

# Bank Fraud and Scam in India

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## ABSTRACT

The main objective is to review various fraud detection methods used on ATM cards and analyze their performance. The performance analysis is based on parameters such as accuracy, speed, and cost. The paper discusses various fraud detection techniques, including Neural Network based fraud detection, Genetic Algorithm Based on the human brain's working principle, learning from past experiences to make decisions about fraudulent or non-fraudulent transactions. The Genetic Algorithm approach detects fraud in real-time and minimize false alerts based on customer's behavior. The paper concludes that the implementation of an efficient fraud detection system is the main challenges, and a comparative study of various fraud detection techniques is essential to reduce ATM card fraud in India.

**KEYWORDS:** ATM Card Scam Reducing and Implement

## INTRODUCTION

ATMs are the mechanical devices used across India to withdraw cash from bank accounts. And owing to its massive usage, it is also a target of scammers that scrap people of their hard-earned money. So, to keep you vigilant, let's deep dive into the modus operandi of these popular scams and how you stay safe.

Automated Teller Machines, or ATMs, are mechanical devices used across India to withdraw cash from bank accounts. Due to the swift and easy process, they are widely popular and can be fraud in every nook and corner in a street across the country. And owing to its massive usage, it is also a target of scammers that scrap people of their hard-earned money.

ATM card scams in India are intended to steal sensitive data of visitors. According to the Indian Computer Emergency Response Team (CERT-In), the tactics can include skimming, which involves spying tools to steal money from the victim's bank account.

A fraudster plants a 'magnetic card reader' in the machine that copies the sensitive data of the inserted card without letting the person involved in transaction known. Once the cardholder enters their security PIN,

a spying camera records the process, which helps in committing fraud.

Besides skimming, cloning, trapping, and keyboard jamming are other ATM Scams. In trapping, a device that traps the card when inserted in deployed, according to Bajaj Finserv. Likewise, in keyboard jamming, scammers jam keys such as 'Enter' or 'Cancel' to trap details from unsuccessful transactions.

## TYPE OF FRAUD:

Over the years, incidents of ATM fraud have increased. ATM fraud is basically the fraudulent activity of gaining illegal access to someone's ATM card and PIN to withdraw money from their account. Another kind of ATM fraud is BREAKING into an ATM and stealing money from the machine.

Card Skimming. Credit card skimming is one of the few card-present types of fraud on this list. ...

Identity Theft. ...

Account Takeover (ATO) Fraud.

Phishing.

CNP Fraud.

Card Cracking Frau.

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Apart from all these fraud types there are several other types of frauds, to name a few, Application fraud, Account takeover, Carding, Bin attack, Tele fishing etc. The description of all these terms is widely in many scholarly journals and internet.

### **BACKGROUD OF ATM CARD FRAUD**

Over the years, incidents of ATM card fraud have increased. ATM card fraud is basically the fraudulent activity of gaining illegal access to someone's ATM card and PIN to withdraw money from their account. Another kinds of ATM fraud is breaking into an ATM and stealing money from the machine.

ATM card fraud has been a persistent problem in India, with fraudsters continuously evolving their tactics to exploit vulnerabilities in the banking system. One common method used by fraudsters is skimming, where they attach devices to ATM machines to capture card information, including the magnetic stripe data and PINs entered by unsuspecting users. This stolen information is then used to create counterfeit cards or make unauthorized transactions online or at other ATMs.

Phishing scams are another prevalent form of ATM card fraud, wherein fraudsters use deceptive emails, text messages, or phone calls to trick individuals into revealing their ATM card details or other sensitive information. These phishing attempts often mimic legitimate communications from banks or financial institutions, making it challenging for users to discern the fraudulent nature of the messages.

Card cloning is also a significant concern, where fraudsters use sophisticated techniques to copy the information from legitimate ATM cards onto counterfeit cards. With these cloned cards, fraudsters can withdraw funds from victims' accounts or make purchases without their knowledge, often leaving the victims unaware of the fraudulent activity until they receive their bank statements.

Weak cybersecurity infrastructure within some banks and financial institutions further exacerbates the problem, as it provides opportunities for cybercriminals to exploit vulnerabilities in the system. Inadequate network security, insufficient data encryption measures, and lax authentication mechanisms can all be exploited by fraudsters to gain unauthorized access to sensitive information and perpetrate ATM card fraud.

Moreover, a lack of awareness among ATM users about common fraud tactics and safe banking practices leaves them more susceptible to falling victim to fraudulent schemes. Many users may not recognize the signs of a phishing scam or may unknowingly expose their ATM card information

through careless online behavior, such as sharing passwords or logging into banking websites from insecure networks.

Insufficient regulation and enforcement also contribute to the prevalence of ATM card fraud, as some fraudsters may operate with impunity due to weak regulatory oversight and lenient penalties for fraud-related offenses. Strengthening regulatory measures and imposing stricter penalties for fraudulent activities can act as a deterrent and help combat ATM card fraud more effectively.

Overall, addressing the background of ATM card fraud in India requires a comprehensive approach that involves improving cybersecurity infrastructure, enhancing regulatory oversight, raising awareness among ATM users, and implementing innovative fraud prevention measures to stay ahead of evolving fraud.

### **PERFORMANCE CRITERIA FOR DEBIT CARD FRAUD REDUCING MODEL:**

Performance criteria for a debit card fraud-reducing model can include:

1. **Detection Accuracy:** The model should accurately detect fraudulent transactions while minimizing false positives to avoid inconveniencing legitimate cardholders.
2. **Scalability:** The model should be scalable to handle large volumes of transactions efficiently, ensuring real-time detection and response to fraudulent activity even during peak times.
3. **Speed of Response:** The model should respond quickly to suspected fraudulent activity, triggering alerts or interventions to prevent further unauthorized transactions.
4. **Adaptability:** The model should be adaptable to evolving fraud tactics and patterns, continuously learning from new data to enhance detection capabilities and stay ahead of fraudsters.
5. **Robustness:** The model should be robust against adversarial attacks and attempts to circumvent fraud detection, maintaining its effectiveness even in the face of sophisticated fraud schemes.
6. **Cost-effectiveness:** The model should provide a cost-effective solution for banks and financial institutions, minimizing the resources required to implement and maintain fraud detection systems.
7. **User Experience:** The model should minimize disruptions to the user experience by avoiding unnecessary transaction declines or interventions for legitimate cardholders while effectively combating fraud.

8. **Regulatory Compliance:** The model should comply with relevant regulatory requirements and standards for fraud prevention and data protection, ensuring that it operates within legal and ethical boundaries.
9. **False Positive Rate:** The model should aim to minimize false positives, as excessive false alarms can lead to customer dissatisfaction and increased operational costs for investigating and resolving false alerts.
10. **Customer Satisfaction:** Ultimately, the effectiveness of the model should be measured by its ability to reduce debit card fraud without adversely affecting the overall customer experience, thereby maintaining customer trust and satisfaction.

### **ATM VULNERABILITIES:**

Source: Celotek Corporation

Celotek Corporation's public telecommunications network, Asynchronous Transfer Mode (ATM) networks are not secure.

ATM is vulnerable to attack. The physical media, the switch and the protocols can all allow unauthorized access to valuable information--voice, video or data--being trans-ported across the network.

Unless the user has implemented proper security measures his network, his organization, and the information it contains are all susceptible to ATM attacks.

### **Physical Plant Vulnerabilities**

The ATM physical infrastructure cannot be guaranteed to be free of unauthorized access. In the US, because of the Telecommunications Act of 1996, more people than ever before have access to the physical plant, central office and point of presence. The carrier network may well traverse the infrastructure of third party carriers, in country or internationally. More people and more unknowns translate to greater security risk. Examples of Physical Plant attacks include fiber tapping, SONET drop/add multiplexor attacks, and snooping.

### **Fiber Tapping**

Bending a fiber just a small amount causes it to leak light. By using a chemical solvent to dissolve the insulation surrounding a fiber and attaching a device to detect the leaked light, an attacker has access to all the data being transmitted through that fiber. The leaked light is undetectable at either end of the fiber.

### **SONET Drop/Add Multiplexor Attacks**

SONET multiplexors can be found in the basements of many high rise buildings in city business districts.

They offer little challenge to the experienced network attacker. Protected by no more than a combination lock on the entrance to the wiring closet, access to a customer's valuable data can be gained in minutes. Often cracking a password isn't even required to log in to a multiplexor; all that is required is knowledge of the management information base (MIB) variables. In most cases these MIB variables can be accessed from the manufacturer's web site.

### **Snooping**

Many switches have special "sniffer" ports for troubleshooting purposes, which allow easy access to data going through the switch. Use a simple password-cracking program on these ports and you can have access to all the data, voice or video that transmits through the switch. ATM analyzers can simply reassemble the cells into their higher-level protocol data units (PDUs)--data, voice and video; all at line rate.

### **Detection Tools**

A common misconception is that broadband technologies are too fast or too complex to be intercepted. A few examples of technology that contradict this statement follow: - The Voice Channel De-Multiplexor from Applied Signal Technology Inc. scans 56,700 communications channels and extracts 3000 channels of interest. - TRAILMAPPER from AST intercepts and analyzes transmissions of 2.5 Gbps including ATM reassembly and decode.

### **Protocol Weaknesses**

ATM protocols do not authenticate or encrypt. This means they are vulnerable to "snooping" and "spoofing". It is possible to have access to a single port in the ATM cloud and gain control of routing data through the cloud by pretending to be a trusted switch. This can be done without any access to the network management interface.

### **ILMI Attacks**

The Integrated Local Management Interface (ILMI) protocol is used at the interface between the private and public networks. At boot time, a private switch may use ILMI to configure ATM addresses. But, because the ILMI protocol does not authenticate and is sent in the clear, it is possible for an attacker to register for additional ATM addresses. These additional ATM addresses can then be used to bypass any address filters configured on the public switch. Additionally ILMI can be used to configure the port type. An untrusted User Network Interface (UNI) port can be configured to be a trusted Network to Network Interface (NNI) port by means of a hacked ILMI message. Once the public network thinks the untrusted port is an NNI interface it is possible to



attack the routing of the public ATM cloud via Private Network to Network Interface (PNNI).

### **LACK OF STANDERDIZED SECURITY MEASURES:**

The lack of standardized security measures can lead to vulnerabilities and inconsistencies across systems, making it easier for attackers to exploit weaknesses. It underscores the importance of establishing and adhering to robust security protocols to safeguard sensitive information and systems.

### **MITIGATION STRATEGIES:**

Mitigating ATM fraud involves a combination of technological, procedural, and educational measures. Here are several strategies:

1. **EMV Technology:** Deploying EMV (Europay, Mastercard, and Visa) chip technology in ATM cards makes them more secure than magnetic stripe cards. EMV chips generate unique codes for each transaction, reducing the risk of counterfeit card fraud.
2. **Tokenization:** Implementing tokenization replaces sensitive card information with unique tokens, preventing unauthorized access to card data during transactions.
3. **ATM Security Features:** Incorporating physical security measures such as tamper-evident card readers, PIN shields, and anti-skimming devices can deter fraudulent activities.
4. **Encryption:** Encrypting data transmissions between the ATM and the bank's network adds an extra layer of security, making it harder for attackers to intercept sensitive information.
5. **Biometric Authentication:** Utilizing biometric authentication methods like fingerprint or iris scanning enhances security by ensuring that only authorized users can access the ATM.
6. **Transaction Monitoring:** Employing real-time monitoring systems to detect unusual patterns or suspicious activities helps identify and prevent fraudulent transactions promptly.
7. **Customer Education:** Educating ATM users about common fraud tactics like card skimming, shoulder surfing, and phishing scams can help them recognize and avoid potential threats.
8. **Regular Software Updates:** Ensuring that ATM software is regularly updated with the latest security patches and enhancements helps safeguard against vulnerabilities exploited by fraudsters.
9. **Physical Security Measures:** Installing surveillance cameras, adequate lighting, and

alarm systems in and around ATM locations can deter criminals and assist in identifying perpetrators.

10. **Collaboration and Information Sharing:** Banks and financial institutions should collaborate with law enforcement agencies and share information about emerging fraud trends and incidents to stay ahead of evolving threats.

Implementing a comprehensive strategy that combines these measures can significantly reduce the risk of ATM fraud and enhance overall security for both financial institutions and their customers.

### **IMPLIMENTATION OF EVM CHIP TECHNOLOGY:**

EMV chip technology can store far more information than magnetic stripe credit cards. This technology allows these credit cards to hold encrypted data, which helps protect against in-store payment fraud. Better still, this encrypted data is dynamic, meaning the information can change over time.

- EMV chip technology is inherently more secure than legacy credit cards. Instead of swiping a cloneable magnetic stripe at the point of sale, EMV cards must be dipped into or waved across a dedicated chip reader. Because these security chips are so hard to copy, in-person purchases benefit from much greater fraud protection
- With liability rules in place, card-issuing banks and merchants are both incentivized to make the transition to more secure EMV technology. Failure to do so exposes them to exorbitant fines if payment fraud occurs
- Most new EMV cards and chip-based readers come with near field communication (NFC) technology that allows for contactless payments. Rather than physically swipe plastic at the terminal, customers can simply wave their plastic across the reader – resulting in faster (and more secure) transactions.

### **CONTINUOUS MONITORING AND SURVEILLANCE:**

Continuous monitoring and surveillance play a critical role in reducing ATM fraud. By employing real-time detection and analysis, these systems can promptly identify suspicious activities, such as unauthorized access attempts or tampering with ATM hardware. This enables swift intervention to prevent fraudulent transactions and security measures to emerging threats. Continuous monitoring also allows for behavioral analysis and the application of advanced technologies like machine learning to improve fraud detection capabilities over time.

Ultimately, these measures help minimize financial losses, enhance customer confidence in ATM services, and ensure compliance with regulatory requirements.

### **LITERATURE SURVEY:**

Reducing ATM card fraud in India has been a significant concern for financial institutions, regulators, and customers alike. A comprehensive literature survey would encompass various strategies, technologies, and regulatory measures aimed at mitigating this issue. Here's a breakdown of key areas to explore:

**Technological Solutions:** Investigate literature on advancements in ATM technology, such as EMV chip cards, biometric authentication, and tokenization, and their effectiveness in reducing fraud instances.

**Fraud Detection and Prevention:** Examine research on machine learning algorithms, artificial intelligence, and data analytics used for detecting suspicious transactions, identifying patterns of fraudulent activities, and preventing unauthorized access to ATMs.

**Customer Education and Awareness:** Explore studies on the impact of customer education campaigns and awareness programs aimed at educating users about common fraud schemes, phishing attacks, and best practices for protecting their ATM cards and personal identification numbers (PINs).

**Regulatory Framework:** Review literature discussing regulatory measures implemented by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) and other relevant authorities to enhance security standards for ATMs, mandate the adoption of specific security protocols, and enforce compliance with anti-fraud regulations.

**Collaborative Efforts:** Investigate research on collaborative efforts between banks, law enforcement agencies, and other stakeholders to share information, collaborate on investigations, and develop strategies for combating ATM card fraud collectively.

**Case Studies and Success Stories:** Analyze case studies and success stories of financial institutions that have successfully implemented innovative anti-fraud measures or experienced significant reductions in ATM card fraud incidents.

**Challenges and Future Directions:** Lastly, explore literature discussing the challenges faced in addressing ATM card fraud in India, emerging threats and vulnerabilities, and potential future directions for research and implementation of anti-fraud measures.

By synthesizing findings from these various sources, a comprehensive literature survey can provide valuable

insights into the multifaceted approaches to reducing ATM card fraud in India.

### **PROBLEMS IN REDUCING ATM CARD FRAUD:**

Skimming devices steal card data at ATMs.

Phishing scams trick users into sharing card details.

Card cloning leads to unauthorized withdrawals.

Weak cybersecurity leaves systems vulnerable.

Lack of awareness makes users easy targets.

Insufficient regulation hampers fraud prevention.

Technological advancements aid fraudsters' tactics.

### **METHODOLOGY OF REDUCING ATM CARD FRAUD:**

Here are some methodologies for reducing ATM card fraud with new ideas:

**Biometric Authentication:** Implement biometric verification methods such as fingerprint or facial recognition at ATMs to enhance security and reduce reliance on easily compromised PINs.

**Blockchain Technology:** Utilize blockchain to create a decentralized and tamper-proof system for recording ATM transactions, making it harder for fraudsters to alter or manipulate transaction data.

**Behavioral Analytics:** Develop systems that analyze user behavior patterns to detect anomalies in ATM transactions, such as unusual withdrawal locations or spending patterns, flagging potentially fraudulent activity in real-time.

**AI-Powered Fraud Detection:** Employ artificial intelligence and machine learning algorithms to continuously analyze ATM transaction data and identify suspicious patterns, enabling proactive fraud prevention measures.

**Tokenization:** Replace sensitive card data with unique tokens that are useless to fraudsters if intercepted, reducing the risk of card cloning and unauthorized transactions.

**Geolocation Verification:** Implement geolocation technology to verify the physical location of ATM users, adding an extra layer of security by ensuring that transactions originate from legitimate locations.

**Multi-Factor Authentication:** Require multiple forms of authentication, such as combining biometrics with a one-time password (OTP) sent to the user's registered mobile device, to strengthen security and prevent unauthorized access to ATMs.

**Dynamic CVV/CVC:** Introduce dynamic CVV/CVC codes that change periodically, making it more

difficult for fraudsters to clone cards or use stolen card information for fraudulent transactions.

**Collaborative Intelligence:** Foster collaboration among banks, financial institutions, and law enforcement agencies to share data and insights on emerging fraud trends, enabling more effective prevention and response strategies.

**Customer Education and Awareness:** Launch campaigns to educate ATM users about common fraud tactics, safe banking practices, and how to recognize and report suspicious activity, empowering them to protect themselves from fraud.

### **COLLABORATION BETWEEN FINANCIAL INSTITUTION AND LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES:**

DFS Secretary Dr. Vivek Joshi chairs a half-day workshop with Law Enforcement Agencies (LEAs) and Start-ups and Fintech ecosystem partners

DFS Secretary urges for greater collaboration among the government, regulator, public and private sector to harness the full potential of Start-up and Fintech sector in India

The workshop is an effort to build confidence and trust among the ecosystem partners by sharing of best practices and addressing key challenges in dealing cybersecurity, digital financial frauds

Heads of around 60 Fintech companies, four Fintech Associations, 23 State's Police Departments, CBI, ED, FIU-Ind and Central Government Ministries/Departments, Regulators and other agencies concerned participated

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The Department of Financial Services (DFS), Ministry of Finance and Indian Cyber Crime Coordination Centre (I4C), Ministry of Home Affairs, jointly organised a half-day workshop with Law Enforcement Agencies (LEAs) and Start-ups and Fintech ecosystem partners, in New Delhi, today. The workshop was conducted in continuation of the last interaction of Union Finance Minister Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman with the Start-up and Fintech companies on 26th February 2024.



The interactive workshop was organised to foster strong collaboration between Fintechs and LEAs to encourage innovations, ensuring due compliance of extant rules and regulations, addressing key challenges such as cybersecurity, digital financial frauds etc., and more importantly building confidence and trust among the ecosystem partners.

Addressing the audience, DFS Secretary Dr. Vivek Joshi emphasised the contributions made by the Start-ups and Fintechs to India's high and sustained economic growth. Dr. Joshi urged for greater collaboration among the government, regulator, public and the private sector to harness the full potential of Start-up and Fintech sector in India. He emphasised that Fintechs are more technology and innovation oriented, and they draw the traction of the regulators and LEAs when they grow their businesses over a period of time.

While the Fintech Associations presented the operational modalities and key challenges faced by the Fintech companies, the LEAs from the States shared their best practices on curbing cybercrime and financial frauds.

I4C, highlighted about Mule Accounts, ATM hotspots, Hotspot Branches, Fintech Merchant abuse etc. through its Citizen Financial Cyber Frauds Reporting and Management System (CFCFRMS). It was emphasised that an indigenous transaction monitoring and Anti-Money Laundering (AML) system catering to Indian fraud and crime scenario may be developed by the Fintech companies.

Following points were deliberated during the proceedings of the workshop:

- Role of technology in providing accessibility to financial services
- Strategy to control the money mules
- Appointment of key contact point or nodal officer by the Fintech companies to liaise with the LEAs
- Real-time monitoring of data infringement by both the Fintech companies and LEAs



- Geotagging of digital transactions to track the money trails
- Creation of suspicious registry of BCs and fraudsters involved in the financial frauds
- Conducting regular audits of digital KYC for trust and accountability
- Establishing a mechanism for freezing and unfreezing of accounts for faster recovery of defrauded money
- Devising a mechanism to ensure data privacy and prevention of data theft
- Modernisation of digital infrastructure by leveraging technologies like IPv6, API integration etc.

The insights focused on emerging trends of cybercrime and financial frauds were provided by Gujarat, Haryana, and Uttarakhand State Police Departments along with I4C. The workshop ended with a panel discussion comprising of LEAs for prevention and mitigation of cybercrime and financial frauds.

The workshop was attended by the Founders/ Co-founders/ Heads around 60 Fintech companies, four Fintech Associations, 23 State's Police Departments, CBI, ED, FIU-Ind and the Central Government Ministries/ Departments, Regulators and other agencies concerned such as Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY), Department of Telecommunications (DoT), Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT), Reserve Bank of India (RBI), Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (PFRDA), Central Registry of Securitisation Asset and Security Interest (CERSAI), National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI), Business Correspondent Federation of India (BCFI), and I4C etc.



### **ROLE OF REGULATORY AUTHORITIES IN COMBATING ATM SCAM:**

Regulatory authorities play a pivotal role in combating ATM scams through various mechanisms:

1. Establishing Standards and Regulations: Regulatory bodies formulate and enforce standards and regulations governing the security and operation of ATMs. These standards often cover areas such as data protection, encryption protocols, physical security requirements, and customer authentication methods. By setting clear guidelines, regulatory authorities provide a framework for financial institutions to implement robust security measures. Enforcement of Compliance: Regulatory authorities monitor financial institutions to ensure compliance with established regulations and standards related to ATM operations and security. They conduct audits, inspections, and assessments to verify that banks and ATM deployers adhere to prescribed security protocols and best practices. Non-compliance may result in penalties, fines, or other enforcement actions to compel adherence to regulatory requirements.3.Issuing Guidance and Advisories: Regulatory authorities issue guidance documents, advisories, and best practice recommendations to help financial institutions strengthen their defenses against ATM scams. These resources often highlight emerging threats, provide mitigation strategies, and offer insights into industry trends to help banks stay ahead of evolving risks

Promoting Information Sharing and Collaboration: Regulatory bodies facilitate information sharing and collaboration among financial institutions, law enforcement agencies, and other stakeholders to address ATM scams effectively. By fostering partnerships and cooperation, regulatory authorities enable the exchange of threat intelligence, incident data, and best practices, which enhances the collective ability to combat fraud and mitigate risks. Monitoring and Analysis: Regulatory authorities monitor trends and patterns in ATM-related fraud and criminal activities to identify emerging threats and vulnerabilities. Through data analysis and risk assessments, they can assess the effectiveness of existing security measures and identify areas for improvement. This proactive approach allows regulatory bodies to anticipate evolving risks and recommend preventive measures to mitigate potential threats. Research and Development: Some regulatory authorities engage in research and development initiatives to explore innovative technologies, strategies, and approaches for enhancing ATM security. By investing in research projects and collaborative efforts with industry stakeholders, regulatory bodies contribute to the development of new tools, standards, and solutions to combat ATM scams and protect consumers. Public Awareness and

Education: Regulatory authorities may conduct public awareness campaigns and educational initiatives to inform consumers about the risks associated with ATM scams and fraud. By raising awareness and providing guidance on how to recognize and prevent fraudulent activities, regulatory bodies empower consumers to make informed decisions and protect themselves from financial exploitation. Overall, regulatory authorities play a multifaceted role in combating ATM scams by setting standards, enforcing compliance, facilitating collaboration, monitoring risks, promoting innovation, and educating the public. Through these efforts, regulatory bodies contribute to the integrity, security, and trustworthiness of ATM systems, thereby safeguarding the interests of consumers and maintaining the stability of the financial ecosystem.

### **FUTURE OUTLOOK AND RECOMMENDATIONS:**

In our digitally-driven world, the importance of fraud prevention cannot be overstated. With the ever-increasing volume of financial transactions and the proliferation of digital platforms, fraudsters have found new and sophisticated ways to exploit vulnerabilities in our financial systems. As a result, the need for advanced security measures has never been greater.

The digital age has ushered in a remarkable era of convenience and accessibility. We can transfer funds, make purchases, and manage our finances with a few taps on a smartphone or the clicks of a mouse. However, this convenience has also given rise to significant security challenges.

Therefore, in this digital age, robust fraud prevention measures are a paramount concern. To combat increasingly sophisticated and automated fraud schemes, security solutions must evolve as well. This article will explore how the fusion of Edge AI and Computer Vision is at the forefront of this evolution, offering real-time, intelligent solutions to protect against fraud.

### **Edge AI and Computer Vision for Fraud Prevention**

**Edge AI** refers to artificial intelligence algorithms and processing that occur locally on devices or within a network, rather than relying on a distant server or cloud-based infrastructure.

**Computer Vision**, on the other hand, is a field of AI that enables computers to interpret and understand visual information from the world, much like a human would.

Together, Edge AI and Computer Vision form a powerful duo in the fight against fraud, as they enable

ATMs and security systems to "see" and "think" in real-time, identifying unusual patterns and responding swiftly to potential threats.

### **The Need for Advanced Technologies**

Given the evolving threat landscape and the limitations of traditional security measures, there is a clear and urgent need for technologies like Edge AI and Computer Vision in ATM security and fraud prevention:

- Real-Time Detection
- Visual Intelligence
- Scalability and Adaptability
- Reduced False Positives

### **LONG TERM STRATEGIES FOR SUSTAINABLE SECURITY:**

Long-term strategies for sustainable security in ATM card fraud involve a comprehensive and adaptive approach that addresses evolving threats while ensuring the resilience of ATM systems. Firstly, investment in research and development is crucial to continuously enhance security technologies and methods. This includes advancements in encryption, biometric authentication, and fraud detection algorithms to stay ahead of sophisticated fraudsters. Collaboration between financial institutions, regulatory bodies, law enforcement agencies, and cybersecurity experts is essential for sharing threat intelligence, best practices, and lessons learned. Moreover, ongoing education and awareness campaigns for both ATM users and bank staff are vital to promote vigilance and safe practices. Building a culture of security consciousness helps mitigate risks and fosters a collective responsibility towards protecting ATM systems. Additionally, necessary to identify vulnerabilities and implement corrective measures promptly. Embracing emerging technologies such as artificial intelligence and blockchain can also enhance security by providing tamper-resistant transaction records and predictive analytics capabilities. Lastly, regulatory frameworks need to evolve in tandem with technological advancements and emerging threats to ensure that financial institutions uphold robust security standards and compliance measures. By adopting these long-term strategies, stakeholders can establish a sustainable security posture that effectively mitigates ATM card fraud and safeguards the integrity of the financial ecosystem.

### **CONCLUSION:**

In this survey, the different ways that the problem of anomaly detection has been formulated in literature were outlined and discussed. We unified the notion of the anomaly to provide a clear theoretical



understanding of the problem at hand. The methodology behind this research was driven by the mission that a comprehensive review on anomaly detection techniques should facilitate for the reader not only to be informed of the motivations behind using particular models but also of their advantages and limitations when applied to a specific area of fraud. We achieved this by detailing a comparative analysis of the various approaches implemented in each application.

The significance of detecting fraud and its detrimental effects on the financial economy was highlighted in this paper, along with the associated challenges of applying anomaly detection techniques to combat this continually growing problem. The main areas explored in this survey were credit card fraud, insurance fraud and money laundering. It was made evident that the challenges faced varied significantly based on the different fraud applications. For instance, the ability of systems to detect fraud in real-time is crucial for credit card frauds but may not be as prudent in insurance fraud detection systems. Furthermore, we showed that there is no single universally applicable anomaly detection technique for all the different types of financial fraud outlined in this survey. An evident lack of publicly available datasets, labelled or not, was identified as a significant limitation in this field. We also attribute the aforementioned reason to the dearth of research on

other types of financial fraud. More importantly, the imbalanced nature of datasets due to the rare occurrence of fraudulent cases was emphasized as one of, if not the most critical considerations that must be factored in during the design stage of any fraud detection system or model.

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