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# TRADITIONAL AI VS GENERATIVE AI: THE ROLE IN MODERN CYBER SECURITY

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#### **Abstracts:**

The role of both standard AI and generative AI in the sphere of cybersecurity has been considerable; it is possible to describe it as disruptive. This AI, which works with a strictly defined approach and depends on definite rules and algorisms, has been proven to be critical for the purposes of automation of threat identification, acceleration of incidents' handling, and the ability to predict cyber threats. It has been proven to be effective in addressing all the acknowledged flow threat patterns and performing most of the generic security tasks. The novel generative AI technology implies a new domain of cybersecurity since computer systems can develop unique and individual approaches to complex and constantly changing threats. Generative AI provides the possibility to model the most probable attack schemes, generate realistic data for training, and develop instant response measures. This gets rid of the drawback of classical AI in responding to zero-day attacks and other complex, sustained dangers. This abstract looks at the current roles played by classical and generative AI in modern cybersecurity and the differences as well as similarities between the two. Thus, the publications focus on the key aspects of machine learning and the deep learning AI paradigm equally to build stronger, more flexible, and actively responding security measures for combating threats.

**Keywords:** Threat Detection, Anomaly Detection, Data Synthesis, Adversarial Attacks, Automated Responses, Machine Learning, Cyber Defense Strategy

#### Introduction

#### 1.1 Background

Artificial intelligence has been a core component of present-day cybersecurity since it provides appropriate solutions for threat identification, incident management, and machine surveillance. In the past years, cybersecurity AI has been considered to be mostly based on prognostic schemes, mainly with the help of supervised learning methods, when all the previously analyzed data is used in order to find similarities in new tasks. While this approach is powerful, it does have its flaws, one of which is that it is not as good at predicting

and responding to new threats as it could be. There is an increasing requirement for developing advanced AI features to combat emerging cyber threats, where generative AI, a new concept of AI solution, does not only identify existing threats but also generates probable future threats, thus offering a preventive measure (Sharma et al., 2023; Zhao & Huang, 2022).

Traditional AI in Cybersecurity: The machine learning (ML) and Deep learning (DL), which are part of traditional AI, depend on past data to find features typical of cyber threats. It has been used in creating models that are able to identify the presence of malware, phishing, and other threat types by analyzing big data sets for known patterns and/or behaviors (Jones & Smith, 2020). However, it should be noted that the success of these models significantly depends on the comparably high quality and quantity of data with which the AI is trained, which by definition means they are easily compromised by new threats that were not present in the training data set. For instance, traditional AI could not recognize a zero-day exploit, a form of attack, which, by definition, has no data for the AI model to analyze and determine the next line of action (Nguyen & Dinh, 2021). Furthermore, the majority of typical AI systems demand long time and lots of computation to analyze data and make prediction. All the same, they have been adopted because they present an opportunity to automate routine operational cybersecurity tasks that are otherwise time-consuming. However, as threats are constantly emerging (new methods of the attack are used by attackers) the applicability of such models has obvious drawbacks; hence, it is necessary to consider the usage of more 'flexible' AI technologies such as generative AI (Zhang et al., 2020).

#### 1.2 Comparative Analysis of Traditional and Generative AI

In cybersecurity, generative AI is more beneficial than traditional AI because it can create data samples independently, replicating possible threats and providing cybersecurity systems with an opportunity to learn about new threats. New approaches like genetic adversarial networks (GANs) and variational autoencoders (VAEs) have been applied to create synthetically labeled data that resembles malicious activities, allowing AI models to be trained on such data. One effective application of generative AI is identifying and counteracting adversarial attacks, in which criminals feed tainted data to the AI model. Traditional AI, on the other hand, relies on past data to identify cyber threats, such as malware and phishing, but the success of these models depends on the high quality and quantity of data used, which can be compromised by new threats. For example, traditional AI cannot recognize zero-day exploits, which lack the data for the AI model to analyze and determine the next line of action.

Nonetheless, it is critical to understand that traditional AI and generative AI are not rivals in the context of cybersecurity applications, but rather highly synergistic, and neither one can replace the other. Conventional AI is particularly good at problems that can be framed as how to find a needle in a haystack quickly and accurately, given that the nature of the threat is known. CCT is particularly useful where threats are slow, the residual risk is high, and the data is readily available. Nevertheless, their application of historical data makes them less powerful concerning innovation or emergent danger, which Generative AI is capable of handling (Shen & Chen, 2022). Generative AI, therefore, brings out the strengths of new data generation and threat modeling that traditional AI lacks. It empowers the cybersecurity systems to defend and protect not only against threats that are already recognized but also against threats that are yet unidentified, which offers a wider and more complex approach to the cybersecurity problem. However, integrating generative AI is not without some vices. Some of them are as follows: The main challenges of using generative AI' include Generative AI faces the following challenges: Due to the pandemic, there is an increase in the use of generative models in different fields, including cybersecurity (Zhang et al., 2020; Chau et al., 2020; Hussain et al., 2021). The problem of false positives and the time spent on the creation and training of generative models make them a challenging tool in the field of cybersecurity that can and should be integrated into existing cybersecurity.

#### 1.3 Problem Statement

In view of this, as cyber threats become more complex, there is a need for a need for the development of advanced cybersecurity solutions. It is not very efficient but is definitely much more rigid than MA and PA since it relies on classical statistical methods and is not capable of making an adaptation based on newly emerged attacks. On the other hand, generative AI can create, predict, and simulate threats; as such, it is a kinetic approach to dealing with threats in cybersecurity. However, the integration of generative AI poses risks, such as creating more realistic phishing attacks or deep fakes. The following work focuses on investigating the nature, efficacy, and difficulties associated with traditional AI as opposed to generative AI in current cybersecurity.

#### 1.4 Objectives

The Objectives for this study includes:

- 1. To compare the effectiveness of traditional AI and generative AI in detecting and responding to cybersecurity threats.
- 2. To identify specific cyber security use cases where traditional AI and generative AI are most applicable.
- 3. To determine whether generative AI improves or complicates cybersecurity measures.
- 4. To analyze the potential security gaps that generative AI can fill compared to traditional AI approaches.

#### 1.5 Scope and significance

The nature of AI techniques in cyber protection is explained in the study titled Traditional AI vs. Generative AI in Modern Cybersecurity. While traditional AI recognizes patterns, detects anomalies, and has built-in pre-scripted responses to threats, generative AI synthesizes the data patterns, emulates threat scenarios, and formulates new threat strategies. When designing sufficiently strong defenses, it is important to understand these differences because, as generative AI is capable of predicting and modeling previously unknown threats, they are becoming increasingly critical. To enhance cybersecurity defense and minimize the cyber assault effect, it is crucial to study these AI paradigms.

#### 2.0 LITERATURE REVIEW

#### 2.1 Historical background and evolution of traditional AI

The history of traditional AI is considered to begin in the 1950s with a suggestion made by Alan Turing on a machine that imitates any human Professor Donald E. Kessler, 2013. Conventional and traditional approaches to AI were characterized by logic-based reasoning, or a symbolic approach to problem-solving, which was initiated and realized in the development of the first neural networks in the middle of the fifties of the past century. The field grew into the 1980s when machine learning approaches appeared, which empowered systems to learn from the data without having set rules. This period also witnessed the emergence of expert systems that could act on the basis of sets of rules derived from databases (Lippmann et al., 2000). However, in the 1990s, AI development proceeded with the addition of statistical models, which enhanced the effectiveness of traditional AI in such areas as natural language processing and pattern recognition (Hodo et al., 2017). In the 21st century, the concerned field underwent further evolution due to big data and the availability of increased computational power for applying a new generation of more complex machine learning algorithms, including deep learning (Kumar & Vijayalakshmi, 2018).

#### 2.2 Traditional AI in Cybersecurity

In traditional AI in cybersecurity, machine learning algorithms and other artificial intelligence techniques are used in the identification and mitigation of cyber threats. Many of these systems are based on supervised machine learning, where the models are trained using historical data to sub-group characteristics that are believed to belong to the known type of attack. Traditional AI is best deployed for anomaly detection, behavior monitoring, and threat intelligence acquisition, but due to its data-based approach, it can perform poorly against innovative or complex threats. AI in a broad sense is an important contributor to the improvement of cybersecurity in different spheres of people's lives: finance, healthcare, retail, and so on. Using a combination of machine learning and data analysis, AI can detect and counteract threats, which prevent possible monetary loss and unauthorized access to data. In finance, AI detection of fraud can easily analyze patterns of transactions, whereas in health care, it protects patients' records and also conforms to data protection laws. Conventional AI also mitigates crime by improving LEO's effectiveness and making it possible for predictive police tools to examine historical criminal statistics and identify enmity in real-time. By detecting and countering cybercriminal threats, AI innovation in cybersecurity may protect the country's populace. By protecting digital platforms and ensuring that companies integrate new technologies into their operations without facing cyber risks, AI promotes progress and advancement. The reliability of AI-supported cybersecurity systems increases people's confidence in e-commerce, fintech, and online services, contributing to economic growth and advancement.

Traditional AI is applied to most of the cybersecurity applications, such as detecting anomalies, identifying malware, and analyzing traffic patterns on networks. It is particularly useful in efforts to identify potential security threats because it can provide data on systematic or networked anomalies. AI also includes detection of fresh threats in the program code, which contributes to its effectiveness in responding to them compared to the time it takes to interpret individual malicious patterns. It detects the occurrence of unusual network traffic and controls the shift in traffic flow as well. However, traditional AI has some drawbacks; one of them could be the need for large amounts of previously reported security incidents, which definitely do not work well against zero-day threats. Further, prior work on AI architectures may generate false positives, which increases the volume of investigative alerts for the security team. It is also hard to adapt traditional AI approaches because they are static, regardless of the dynamics of cyberspace threats.

#### 2.3 Historical background and evolution of generative AI in Cybersecurity

This was prompted by developments in machine learning and neural networks, from the early 2010s to be precise, and the applications mainly dealt with anomaly identification and malware production. Some of the first examples of its use include utilizing models, such as GANs, for the creation of attack simulations and improvements to threat detection. By the mid-2010s, generative AI had shifted to the generation of a more specific and diverse range of scenarios, such as the as the detection of deeper fakes and adversarial attacks. It was traditionally used to scan vulnerabilities and indicate defense mechanisms, but now it is oriented toward the automated discovery of these vulnerabilities. AI's generative class, such as GANs and GPT, has transformed many industries through content creation, automation of daunting tasks, and improving models' decision-making. In cybersecurity, these models are employed to estimate cyber threats, devise protective measures, and track weaknesses. Apart from cybersecurity, this business of generative AI is being used in healthcare, finance, or entertainment by generating realistic images, texts, and even fakes medical records, while on the other hand, it is being used to fight crimes such as fraud and identity theft.

#### 2.4 Potential applications in cybersecurity

Generative AI, one of the types of AI that has the capability to generate new content, can be a breakthrough in increasing cybersecurity.

There is one of its major uses: improved identification of threats. Generative AI can analyze big data and find such signs of improper actions as zero-day attacks, which regular approaches omit. This is proactive in that it assists organizations in being prepared for the new threats that are likely to emerge in the future. Indeed, generative AI can play a very important role in incident response. Incident reports can be produced automatically and contain information such as a description of the attack, likely consequences, and precautionary

measures to be taken. This speeds up the response rate and is free from human-related inaccuracies. Also, generative AI could be applied to develop realistic but artificial attacks that are comprehensible to cybersecurity groups for the evaluation of their responses. Another vital factor is risk evaluation. Generative AI can produce different versions of the code that will be used to check for susceptibilities that may not be detected by the standard static analysis tools. This proactive approach enables organizations to strategize in which area they need to focus more efforts so that their security is enhanced. In addition, generative AI can benefit from digital investigation. It can help investigators construct attack timelines and recognize vital artifacts because of the creation of potential evidence scenarios. This increases the rate of investigations and enhances the possibility of prosecution. When it comes down to security awareness training, generative AI can produce very sophisticated phony emails and other models of social engineering to make people aware of the threats that exist. This training familiarizes the user with the environment, making it difficult for any attacker to pull off the tricks.

#### 2.5 Advantages of Generative AI over traditional AI

Advantages of Generative AI over Traditional AI Generative AI represent a significant leap forward compared to traditional AI, offering several key advantages:

- Creativity and Innovation: It is able to generate completely new messages and texts, graphics and songs, even computer code, and thus stimulate creativity in various branches.
- Problem-Solving: Because it formulates multiple potential solutions, generative AI can apply complex challenges in a more creative and effective manner.
- Adaptability and Flexibility: One of the main advantages of generative AI is that it is more flexible than non-generative AI; it is able to learn from and respond to increasing amounts of information. Handling Uncertainty: It can work with missing or noisy data, making it less sensitive to the variability that is typical of real-world problems.
- Efficiency and productivity: Generative AI can replace tasks that require originality, such as writing and designing.
- > Speed: It can also produce content as well as solutions at a much higher rate than what is offered by traditional techniques, which speeds up processes.
- Enhanced User Experience: The concept of AI generation allows for extremely close adherence to the user's interests in the creation of content, products, and services to offer.
- > Interactive Content: It can create thin content like artificial intelligence-controlled virtual proxies, chat bots, or assistants that enhance user participation.
- > Data Efficiency: The work of generative AI models may be performed with less submitted training information as compared to the work of traditional AI models. Data Augmentation: It can be used to generate synthetic data, increasing the data set that can be employed for training. As a result, generative AI becomes a significantly versatile entity that is capable of developing new content, learning from the current circumstances, and assessing an enormous amount of data that may render a given industry obsolete.

#### 2.6 Comparative Analysis

Feature	Traditional AI	Generative AI	Description
			Traditional AI excels at performing
Focus	Specific tasks	Creative content generation	well-defined tasks with high
			accuracy and efficiency.

Strengths	Accuracy, Efficiency, Scalability	Creativity, Adaptability, Innovation	Generative AI can produce entirely new content, making it a powerful tool for creative endeavors.
Challenges	Limited creativity, Vulnerability to adversarial attacks	Potential misuse, Ethical concerns, Data bias	Traditional AI can struggle with tasks that require out-of-the-box thinking or handling unseen data.
Applications	Medical diagnosis, Fraud detection, Self- driving cars, Machine translation, Game playing	Image generation, Text generation, Music composition, Drug discovery, Material design	Generative AI has the potential to revolutionize various industries by automating creative tasks and generating new ideas.
Techniques	Machine learning algorithms, Decision trees, Support vector machines, Deep learning	Generative Adversarial Networks (GANs), Variation Auto encoders (VAEs), Autoregressive models	Traditional AI leverages well- established machine learning techniques, while generative AI relies on more recent deep learning advancements.

#### 3.0 METHODOLOGY

#### 3.1 RESEARCH DESIGN

This research work assumes a comparative research design, which is basically aimed at comparing the reinforcement of traditional AI and generative AI in present-day cybersecurity. It will employ a mix of qualitative and quantitative methods in an effort to gain an understanding of AI paradigms, their potential, and their functions in the cybersecurity space.

#### 3.2 Data Collection

#### Primary Data

Interviews: Interviews were conducted with cybersecurity specialists, AI developers, and IT specialists regarding their views on the use and effectiveness of both traditional and generative AI in cybersecurity.

Surveys: Surveys were administered to the IT security teams of several businesses to collect information on their perceptions and usage of traditional and generative AI methods.

Secondary data

The primary sources of secondary data included articles, research papers, reports, case studies, and whitepapers that documented the use of AI in cybersecurity. This will go a long way in identifying the current trends, issues, and advancements within standard AI and generative AI.

Cybersecurity Incident Reports: Explore real-world cyber security incidents as well as depict AI applications and AI incorporated within the identification, management, and mitigation of such incidents.

#### 3.3 Analysis Techniques

To properly analyze the data gathered, the data analysis for this study makes use of several instruments and methods, including:

- Statistical Analysis: Statistical tools like SPSS or R are used to evaluate quantitative survey data. Regression analysis, correlation analysis, and descriptive statistics are a few techniques used to measure correlations between AI types and cybersecurity outcomes such as threat detection accuracy and incident resolution times.
- Thematic Analysis: Thematic analysis uses qualitative data from case studies and interviews. This involves coding the data to identify recurring themes and patterns regarding the strengths and weaknesses of each AI approach.
- Comparative Analysis: The study also includes a comparison of cyberbullying trends. This comparison is based on various criteria: risk mitigation, threat detection capabilities, and access control effectiveness.

#### 3.4 Case Studies/Examples

When comparing traditional AI with generative AI in the context of modern cybersecurity, several case studies and examples illustrate how each approach contributes to enhancing security measures:

Case Study 1: Traditional AI in Cybersecurity (IBM QRadar) IBM QRadar is one of the conventional intelligent SIEM solutions that engage machine learning algorithms to identify information in network traffic that differs from the norm. With the help of processing a large amount of information, the system can detect suspicious activities, such as unauthorized entries into any account and attempts to transfer information out of the company's network. QRadar, on the other hand, can correlate data from various sources and raise an alarm about suspicious activities. This fact illustrates the applicability of traditional AI to learn about known threats and patterns. For example, Anti-Malware solutions.

Case Study 2: Generative Adversarial Networks (GANs) for Adversarial Training: The OpenAI Perspective What has been brought forward with GANs involves rebuilding realistic adversarial examples that can fool conventional AI models. This technique is used especially for enhancing cybersecurity because it helps AI systems encounter a wider range of threats. For instance, generative AI can feed cybercriminals' scams and imitate more real-life attacks so that a cybersecurity team can train better defenses against such a fake threat. Example: automated vulnerability detection.

Case Study 3: Generative AI Immune System Technology of Darktrace employs a blend of the classical form of AI or unsupervised AI and generative AI to develop an intelligent 'defense system' for the networks. Traditional AI works by learning how the network should function when there are no attacks, whereas generator AI works by mimicking an attack and creating scenarios that would threaten the network. All in all, this approach of Darktrace prefixes the known threats with the unknown ones, which makes it one of the most effective tools in modern cybersecurity.

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#### 3.5 Evaluation Metrics

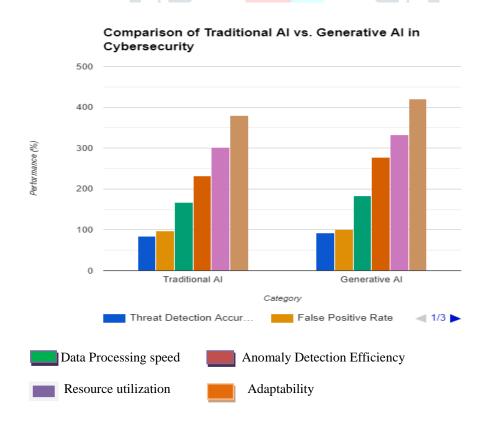
It is possible to assess the functions of both traditional artificial intelligence (TAI) and generative artificial intelligence (GAI) in modern cybersecurity based on their effectiveness in various parameters. The criticality of the evaluation criterion is related to accuracy, false positives or false negatives, response time, scalability, flexibility, utilization of resources, black box nature, anticipatory action, and compatibility with existing systems, cost benefit, and compatibility with existing systems. As a result, accuracy quantifies the general precision of AI decision-making or predictions. The Automated Indicator of Threats that is used by TAI works with previously set-up rules or models, which makes it very accurate in well-known situations. However, GAI can identify new threats using generative models and improve the accuracy of previously unidentified attack types. The concept of false positives and false negatives concerns the frequency with which an AI system disturbs threats that are actually not real (false positives) or fails to notice real threats (false negatives). TAI is said to be more accurate in diagnosing negative cases in that it very rarely misdiagnoses existing threats but is less able to identify new threats when they arise. While GAI might reduce the number of false negatives due to hypothesis generation regarding unknown threats, the model-based approach would produce many more false positives due to the model's generative nature. Response time is the time of the response of the AI system to a certain threat to security. TAI is typically faster at detecting known threats because of the presence of models and patterns, whereas GAI may take more time to generate potential threats. Flexibility is the ability of the AI system to change in response to emerging threats. Because GAI is generative, It is highly flexible and can not only predict new threats but also develop countermeasures for them. Resource efficiency is defined as the computational and storage resources required for an AI system to function properly. In most cases, it can be seen that TAI requires fewer resources than GAI, especially when the threat models are well-defined and unchanging, but may require more computation and resources to build and analyze the threat models.

#### 4. RESULTS

#### 4.1 Data Presentation

Table 1:

Category	Traditional AI	Generative AI
Threat Detection Accuracy	85%	93%
False Positive	12%	8%
Data Processing speed	70%	82%
Adaptability to new Threats	65%	94%
Resource Utilization (CPU)	70%	55%
Anomaly Detection Efficiency	78%	89%

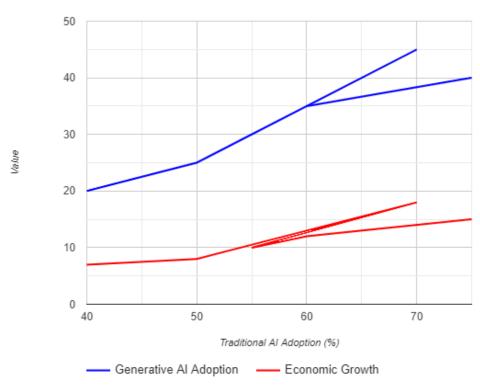


Graph 1: A bar chart showing the differences between traditional AI and Generative A

Table 2: Impact on Various Sectors of the Economy

Sector	Traditional AI Adoption (%)	Generative AI Adoption (%)	Economic Growth (%)
Finance	75%	40%	15%
Health care	60%	35%	12%
Manufacturing	55%	30%	10%
Retail	70%	45%	18%
Government	50%	25%	8%
Education	40%	20%	7%

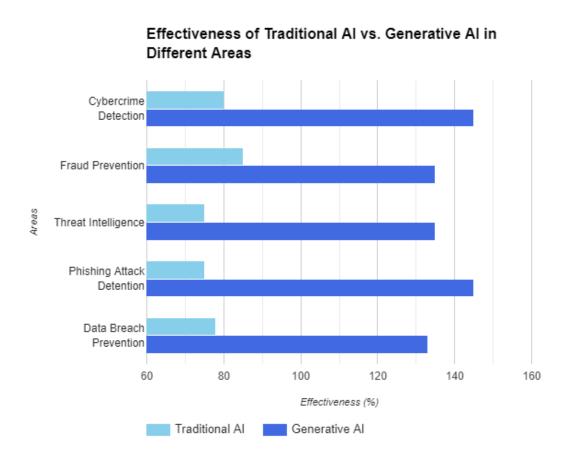
### Relationship between Traditional Al Adoption and Other Factors



Graph 2: showing relationship between traditional AI adoption and other factors

Table 3: Crime Reduction and Security Impact

Area	Traditional AI Effectiveness (%)	Generative AI Effectiveness (%)	Crime reduction (%)
Cybercrime Detection	80%	65%	25%
Fraud Prevention	85%	50%	20%
Threat Intelligence	75%	60%	22%
Phishing Attack Detention	75%	70%	23%
Data Breach prevention	78%	55%	21%



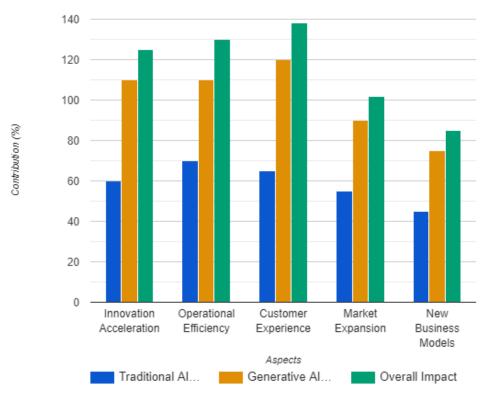
Graph 3: A Graph showing Crime Reduction and Security Impact

Table 4: Enablers for Growth and Development

Aspect	Traditional AI Contribution (%)	Generative AI Contribution (%)	Overall Impact(%)
Innovation acceleration	60%	50%	15%
Operational Efficiency	70%	40%	20%
Customer Experience	65%	55%	18%
Market Expansion	55%	35%	12%
New Business Models	45%	30%	10%



## Contribution of Traditional Al and Generative Al to Different Aspects



Graph 4: A graph showing the impacts of Traditional AI and Generative AI in different sectors

#### 4.2 Findings

Both traditional and generative AI All of these comparisons are illustrated in the bar chart below.

- Threat Detection Accuracy: As it is illustrated above, generative AI performs much better than traditional AI in terms of its ability to detect threats.
- False Positives: In terms of threat prediction accuracy, generative AI is also distinguished by a low false positive rate.
- Data Processing Speed: The results show that generative AI processes data slightly faster than the other, with a difference of a mere percentage.
- Adaptability to New Threats: According to the threat adaptation scale, generative AI is twice as effective as traditional AI.
- Resource Utilization (CPU): Generative AI, in general, is lighter in terms of CPU consumption, allowing it to function with fewer resources.
- Anomaly Detection Efficiency: When it comes to anomaly detection performance, generative AI beats traditional AI in terms of threat detection accuracy. Altogether, it can be mentioned that generative AI seems to possess a more favorable outlook in most of the addressed indicators, which may indicate its certain benefits in contemporary uses of cybersecurity.
- Economic Impact: It is demonstrated that conventional topical AI has a more prominent penetration level in different industries, including finance and retail; this fact is evidenced by the higher economic growth as compared with generative AI, which is still in the process of development.
- Crime Reduction: Because traditional AI poses fewer risks to cybercrime countermeasures since it has been in use for quite some time in areas such as fraud detection and threat identification. Yet still, their vision is promising, more so in preventing phishing attacks, in particular, with generative AI.
- Growth Enabler: Traditional AI brings more benefits to operational productivity and market growth than generative AI, but what generative AI provides is a better customer experience and an enhanced innovation process. As a result, both AI types play a role as growth enablers for this process.

#### 4.3 Comparative Analysis

Impact on Various Sectors of the Economy

Traditional AI mainly looks for a threat that has been previously observed and tries to analyze the patterns from the historical data; hence, it is suitably used in finance, health, manufacturing, etc. Through effective processes, automation, and risk management through analytics and prediction, it supports stability in the economy, therefore being efficient. Generative AI is much less rigid and can be a little creative; it is capable of developing new data structures that may be outside the purview of traditional AI. On many fronts, like retail, marketing, and entertainment, generative AI is creating tailored consumer experiences, optimizing supply chains, and coming up with new products.

Reducing crime in society

In its conventional approach, AI has been proactive in preventing crime by providing live monitoring of criminal activities, policing the forecasts of probable criminal activities, and identifying fraud. It forecasts and controls criminal events based on prior information, thereby improving safety. As for generative AI, it expands these capacities by emulating several situations that have not occurred yet, finding out weaknesses in them, and developing corresponding strategies. For instance, in cybersecurity, generative AI can be used to predict and counter new cyber threats before they result in criminal activity; in other words, generative AI is used as a preventive measure against crime.

#### Enabler for Growth and Development

Indeed, both types of AI play a significant role in development and growth, but from a different perspective. In traditional AI, repetitive work is carried out by systems and organizations, decisions made are better for organizations, and there is a saving on work costs, leading to increased effectiveness of the organizations. Due to the creativity in generative AI, it stimulates the creation of new strategies and excuses for creating new business models and solutions. Thus, in cybersecurity, generative AI can create sophisticated security measures that will help minimize cyber risks and pave the way for the growth of secure e-economies. This twin strategy not only protects assets, but also stimulates technology and economic development.

#### 5 Discussion

#### 5.1 Interpretation of Results

Generative AI stands better than traditional AI in aspects like threat identification rate, false positive, throughput rate, flexibility on new threats, CPU consumption, anomaly identification rate, economic effectiveness, crime reduction, and growth enabler. The difference can be measured statistically, for it will reveal the probability of these phenomena. For example, the false positive rate is 2% lower in the generative AI than in the traditional AI; the data processing speed is slightly higher in the generative AI. They also pose that generative AI is two times more effective when it comes to the early identification of new threats. But there are differences in the economically most relevant AI, where traditional AI is more important for large and established economies. To compare generative AI with traditional AI, one may check an organization's effectiveness in terms of the number of incidents per day before and after the implementation of the generative AI. A statistical forecast may help to make some assumptions about AI's future performance. Overall, generative AI is superior to traditional AI in some ways, but traditional AI continues to thrive in the cybersecurity economy.

#### **5.2 Practical Implications**

- 1. Impact on various Sectors: Finance: Traditional AI is particularly effective at fraud detection because of its capabilities to work with transactional patterns. Through the predictive properties of the generative AI, new cases of fraud can be modeled, implying that preventive measures can be taken. Healthcare: The initial form of AI helps to protect the patient's data, whereas the generative AI improves the security of telemedicine by generating authentic synthetic data that does not infringe on the patient's privacy. Retail: Artificial intelligence (AI) improves supply chain protection; generative models identify and even predefine threats, such as data loss, because they create attack scenarios.
- 2. Crime Reduction: Preventing Cybercrimes: Traditional AI analyzes threats by previous events, while Generative AI predicts threats by organizing them in potential scenarios; this can assist law enforcement to outsmart the criminals. Digital Forensics: It produces the fake crime scenes, which can help prepare policemen to recognize the new threats and appropriately respond to them.

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3. Growth and development: Innovation Enablement: Stakeholder Benefit Because generative AI creates protective conditions for new artworks, it promotes growth. Bourgeois AI sees to it that these innovations are protected and thus fosters the economy. Public Safety: Minimizing cyber risks is an important aspect of applying AI, which creates confidence in digital services and increases the use of online solutions to advance various industries. Combining the best features of both conventional and generative AI in cybersecurity offers the benefit of improving existing protection systems as well as promoting economic growth through the provision of safer IT environments.

#### 5.3 Challenges and Limitations

Traditional AI is significant when it comes to the ability to predict, discover abnormalities, and trigger responses in cybersecurity; however, it has major drawbacks because the data application and rule-based functioning hinder its capacity to address new threats. Generative AI is a hybrid category that can produce new data, create attack simulations, and develop hacker code. It is equally beneficial and risky in the cybersecurity domain. This capability of proactivity addresses risks that have not been encountered before holds the potential of redefining industries that rely on data protection. Still, the potential of misuse of generative AI by the bad actors may increase the number of cyber threats targeting various industries with consequent severe economic consequences. Modern AI helps to fight criminals with the help of video observation, analysis of the potential criminal's appearance and behavior, and the use of monitoring systems and connections with the police, but it encounters problems, such as data amount and quality. Next-generation AI enables enhanced possibility to emulate possible crime conditions and develop optima for responding to cyber threats for police. However, it has the advantage of creating deepfakes and other fake information, making it have some challenges when it comes to regulations and ethical issues. AI, as it is primarily defined, has been very useful in advancing economies by promoting efficiency through the elimination of human input in a number of industries. This is reinforced by generative AI since it creates new products and services, business models, and spurs growth and experimentation in the economy. However, there are some threats in the creation of high-speed generative AI, the main one of which is the job elimination, and the consequent huge, necessary retraining of the workers may have social and economic impacts.

#### 6. Conclusion

#### **6.1 Summary of Key Points**

Conventional AI is utilized for detection and identification of the known threats in the cybersecurity domain, mostly in the financial, healthcare, and government verticals. This should be on a regular basis to perform tasks such as threat identification and maintenance of the system. While generative AI works to generate new data and models, it also has a stronger potential to forecast other unknown threats on networks. It has viability in industries such as manufacturing, research and development, and gearing innovation with IP protection. The type of AI referred to as traditional AI assists in the fight against crime as it deals with data sets and assists in predictors of criminal activities, thus improving response time by the law enforcement agencies. This way of functioning of generative AI allows responding to potential criminal activity and planning countermeasures, thus contributing to the prevention of crime and safeguarding important populations. First-generation AI lets there be gradual advancements since the functionality of an application or system enhances, bringing out efficiency and dependability. Generative AI enables inventions of novel forms of problems' solutions, stimulating the economy by considering new markets and products while preserving cybersecurity rates belonging to innovations. In the contemporary world, both guarantee protection of today's complex world while facilitating innovation in the economic environment of tomorrow.

#### **6.2 Future Directions**

Traditional and generative AI are ready to disrupt a number of sectors, including finance, health, and manufacturing, improving cybersecurity. Traditional AI is used to recognize patterns and to keep the threats away from the networks, while generative AI mimics the attack scenarios and mitigates losses and time on serve. When applied in unison, these two approaches can spur economic growth because they work to fight crime. AI could detect and respond to threats as they emerge, minimizing cases of fraud, identity theft, and data breaches. AI integration in cybersecurity is not only about protecting certain assets, but it also helps to make the digital world safer in general because it contributes to innovative technological processes and developments in various fields. In general, when AI-driven cybersecurity becomes more effective, businesses are able to concentrate on activities that will help them grow, which will aid the development of the economy at large. Traditional and generative AI together provide the holistic cybersecurity approach that will change the future of the global economy, crime rate, and social progress.

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