

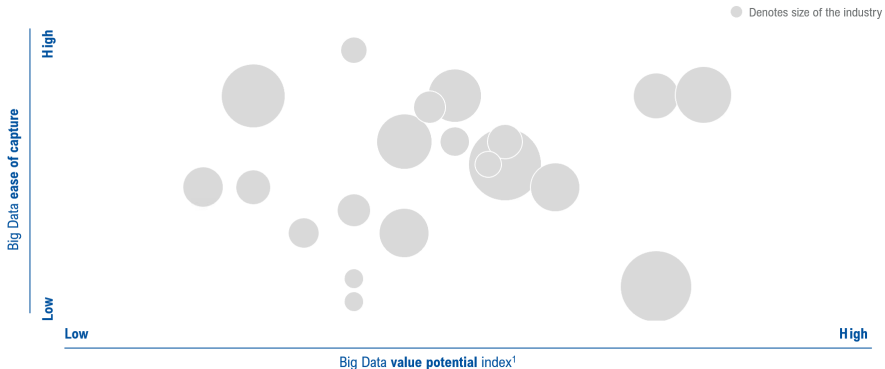
From Data Issues to Insurance Solutions: Machine Learning's Potential

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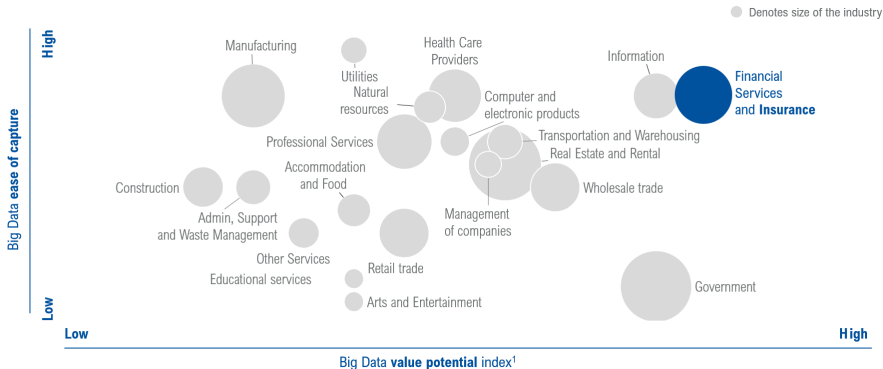
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Machine Learning in Insurance: Potential Use Cases



Fraud Detection

Identifying potentially fraudulent activities by analyzing patterns that deviate from the norm.



- Detailed claim information
- Behavioral data
- Previous fraud markers

🕒 **Customer Churn Prediction**

Forecasting the likelihood of a customer discontinuing their policy before its expiration.



- Detailed contract information
- Renewal history
- Customer service interactions

Loss Reserving

Predicting the claim developments and the ultimate claim amount for a portfolio of claims.



- Detailed claim information
- Sufficient loss history
- Macroeconomic indicators



Optimized Pricing

Adjusting insurance premiums using a vast array of factors to attract and retain customers while ensuring profitability.



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Types of Data Issues

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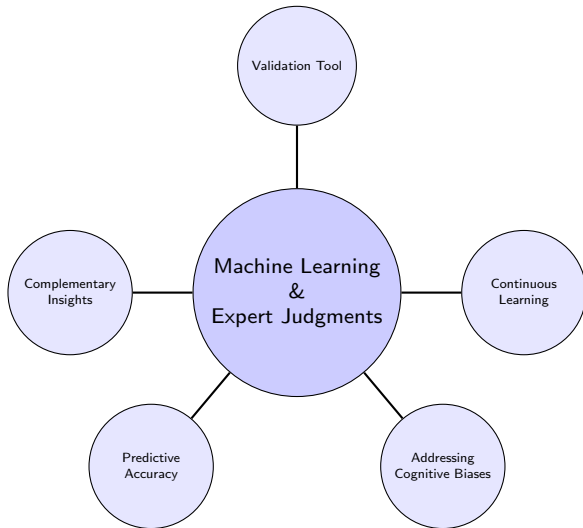
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3	90	135	165	185	-	-
4	85	130	160	-	-	-
5	105	90	-	-	-	-
6	75	-	-	-	-	-

- Chain Ladder
- Neural Net

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4	0	0	0	9.2% / 4.0%	10.4% / 4.1%	13.0% / 3.1%
5	0	0	3.2% / 2.2%	10.1% / 3.9%	11.9% / 3%	13.8% / 0.7%
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