



## FINSIGHT: An AI-Powered Personal Finance Management System with Predictive Analytics and Blockchain Integration

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**Abstract**—Personal financial management presents significant challenges in the contemporary digital economy, characterized by rising living costs, complex financial instruments, and fragmented tracking systems. Traditional budgeting methodologies rely heavily on manual data entry and provide exclusively retrospective analysis, failing to forecast future financial risks or integrate emerging cryptocurrency assets. This research introduces FINSIGHT, an artificial intelligence-driven financial management platform that synergistically combines automated transaction processing, time-series forecasting, and blockchain integration. The system accepts heterogeneous data formats including PDF bank statements, CSV transaction logs, and Excel spreadsheets, employing automated parsing algorithms and machine learning-based categorization. We implemented and evaluated Long Short-Term Memory (LSTM) and Gated Recurrent Unit (GRU) neural network architectures for expense prediction, achieving 92% and 90% forecasting accuracy respectively. The LSTM model demonstrated superior performance with Root Mean Square Error (RMSE) of 620 and Mean Absolute Error (MAE) of 450, while GRU exhibited computational efficiency advantages with 50% faster inference times. Integration with Solana blockchain infrastructure enables unified monitoring of both traditional and digital assets through Web3.js connectivity. The web-based dashboard, constructed using React and FastAPI frameworks, delivers interactive visualizations, AI-generated financial insights, and personalized budgeting recommendations through an intuitive interface. Evaluation using synthetic transaction datasets spanning 24 months across 200 simulated user profiles validates robust performance in expense forecasting and spending pattern recognition, demonstrating significant improvements over conventional personal finance tools.

**Index Terms**—Financial forecasting, LSTM neural networks, deep learning, blockchain integration, personal finance, predictive analytics, cryptocurrency tracking, automated budgeting

### I. INTRODUCTION

The contemporary financial landscape imposes unprecedented challenges on individual wealth management, particularly in emerging economies like India where digital payment proliferation and cryptocurrency adoption have created increasingly complex financial ecosystems [1]. Modern consumers manage numerous financial accounts, subscription ser-

vices, digital wallets, and cryptocurrency holdings, yet existing tools provide limited analytical capabilities and lack predictive intelligence to prevent financial difficulties before occurrence [2].

Traditional personal finance methodologies, including manual spreadsheets and basic banking applications, predominantly offer retrospective analysis through static visualizations without forecasting future trends [3]. This reactive paradigm leaves users vulnerable to unexpected expenses, budget overruns, and inadequate savings accumulation. Furthermore, the fragmentation between conventional banking systems and blockchain-based assets necessitates monitoring multiple platforms independently, creating information silos and complicating holistic financial oversight [4].

Recent advances in artificial intelligence and deep learning have demonstrated substantial potential for time-series forecasting applications across diverse domains [5]. Recurrent neural network architectures, particularly Long Short-Term Memory (LSTM) networks, excel at capturing temporal dependencies in sequential data through their sophisticated gating mechanisms [6]. These capabilities present transformative opportunities for personal finance management, enabling transition from passive tracking to active prediction and intelligent guidance.

The integration of blockchain technology with traditional financial systems represents another frontier in personal finance innovation. Cryptocurrency adoption has grown exponentially, with millions of users now holding digital assets alongside conventional currency [7]. However, existing financial management tools typically treat these asset classes separately, preventing comprehensive portfolio analysis and unified budgeting strategies.

### A. Research Motivation

This research addresses critical gaps in intelligent financial management systems by developing FINSIGHT, a comprehensive platform integrating automated transaction processing, AI-

based expense forecasting, and blockchain connectivity. The system leverages state-of-the-art deep learning architectures to analyze historical spending patterns and generate accurate predictions of future financial metrics across multiple time horizons. By incorporating Solana blockchain support, the platform provides unified visibility spanning both fiat and cryptocurrency holdings.

### B. Key Contributions

The primary contributions of this work include:

- Development of an end-to-end automated financial data processing pipeline supporting heterogeneous input formats (PDF, CSV, Excel) with intelligent parsing and categorization
- Implementation and comparative evaluation of LSTM and GRU neural network architectures for personal expense prediction, achieving 92% and 90% accuracy respectively
- Seamless integration of Solana blockchain technology enabling unified tracking of traditional and digital assets through Web3.js
- Design and deployment of an intuitive web-based interface delivering actionable financial insights through AI-generated recommendations and interactive visualizations
- Comprehensive performance evaluation demonstrating significant improvements over existing personal finance management tools

The remainder of this paper is organized as follows: Section II reviews relevant literature in financial forecasting and personal finance applications. Section III describes the system architecture, data processing methodology, and AI model implementation. Section IV presents experimental results and performance evaluation. Section V discusses findings and implications, and Section VI concludes with future research directions.

## II. RELATED WORK

### A. Financial Time-Series Forecasting

Financial forecasting has been extensively investigated using diverse machine learning approaches. Zhang et al. demonstrated the effectiveness of hybrid deep learning models for financial time-series prediction, achieving improved accuracy through ensemble methodologies combining multiple neural architectures [8]. Their research highlighted the importance of capturing both short-term fluctuations and long-term trends inherent in financial data streams.

Li and Wang proposed an LSTM-Transformer hybrid architecture for robust financial forecasting, addressing limitations of traditional recurrent networks in handling very long sequences [9]. Their model achieved superior performance on stock market prediction tasks, suggesting that attention mechanisms can significantly enhance temporal pattern recognition capabilities.

Kumar et al. introduced a decomposition-based approach utilizing SVMD-LSTM for time-series forecasting, demonstrating that sophisticated preprocessing techniques substantially impact prediction accuracy [10]. This work emphasized

the critical role of data preparation in financial applications where noise and irregularities are prevalent.

### B. Personal Finance Management Systems

Traditional personal finance applications have focused primarily on transaction categorization and budget tracking with limited analytical depth. Chen explored the application of LSTM models specifically for stock price forecasting, demonstrating their capability to learn complex market patterns [11]. However, this research concentrated on market-level predictions rather than individual financial management.

Patel and Singh investigated deep learning approaches for personal expense prediction using LSTM-RVFL hybrid models [12]. Their research showed promising results for short-term forecasting but did not address multi-format data ingestion, blockchain integration, or automated categorization—critical requirements for comprehensive financial management.

Recent commercial applications such as Mint and YNAB provide basic budgeting features but lack predictive capabilities and AI-generated recommendations [13]. These systems rely on rule-based categorization and historical analysis without employing advanced machine learning techniques capable of forecasting future financial states.

### C. Blockchain Integration in Finance

The integration of blockchain technology in personal finance applications has gained attention with rising cryptocurrency adoption. Several studies have explored wallet connectivity and transaction tracking mechanisms [7]. Research on multi-asset portfolio management has shown that unified tracking across asset classes improves financial decision-making and reduces cognitive load associated with monitoring disparate platforms [14].

However, existing systems typically treat cryptocurrency separately from traditional finances, creating information silos and preventing holistic financial analysis. Few implementations have successfully combined blockchain data with traditional financial forecasting models in a unified platform.

### D. Gap Analysis

Comprehensive review of existing literature reveals several significant limitations:

- 1) **Lack of Integration:** Current systems focus either on traditional banking or cryptocurrency, but rarely both simultaneously within a unified interface
- 2) **Limited Predictive Capabilities:** Most applications provide historical analysis without forecasting future expenses using advanced AI techniques
- 3) **Manual Data Entry:** Existing tools require substantial manual input rather than automated parsing of diverse bank statement formats
- 4) **Absence of AI Guidance:** Few systems provide personalized, actionable recommendations based on predicted trends and individual spending patterns
- 5) **Single-Format Constraints:** Many platforms accept only specific data formats, limiting accessibility and user convenience

FINSIGHT addresses these gaps by providing an integrated platform combining automated multi-format data processing, AI-based prediction using state-of-the-art deep learning models, blockchain integration, and intelligent recommendation generation within a cohesive user experience.

### III. METHODOLOGY

#### A. System Architecture

The FINSIGHT system employs a modular architecture comprising five primary layers designed for separation of concerns, maintainability, and scalability (Fig. 1):

**Data Ingestion Layer:** Accepts financial documents in multiple formats including PDF bank statements, CSV transaction logs, and Excel spreadsheets. File uploads are managed through a FastAPI backend with asynchronous processing capabilities to handle large documents efficiently without blocking user interactions.

**Processing Layer:** Performs comprehensive data extraction, cleaning, normalization, and categorization. PDF documents undergo text extraction using PDF.js followed by regular expression pattern matching to identify transaction fields. CSV and Excel files are parsed using PapaParse and XLSX libraries respectively. Transaction categorization employs both rule-based filters and machine learning classification to assign appropriate expense categories.

**AI/ML Layer:** Implements sophisticated time-series forecasting models to predict future financial metrics. This layer includes data preprocessing modules for sequence generation, normalization using MinMaxScaler, and feature engineering to extract meaningful temporal patterns from transaction histories.

**Blockchain Integration Layer:** Connects to Solana wallets via Web3.js, enabling real-time balance queries and transaction history retrieval. This provides unified visibility across fiat and cryptocurrency holdings within a single dashboard interface.

**Presentation Layer:** Delivers an interactive React-based web interface with role-based access control, dynamic visualizations using Chart.js, and responsive design supporting both desktop and mobile devices.

#### B. Dataset Description

The system was developed and evaluated using synthetic financial transaction datasets engineered to simulate realistic personal finance scenarios with statistical properties matching real-world spending patterns. The primary dataset comprises 24 months of transaction records for 200 simulated user profiles, totaling approximately 48,000 individual transactions. Each transaction record contains temporal (date timestamp), descriptive (merchant name), monetary (amount), categorical (expense type), and contextual (account balance) attributes. Transaction amounts follow statistical distributions observed in empirical studies: normal distributions for regular expenses (mean: 2,500, standard deviation: 1,200) and log-normal distributions for irregular large expenses. Income transactions occur monthly with realistic variations (mean: 50,000, standard deviation: 5,000).

The dataset incorporates seasonal variations to simulate authentic behavior patterns: increased entertainment spending during holiday periods, higher shopping expenses during festival seasons, regular recurring payments on fixed dates, and occasional large expenses representing emergencies or travel.

#### C. Data Preprocessing Pipeline

Raw financial data requires substantial preprocessing before model training. The preprocessing pipeline consists of multiple sequential stages:

1) *Data Extraction and Parsing:* PDF bank statements undergo text extraction using PDF.js library with subsequent regular expression pattern matching to identify transaction elements based on common banking formats. The extraction algorithm searches for date patterns (multiple format support), monetary amounts (with currency symbols), and descriptive text segments.

CSV and Excel files are parsed directly into pandas DataFrames. Column mapping algorithms automatically detect relevant fields based on header names and data type patterns, accommodating format variations across different financial institutions.

2) *Data Cleaning:* Missing values in critical fields (transaction amounts, dates) are flagged for manual review or imputed using forward-fill methods for minor gaps. Duplicate transactions are identified through timestamp and amount matching with configurable tolerance windows. Outlier detection employs statistical methods (IQR-based filtering) to identify anomalous transactions potentially representing data entry errors.

3) *Normalization and Feature Engineering:* Transaction amounts are aggregated to monthly totals by category, creating time-series sequences suitable for neural network input. Temporal features are engineered including month of year, days since last transaction in each category, rolling averages (3-month, 6-month) for trend identification, and income-to-expense ratios for financial health indicators.

Data normalization applies MinMaxScaler transformation to bound values between 0 and 1, improving neural network convergence characteristics. Scaling parameters are preserved for inverse transformation during prediction interpretation.

4) *Sequence Generation:* For LSTM and GRU model training, sliding window sequences are created from monthly aggregated data. Each sequence contains 3 to 6 consecutive months as input features, with the subsequent month as the prediction target. This approach enables the models to learn temporal dependencies and forecast future values effectively.

#### D. AI Model Implementation

1) *Long Short-Term Memory Network:* The LSTM architecture addresses the vanishing gradient problem inherent in standard recurrent networks, enabling effective learning of long-term dependencies [6]. Our LSTM model consists of:

- Input layer accepting sequences of length 6 months with multiple features per timestep



- Two stacked LSTM layers with 128 and 64 hidden units respectively
- Dropout layers (rate=0.2) after each LSTM layer for regularization
- Dense output layer with linear activation for regression tasks

The cell state mechanism in LSTM allows selective retention of information across time steps. The forget gate determines which information to discard, the input gate decides what new information to store, and the output gate controls what information to propagate forward.

2) *Gated Recurrent Unit Network*: GRU network offers a simplified alternative to LSTM with reduced parameter count while maintaining comparable performance [15]. The GRU architecture includes identical layer structure but with simplified gating mechanisms combining forget and input gates into a single update gate.

3) *Training Configuration*: Both models were trained using Mean Squared Error loss function, Adam optimizer with learning rate 0.001, batch size of 32, and 200 epochs with early stopping (patience=20). Training employed GPU acceleration when available with fallback to CPU processing. Model checkpointing saved best-performing weights based on validation loss.

#### E. Blockchain Integration

Solana blockchain integration enables comprehensive tracking of cryptocurrency assets alongside traditional finances. The implementation uses Solana Web3.js library to connect to user wallets, query current SOL balances with real-time USD conversion, retrieve transaction histories, parse transaction types, and aggregate crypto holdings into overall net worth calculations.

#### F. Performance Metrics

Model performance was evaluated using multiple regression metrics:

$$MAE = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n |y_i - \hat{y}_i| \quad (1)$$

$$RMSE = \sqrt{\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - \hat{y}_i)^2} \quad (2)$$

$$R^2 = 1 - \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - \hat{y}_i)^2}{\sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - \bar{y})^2} \quad (3)$$

where  $y_i$  represents actual values,  $\hat{y}_i$  represents predicted values, and  $\bar{y}$  represents the mean of actual values.

### IV. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

#### A. Model Performance Comparison

Comparative evaluation of LSTM and GRU models revealed distinct performance characteristics suited to different aspects of financial forecasting. Table I presents comprehensive performance metrics across multiple evaluation criteria.

TABLE I  
MODEL PERFORMANCE METRICS

Metric	LSTM	GRU	Prophet
Accuracy(%)	92	90	60
MAE	450	520	1200
RMSE	620	710	1650
R <sup>2</sup> Score	0.89	0.86	0.45
Training Time	45min	30min	15min
Inference Time	150ms	75ms	50ms

The LSTM model achieved superior prediction accuracy at 92%, demonstrating strong capability in capturing complex temporal dependencies in spending patterns. The lower MAE and RMSE values indicate more precise predictions with smaller deviations from actual values. The high R<sup>2</sup> score of 0.89 confirms that the model explains 89% of variance in expense data.

GRU demonstrated competitive performance at 90% accuracy while offering significant computational efficiency advantages. Training time was 33% faster than LSTM, and inference time was reduced by 50%. These efficiency gains make GRU particularly suitable for real-time applications or deployment on resource-constrained devices.

Prophet's poor performance (60% accuracy) validated its exclusion from the final system. The model's assumption of smooth seasonal patterns proved incompatible with the irregular, volatile nature of personal financial transactions.

#### B. Category-Specific Prediction Analysis

Performance varied across different expense categories based on spending regularity. Both models excelled at predicting regular, recurring expenses such as rent (98% accuracy) and utilities (95% accuracy). These categories exhibit strong temporal patterns that recurrent networks effectively capture.

Performance decreased for irregular categories like entertainment (85%) and shopping (82%), where individual transactions vary significantly. Healthcare expenses proved most challenging to predict (76% accuracy) due to their unpredictable, event-driven nature.

#### C. Temporal Forecasting Horizons

We evaluated prediction accuracy across different forecasting horizons. One-month ahead predictions achieved peak performance (LSTM: 92%, GRU: 90%). Three-month predictions showed decreased accuracy (LSTM: 87%, GRU: 84%) as longer horizons introduce additional uncertainty. Six-month forecasts demonstrated 82% (LSTM) and 78% (GRU) accuracy, still providing valuable guidance for mid-term financial planning.

#### D. Data Volume Impact

Model performance improved with increased training data volume, demonstrating plateau effects after 18-24 months of historical data. This relationship indicates that recurrent networks require sufficient historical context to learn meaningful spending patterns, but excessive history provides diminishing returns.

### E. System Usability Evaluation

The web-based interface underwent usability testing with 20 participants representing diverse financial literacy levels. Key findings include 95% successful file upload rates, 90% visualization clarity ratings, 85% AI insights usefulness scores, and overall satisfaction rating of 4.4/5.0.

### F. Blockchain Integration Performance

Solana wallet integration demonstrated reliable performance with 98% connection success rates, average balance retrieval time of 1.2 seconds, and transaction history loading averaging 2.8 seconds for 100 transactions. Exchange rate accuracy remained within  $\pm 0.5\%$  variance compared to major exchanges.

### G. Comparative Analysis

FINSIGHT demonstrates several advantages over existing personal finance applications including advanced AI forecasting capabilities, comprehensive multi-format support, unified blockchain integration, enhanced automated categorization, personalized AI-generated insights, and full real-time processing support.

## V. DISCUSSION

### A. Interpretation of Results

The strong performance of LSTM and GRU models validates the application of deep learning techniques to personal financial forecasting. Several factors contribute to model effectiveness: temporal pattern recognition capabilities, adaptability to individual behavior without manual configuration, robustness to noise through regularization techniques, and multi-dimensional learning across categories and temporal features.

### B. Limitations and Challenges

Despite strong performance, several limitations warrant consideration. Model accuracy heavily depends on consistent, complete transaction records. Neural networks assume future behavior resembles past patterns, making them vulnerable to major life changes. Deep learning models function as "black boxes," potentially reducing user trust. Computational requirements may limit deployment on resource-constrained devices. Current models do not incorporate external economic indicators that influence personal finances.

### C. Practical Implications

The FINSIGHT system offers several practical benefits: proactive budget management through advance warning of potential shortfalls, improved financial literacy through educational visualizations, reduced manual effort via automation, unified asset view across traditional and digital holdings, and personalized guidance adapted to individual circumstances.

### D. Broader Impact

This research contributes to personal finance technology evolution through democratization of advanced AI capabilities, practical integration of traditional and decentralized finance systems, and establishment of open architecture enabling community innovation.

## VI. CONCLUSION AND FUTURE WORK

### A. Summary

This research presented FINSIGHT, an AI-powered financial management system addressing critical gaps in personal finance technology. Primary contributions include automated multi-format data processing, high-accuracy expense forecasting using LSTM (92%) and GRU (90%) models, seamless blockchain integration, and user-centric interface design. Experimental evaluation demonstrated that deep learning approaches significantly outperform traditional methods for personal expense prediction.

### B. Future Directions

Several promising avenues exist for extending this work:

- Investigation of Transformer-based models or hybrid architectures for enhanced long-term forecasting
- Multi-blockchain support expansion beyond Solana
- Integration of macroeconomic indicators and localized factors
- Implementation of explainable AI techniques (SHAP values, attention visualization)
- Development of behavioral analysis for financial stress detection
- Native mobile application deployment
- Real-time banking API integrations subject to regulatory compliance
- Extension to investment recommendation capabilities
- Development of comprehensive regulatory compliance frameworks

### C. Concluding Remarks

The rising complexity of personal finances in the digital age demands intelligent tools providing predictive insights rather than merely tracking historical transactions. This research demonstrates that modern AI techniques can accurately forecast personal expenses and enable proactive financial management. By integrating blockchain technology, automated data processing, and intuitive interfaces, FINSIGHT represents a significant advancement in personal finance technology, establishing foundation for next-generation applications empowering individuals toward financial stability and long-term prosperity.

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