personnel should have the ability to optimize processes and projects, and senior personnel should focus on digital strategic layout. Accelerate the training of compound financial talents who understand data and fine technology.

Promote the standardization transformation of the AI system of enterprise financial accounting. Enterprises need to develop unified data standards and algorithm model management to ensure the reliability and security of artificial intelligence (AI) output data. Thus, it can reduce the integration cost, avoid technical risks, and lay a solid foundation for the large-scale and modular application of an AI system.

Enterprise financial accounting can optimize the financial business process. Rethinking and radically redesigning existing processes, driven by artificial intelligence (AI) technology. Companies are building new models of human-machine collaboration, with artificial intelligence (AI) handling large numbers of repetitive transactions, while finance staff focus on exception handling and decision support. Make financial operations more agile and precise [12].

6. Conclusion

The application of artificial intelligence (AI) in financial accounting marks that the industry is stepping into a new era of intelligence. Therefore, enterprises should pay attention to the training of compound talents, promote the standardization of the system, maintain the workflow of interpersonal cooperation, give full play to the potential of artificial intelligence (AI) technology, and promote the continuous innovation and stable and efficient development of financial accounting in the era of constant change. This paper systematically discusses the application of artificial intelligence in financial accounting, the dual impact, and the future development strategy. It is of great significance to the digital practice of enterprises. However, this paper also has some limitations, and there is no corresponding data support, which makes the review of this paper not comprehensive enough. In the future, more practices will be carried out to collect corresponding data to make up for the defects of this paper. Overall, this study provides new insights into the application of AI in the field of financial accounting and highlights the importance of AI for the future development of financial accounting and beyond.

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