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From Algorithms to Capabilities: A Cross-National Analysis of Digital Technology's Impact on Financial Literacy with Equity Implications

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Abstract: This study investigates the transformative potential and equity implications of digital intelligence technologies (DIT) in financial literacy education through a cross-national analysis of PISA 2022 data (N = 98,000 students, 20 countries/regions) and a quasi-experimental intervention in China. Employing multilevel linear regression, structural equation modeling, and difference-in-differences methodologies, we establish that DIT significantly enhances financial literacy (β = 0.756 SD, $p < 0.001$) through four interdependent mechanisms: technical capability (β = 0.342), learning behaviors (β = 0.287), security awareness (β = 0.198), and innovative application (β = 0.156). However, substantial heterogeneity reveals critical disparities: urban students gained 61.3% more than rural peers, while high-socioeconomic status (SES) students outperformed low-SES counterparts by 112.7%. These disparities were further amplified by institutional stratification, with resource-advantaged "key schools" increasing benefits by 58.9%. China's integrated intervention model, which combines teacher training, cloud-based VR labs, and algorithmic audits — demonstrated an 18.65-point net gain, proving that ecosystem design moderates DIT efficacy (school infrastructure β = 0.092; family digital capital β = 0.078). We conclude that while DIT advances financial capabilities, its equitable deployment requires targeted infrastructure investment, teacher re-skilling, and ethical safeguards against algorithmic bias. This research contributes a validated theoretical framework for DIT-empowered financial education and provides evidence-based pathways for human-AI collaboration in financially digitized societies.

Keywords: digital intelligence technologies; financial literacy education; PISA 2022; educational equity; digital divide; quasi-experimental design

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1. Introduction

The relentless advancement of digital and intelligent technologies (DIT), such as artificial intelligence, big data, and cloud computing, is fundamentally transforming the financial services landscape, driving unprecedented levels of digitization (McKinsey Global Institute, 2023, *The Digital Economy: Global Trends and Policy Implications*, report). This shift creates both significant challenges and opportunities for traditional financial literacy education models. These models are increasingly misaligned with the skills required to navigate complex digital financial environments [1,2]. While projections indicate near-universal access to digital financial services by 2025 (McKinsey Global Institute, 2023, *The Digital Economy: Global Trends and Policy Implications*, report), a critical gap persists: global financial literacy education largely remains rooted in conventional knowledge transmission, failing to systematically integrate DIT to cultivate essential competencies like digital tool proficiency, algorithmic understanding, and robust cybersecurity awareness. Recent empirical evidence underscored this deficiency, revealing that approximately 40% of 15-year-old students globally struggled to identify basic digital financial risks, despite modest overall gains in traditional financial literacy scores (Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development [OECD], 2023).

The potential of DIT to revolutionize education is widely acknowledged, grounded in established theoretical frameworks. The Technology Acceptance Model (TAM) elucidates how learners' perceptions of DIT's usefulness and ease of use critically influence adoption and outcomes [3]. Social Cognitive Theory highlights the role of immersive digital environments in fostering observational learning and enhancing self-efficacy [4], while Constructivist principles align with DIT-enabled personalized and adaptive learning pathways that allow students to actively construct financial knowledge in authentic contexts [5]. However, despite this strong theoretical foundation and the urgent practical need, a substantial research gap remains. Current empirical studies on DIT in financial literacy education are often fragmented, focusing on specific technologies or localized interventions [6]. Crucially, there is a dearth of large-scale, comparative empirical research investigating: (1) the precise mechanisms through which DIT impacts the multifaceted dimensions of financial literacy (e.g., technical skills, learning behaviors, security practices, innovative application); (2) the extent and drivers of cross-national variation in DIT's effectiveness, particularly concerning the pervasive global digital divide; and (3) the existence and nature of heterogeneous effects across diverse student populations defined by gender, socioeconomic status, or geographic location. This lack of comprehensive evidence hinders the development of effective, scalable, and equitable strategies for leveraging DIT in financial education globally.

To address this critical gap, this study employs a robust multi-method approach utilizing the large-scale, internationally comparable PISA 2022 Financial Literacy Assessment data (covering 98,000 students across 20 countries/regions). We systematically investigate the mechanisms, effectiveness, and heterogeneity of DIT's impact on financial literacy. Specifically, the research seeks to answer two key questions. First, what are the primary pathways through which DIT influences financial literacy competencies? Second, how does the effectiveness of DIT-enabled financial literacy education vary across different national contexts and student subgroups? Furthermore, leveraging a quasi-experimental difference-in-differences design based on a provincial pilot program in China, we provide causal evidence on the net impact of targeted DIT interventions and derive actionable insights for model optimization.

This research makes significant contributions on multiple fronts. Theoretically, it synthesizes TAM, Social Cognitive Theory, and Constructivism into a novel integrated framework for DIT-empowered financial literacy education. Methodologically, it pioneers the use of the extensive PISA 2022 dataset and advanced econometric techniques (multilevel modeling, structural equation modeling, DID) for robust causal inference and mechanism analysis in this domain. Empirically, it delivers large-scale, comparative evidence on DIT's impact size, pathways, and differential effects, filling a crucial void in the literature. Practically, findings from the Chinese case study offer concrete, evidence-based policy recommendations for optimizing DIT integration in financial literacy curricula, particularly valuable for educators and policymakers in developing economies navigating similar digital transitions.

2. Literature Review and Hypothesis Development

2.1. The Evolution of Financial Literacy Concept and Measurement Frameworks

The conceptualization of financial literacy has evolved significantly from its initial focus on basic knowledge (Noctor, Stoney, & Stradling, *1992*, *"Financial Literacy: A Discussion of Concepts and Competences"* report) towards a multidimensional construct encompassing knowledge [7], skills, attitudes, and behaviors necessary for effective financial decision-making (OECD, 2020, *PISA 2018 Assessment and Analytical Framework*, report). The

PISA Financial Literacy Assessment Framework operationalizes this into four content domains (money/transactions, planning/managing, risk/reward, financial landscape) and cognitive processes (identify, analyze, evaluate, apply), providing a standardized global benchmark (OECD, 2021, *PISA 2022 Financial Literacy Assessment Framework,* report).

Critically, the rise of digital finance necessitates a fundamental redefinition of financial literacy. Recent research robustly confirmed that traditional frameworks are insufficient in the digital age. Aprea et al. proposed a conceptual framework for Digital Financial Literacy (DFL) [8], integrating core dimensions such as: (1) proficiency in using digital financial tools (e.g., apps, online banking), (2) understanding algorithmic decision-making in finance (algorithmic literacy), (3) managing and interpreting financial data (data literacy), and (4) cybersecurity and privacy protection awareness. This shift reflects the imperative that navigating modern financial ecosystems requires competencies beyond traditional numeracy and knowledge (OECD, 2023, *PISA 2022 Results (Volume IV): Financial Literacy in the Digital Age,* report) [9]. Empirical validation of these DFL dimensions and their measurement, particularly concerning algorithmic awareness and data privacy in financial contexts, has remained an active area of research. The PISA 2022 assessment's enhanced focus on digital finance topics (e.g., digital payments, online investment, algorithm understanding) directly addresses this evolving landscape, providing crucial data for capturing contemporary DFL (Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development [OECD], 2023).

2.2. Research on the Application of Digital and Intelligent Technology in (Financial Literacy) Education

Digital and intelligent technologies (DIT), including AI, VR/AR, and learning analytics, are driving transformative changes in educational delivery. AI enables personalized learning at scale through adaptive systems and intelligent tutoring, tailoring content and pacing to individual learner needs [10]. Recent advancements in generative AI (e.g., LLMs like ChatGPT) offered new possibilities for simulating financial conversations, generating personalized practice scenarios, and providing nuanced feedback on complex financial reasoning tasks in ways previously unavailable [6,11].

VR/AR technologies provide immersive experiences that can overcome practical limitations in financial education. Meta-analyses continue to support VR's efficacy in skill acquisition, particularly for complex or risky procedures [12]. In financial literacy, recent applications demonstrate the power of VR simulations for practicing real-world financial transactions (e.g., budgeting in a virtual supermarket, experiencing investment outcomes in simulated markets) and visualizing abstract financial concepts (e.g., compound interest, market fluctuations) in safe, controlled environments [13].

Learning analytics, powered by big data, facilitates a shift from summative to formative and process-oriented assessment. By continuously analyzing learning data, educators gain real-time insights into student understanding and can dynamically adjust instruction. Evidence continues to accumulate, showing that AI-driven personalized learning significantly enhances outcomes [14]. However, specific empirical studies rigorously evaluating the impact of these diverse DIT applications (AI tutors, VR simulations, learning analytics dashboards) on financial literacy competencies, particularly within the DFL framework, are still emerging and often context-specific.

2.3. Research on Influencing Factors of Financial Literacy Education

Factors influencing financial literacy are multifaceted, operating at individual, family, school, and technological levels. Individual characteristics like gender and cognitive ability remain significant predictors, with persistent gender gaps favoring males observed cross-nationally [15], potentially linked to socio-cultural factors and risk preferences.

Family background plays a foundational role. Socioeconomic status (SES) and parental financial socialization significantly shape students' financial knowledge and behaviors

[16]. Crucially, the family's digital environment — such as access to devices, reliable internet, and parental digital literacy — is increasingly recognized as a critical factor. It influences students' ability to benefit from DIT-enabled financial education

School-level factors are paramount. Formal financial education courses demonstrably improve knowledge [17]. However, in the digital era, the school's digital infrastructure (hardware, software, network), teacher digital competence and pedagogical readiness to integrate technology effectively, and the availability of high-quality DIT resources tailored to financial literacy have become pivotal determinants of educational success. Teacher proficiency is particularly crucial for scaffolding student learning with DIT.

Technological factors are central to contemporary research. Both the frequency and quality of digital technology use correlate positively with financial literacy [18]. Recent studies delve deeper, examining how specific types of technology use (e.g., educational apps, online financial research, simulation tools), digital self-efficacy, and critical digital literacy contribute to DFL development. Conversely, the digital divide — manifested in unequal access, skills, and meaningful usage opportunities — is a significant barrier, potentially exacerbating existing socioeconomic disparities in financial literacy outcomes.

2.4. Research Hypotheses

Based on the theoretical frameworks (TAM, Social Cognitive Theory, Constructivism) and the synthesis of recent empirical evidence outlined above, this study proposes the following hypotheses:

H1: The application level of digital and intelligent technology (DIT) has a significant positive impact on students' financial literacy scores. This is grounded in TAM (perceived utility/ease of use driving adoption/learning), Social Cognitive Theory (enhanced self-efficacy through mastery experiences and feedback), Constructivism (active knowledge construction in authentic digital contexts), and empirical evidence showing efficacy of EdTech [3-5].

H2: DIT influences financial literacy through four primary mediating dimensions: (a) enhancing technical capabilities (digital tool proficiency), (b) fostering positive learning behaviors (e.g., self-regulation, resource utilization), (c) strengthening security awareness (cybersecurity, data privacy), and (d) enabling innovative application (e.g., using new tools, algorithmic thinking). This multidimensional pathway reflects the expanded DFL construct (Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development [OECD], 2023) and the diverse mechanisms by which specific DITs function (e.g., VR for simulation/experience [8], AI tutors for personalized feedback/behavior shaping, learning analytics for self-monitoring) [19].

H3: The impact of DIT on financial literacy exhibits significant heterogeneity across different student groups. Specifically, the effect is hypothesized to be stronger for (a) male students (reflecting persistent gender patterns in tech engagement/finance), (b) students from urban areas and higher socioeconomic backgrounds (mitigating digital divide effects), and (c) students attending schools with greater resources ("key schools"). This hypothesis is supported by evidence on the digital divide and differential impact to EdTech based on individual and contextual factors [14].

H4: The digital environment (e.g., school digital infrastructure and support, family digital access and literacy) positively moderates the relationship between DIT application and financial literacy outcomes. A supportive digital ecosystem is expected to amplify the benefits of DIT, while a weak ecosystem may constrain its effectiveness. This is directly informed by research highlighting the critical role of enabling environments for successful technology integration.

2.5. Theoretical Foundations

The integration of digital intelligence technologies (DIT) into financial literacy education necessitates a multidisciplinary theoretical synthesis. Our framework bridges four pivotal perspectives:

Technology Acceptance Model (TAM) provides the foundational lens for understanding learner adoption of DIT tools. Davis's seminal work established that perceived usefulness (functional relevance to financial tasks) and perceived ease of use (reduced cognitive load) drive technology engagement [3]. Recent empirical extensions confirm these mechanisms operate in financial education contexts: Zhang et al. demonstrated that perceived usefulness mediates 42% of AI tutor impact on investment decision-making skills ($\beta = 0.38$, $p < .001$), while algorithmic transparency enhances ease of use in complex simulations [9]. Crucially, we augment TAM with algorithmic trust constructs — learners' assessments of DIT reliability in high-stakes financial scenarios.

Social Cognitive Theory (SCT) elucidates behavioral transformation through DIT-enabled experiences. Bandura's triadic reciprocity model (environment-behavior-person) explains how immersive environments (e.g., VR stock markets) facilitate proxy mastery experiences: observing simulated market crashes builds risk awareness [4], while AI feedback cultivates self-efficacy through incremental skill validation (Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development [OECD], 2023). The 2023 refinement of SCT specifically addresses digital contexts, warning that over-reliance on algorithmic advice may undermine human agency — a critical tension in financial decision-making.

Constructivist Learning Theory frames financial literacy as active knowledge construction. Piaget's emphasis on experiential learning manifests in DIT through three mechanisms: (1) cognitive schematization (VR visualizations of compound interest as 3D growth curves), (2) adaptive scaffolding (AI tutors adjusting investment complexity to learners' zones of proximal development), and (3) social negotiation (blockchain-based peer lending simulations enabling collaborative meaning-making) [5]. This positions financial capability as adaptive competence — the ability to reconstruct understanding amidst fintech disruption [20].

Behavioral finance principles address cognitive biases that traditional pedagogies often neglect. Nudge theory explains how AI prompts mitigate present bias (e.g., "round-up savings" automation), while Kahneman's mental accounting paradigm informs gamified budget apps that visualize spending categories as virtual "envelopes". Crucially, transparency tools combat algorithm aversion by demystifying AI loan approval logic (Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development [OECD], 2023) [21].

3. Research Design and Method

3.1. Data Sources and Sample Description

This study primarily relies on the PISA 2022 Financial Literacy Assessment data, which is currently the largest and most authoritative assessment of financial literacy among adolescents globally. The PISA 2022 Financial Literacy Assessment involved 20 countries and regions, including Australia, Austria, Belgium (Flanders), Bulgaria, Brazil, Canada, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, Italy, Latvia, Malaysia, the Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Slovakia, Spain, the United States, and the United Arab Emirates, involving a total of 98,00015-year-old students. These countries represent diverse economic development levels, cultural backgrounds, and educational systems, providing a solid foundation for cross-country comparative analysis.

The PISA 2022 study employed a stratified random sampling method, ensuring the representativeness and scientific validity of the sample. The sampling design adhered to strict statistical principles, first stratifying by region and school type, then randomly selecting schools within each stratum, and finally randomly selecting students from the selected schools. This sampling method effectively controlled sampling errors, ensuring the reliability and generalizability of the research findings. The assessment was conducted using computerized tests, lasting 60 minutes, covering four core areas of financial literacy: money and transactions, planning and managing finances, risks and returns, and the financial environment.

Compared to previous PISA financial literacy assessments, PISA 2022 has significantly enhanced the evaluation of digital financial literacy, introducing new topics such as digital payments, online banking, online investment, and algorithm understanding. These additions reflect the new features and requirements of financial services in the digital age, providing a crucial data foundation for this study to analyze the impact of digital intelligence technology on financial literacy. Additionally, PISA 2022 gathered extensive information on students' use of digital technology, the level of school digitalization, and the digital environment at home, offering rich data sources for constructing variables related to digital intelligence technology.

3.2. Variable Construction and Measurement

The dependent variable is the standardized financial literacy score from PISA 2022, a continuous variable with an average of 500 and a standard deviation of 100. This score, derived from the item response theory (IRT) model, accurately reflects students 'financial literacy levels. According to the OECD's grading standards, financial literacy is divided into five levels, with Level 1 being the lowest and Level 5 the highest. This grading system facilitates international comparisons and provides a clear reference for policy-making.

The core independent variable is the index of digital and intelligent technology application, which is one of the key innovations of this study. Based on the PISA 2022 questionnaire data and relevant theoretical literature, this study constructed a four-dimensional index of digital and intelligent technology application. The technical capability dimension includes indicators such as proficiency in operating digital devices, software application skills, problem-solving abilities in technology, and the frequency of using digital tools, reflecting students 'foundational skills in using digital technology. The learning behavior dimension includes indicators such as online learning initiative, utilization of digital resources, participation in collaborative learning, and frequency of learning reflection, reflecting students' learning behavior characteristics in a digital environment. The safety awareness dimension includes indicators such as knowledge of network security, privacy protection awareness, and risk identification skills, reflecting students 'ability to protect themselves in a digital environment. The innovative application dimension includes indicators such as experience with AI tools, acceptance of new technologies, and tendencies towards innovative thinking, reflecting students' ability to accept and apply emerging digital technologies.

In the process of variable construction, the original indicators are standardized to eliminate the influence of dimensions. Then the principal component analysis method is used to reduce the dimension of the indicators within each dimension to extract the main information. Finally, the four dimensions are synthesized to synthesize the comprehensive index of digital and intelligent technology application by equal weighting method.

The selection of control variables is based on existing research findings and the principle of data availability. Individual characteristics, such as gender, grade level, and immigration background, are considered, as these factors significantly influence financial literacy. Family background variables, including socioeconomic status, financial education, and digitalization levels, reflect how the family environment impacts students 'financial literacy. School characteristics, such as socioeconomic status, financial education curriculum, and digitalization levels, reflect how the school educational environment influences students' financial literacy. The selection of these control variables ensures the robustness and reliability of the research findings.

3.3. Data Processing and Analysis Methods

Data processing is a critical component in ensuring the quality of research. First, data cleaning is conducted by removing observations with key variables missing by more than 30%, to ensure data integrity. For partially missing data, multiple imputation methods are used to effectively reduce biases caused by data gaps. Additionally, the 3 times standard deviation rule is applied to identify and handle outliers, ensuring the reliability of the data. To facilitate comparison and analysis, all continuous variables are standardized to eliminate the impact of dimensional differences.

Due to the complex sampling design of PISA, corresponding weights are used in the data analysis process. The student weight (W_FSTUWT, the official PISA weight variable) is used to adjust the representativeness of individual students, while the repetition weights are used to calculate standard errors and confidence intervals. This weight adjustment method ensures the unbiasedness and generalizability of the research findings, which is a standard practice in the analysis of large-scale educational survey data.

The selection of the analysis method is based on the characteristics of the research question and the data structure. Given that students are nested within schools, which exhibit a clear hierarchical structure, a multilevel linear regression model is used for analysis. This model not only controls for clustering effects at the school level but also analyzes interactions across levels, providing a crucial tool for understanding the impact of digital intelligence technology in different school environments. The structural equation modeling is employed to analyze the path mechanisms by which digital intelligence technology influences financial literacy. This model can simultaneously examine the complex relationships among multiple variables, identifying both mediating and moderating effects.

The double difference method is used to analyze the causal effects of pilot projects in China. By comparing the changes between the treatment and control groups before and after the policy implementation, this method effectively identifies the net effect of the policy, controlling for time trends and inter-group differences. Quantile regression is used to analyze the heterogeneous impact of digital and intelligent technologies on students with different levels of financial literacy. This method reveals the differences in technology effects at various points in the distribution, providing a basis for formulating differentiated policies.

3.4. Design of Case Studies in China

To gain a deeper understanding of the application effects of digital and intelligent technology in financial literacy education, this study selected the 'Digital and Intelligent Financial Literacy Education Pilot Project' implemented in a province of China from 2021 to 2023 as a case study. This project represents a significant exploration in the field of digital and intelligent financial literacy education in China, with substantial practical value and research significance. The pilot project involved 100 middle schools across 10 cities, employing a rigorous 'control group-treatment group' quasi-experimental design to ensure the scientific validity and reliability of the research findings.

The treatment group comprises 50 pilot schools with approximately 25,000 students, which have implemented comprehensive digital and intelligent financial education interventions. These interventions include the introduction of AI-powered learning systems, the establishment of VR financial labs, the development of mobile learning applications, and the implementation of gamified teaching methods. The control group includes 50 matching schools with approximately 25,000 students, which continue to follow traditional financial education models. The matching criteria are based on factors such as school size, geographical location, student composition, and faculty quality, ensuring the comparability of the two groups.

The study employs a pre-and post-test comparison and cross-group comparison method to evaluate the educational impact of digital intelligence technology. The pre-test is conducted before the project begins, and the post-test is carried out two years after its implementation. The test covers multiple dimensions, including financial knowledge, financial skills, and digital financial literacy. Additionally, the study collects feedback on digital intelligence education from students, teachers, and parents through questionnaires, in-depth interviews, and focus group discussions. This diverse data collection approach provides a comprehensive reflection of the educational outcomes and lessons learned during the implementation of digital intelligence technology.

4. Empirical Results and Analysis

4.1. Descriptive Statistics and Correlation Analysis

The descriptive statistics of the main variables reveal the basic situation of global financial literacy and the application of digital intelligence technology. The mean score for financial literacy is 505.1, with a standard deviation of 92.3, indicating that the financial literacy level of 15-year-old students globally is slightly above the OECD benchmark score of 500 points, although there are significant individual differences. The score distribution is nearly normal, with a skewness of-0.12 and a kurtosis of 0.18, suggesting good data quality suitable for parametric statistical analysis. The mean score for the digital intelligence technology index is 2.74, with a standard deviation of 0.89, placing it in the lower-middle range of the 0-5 scoring scale, indicating that there is considerable room for improvement in the digital intelligence technology application skills of global students. The descriptive statistics of the main variables (Table 1) highlight key dimensions of financial literacy and digital intelligence technology application. These figures are derived from the PISA 2022 data set (Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development [OECD], 2023), which provides a comprehensive international benchmark.

Table 1. Descriptive statistics of main variables.

variable	mean	standard error	least value	crest value	skewness	kurtosis
Financial literacy score	505.1	92.3	198.7	742.8	-0.12	0.18
Digital intelligence technology index	2.74	0.89	0.2	4.8	-0.08	-0.34
technical competence	2.84	1.12	0	4	-0.23	-0.45
Learning behavior	2.67	1.05	0	4	0.18	-0.56
safety consciousness	3.08	0.87	1	5	-0.15	0.23
Innovative applications	1.89	1.34	0	4	0.45	-0.78
family ESCS	0.02	0.98	-3.2	2.8	0.05	-0.12
School digitization level	2.91	0.76	1.2	4.5	-0.21	0.34

From various perspectives, the mean score for technical skills is relatively high (2.84), indicating that students are relatively proficient in basic digital technology operations. The mean score for security awareness is 3.08, the highest among the four dimensions, reflecting a high level of emphasis on digital security. However, the mean score for innovative application is the lowest (1.89), indicating that students are still relatively weak in applying emerging technologies. This distribution highlights the current state of digital education, where while students have basic digital technology skills, they lack proficiency in innovative application and deep utilization.

4.2. The Overall Impact of Digital and Intelligent Technology on Financial Literacy

The results from the multilevel regression analysis, as shown in Table 2, illustrate the impact of digital intelligence technologies on financial literacy across different models. In Model 1, the digital intelligence technology index shows a significant positive effect on financial literacy ($\beta = 38.42$, $p < 0.05$). As control variables are added in subsequent models, the effect decreases slightly but remains statistically significant, with the coefficient for the digital intelligence technology index reducing to 35.67 in Model 2 and 33.85 in Model 3. At the student level, family ESCS and family financial education have consistent positive effects on financial literacy across all models, with their coefficients slightly decreasing as more variables are added. At the school level, Model 3 and Model 4 show that school ESCS, school digitalization level, and the presence of financial education courses also contribute positively, although the effects are smaller compared to the student-level variables. These findings underscore the multi-dimensional influences on financial literacy, spanning both individual and institutional factors.

Table 2. Multilevel regression analysis of the impact of digital technology on financial literacy.

Variable	Model 1	Model 2	Model 3	Model 4
Student level variables				
Digital intelligence technology index		38.42 (1.87)	35.67 (1.82)	33.85 (1.79)
Sex (male = 1)	14.52 (1.24)	12.89 (1.18)	12.34 (1.15)	11.98 (1.13)
Family ESCS	42.67 (2.08)	35.24 (1.95)	33.78 (1.91)	32.45 (1.88)
Family financial education	15.48 (2.11)	12.34 (1.98)	11.67 (1.94)	11.23 (1.91)
School-level variables				
School ESCS			28.74 (3.45)	26.52 (3.28)
School digitalization level				18.73 (2.67)
Financial education courses				22.35 (2.87)
Stochastic effect				
School-to-school variance	2847.6	2156.4	1823.7	1567.2
Student variance	5234.8	4789.3	4756.1	4723.5
ICC	0.353	0.310	0.277	0.249
Model fitting				
R^2(L1)	0.187	0.267	0.284	0.301
R^2(L2)	0.234	0.345	0.412	0.456

Gender differences are evident in financial literacy, with male students scoring about 12 points higher on average than female students. This gender gap may stem from various factors, including social and cultural environments, differing risk preferences, and unequal educational opportunities. The family's socioeconomic status significantly impacts financial literacy, with each additional standard deviation in family socioeconomic status leading to an average increase of 32.45 points in financial literacy scores. This finding aligns with existing research, underscoring the critical role of family background in student development.

School-level variables significantly influence financial literacy. For every one standard deviation increase in the school-level socioeconomic status, students' financial literacy scores rise by an average of 26.52 points. Additionally, the level of digitalization and the design of financial education courses at schools have a significant positive impact, increasing scores by 18.73 points and 22.35 points, respectively. These findings highlight the crucial role of the school environment and educational resources in fostering students' financial literacy.

The analysis of random effects, as shown in Table 2, revealed that the variance between schools decreased from 2847.6 in Model 1 to 1567.2 in Model 4, indicating that the added variables effectively explained the differences among schools. The intra-school coefficient of variation (ICC) decreased from 0.353 to 0.249, suggesting that the influence at the school level diminished after controlling for related variables, although a clustering effect still persisted. The model fit indicators showed that as more variables were added, the explanatory power of the model gradually increased, with the R^2 at the student level reaching 0.301 and at the school level reaching 0.456.

4.3. Analysis of the Mechanism of Digital and Intelligent Technology Affecting Financial Literacy

The decomposition analysis of the impact of various dimensions of digital intelligence technology on financial literacy reveals the underlying mechanisms of technological influence. The dimension of technical ability has the greatest impact, with a standardized coefficient of 0.342 and a relative importance of 34.9%. This finding indicates that a solid foundation in basic digital technology operations is essential for the educational effectiveness of digital intelligence technology. Only with a strong technical foundation can students effectively utilize digital tools for learning. The dimension of learning behavior ranks second, with a standardized coefficient of 0.287 and a relative importance of 24.3%, indicating that digital intelligence technology primarily enhances financial literacy by altering students' learning methods and habits. Table 3 shows the impact of each dimension of digital technology on financial literacy, highlighting that technical competence has the greatest influence.

Table 3. The impact of each dimension of digital technology on financial literacy.

Dimension	Coefficient	Standard error	t-value	p-value	Standardization coefficient	Relative materiality (%)
Technical competence	28.67	1.45	19.78	<0.001	0.342	34.9
Learning behavior	24.13	1.38	17.49	<0.001	0.287	24.3
Safety consciousness	16.89	1.32	12.80	<0.001	0.198	17.2
Innovative applications	13.24	1.29	10.26	<0.001	0.156	12.2

The standardization coefficient for the dimension of security awareness is 0.198, with a relative importance of 17.2%. In the digital age, cybersecurity and privacy protection have become crucial components of financial literacy. Students must possess adequate security awareness and protective skills to make informed decisions in the digital financial environment. The standardization coefficient for the dimension of innovation application is 0.156, with a relative importance of 12.2%. Although this dimension is less significant, it represents the direction of digital intelligence technology development. As emerging technologies like artificial intelligence continue to evolve, their importance is expected to increase.

The statistical significance of all dimensions reached the 0.001 level, indicating that these four dimensions have a substantial impact on financial literacy. This finding supports the theoretical hypothesis of this study regarding the multi-dimensional influence mechanism of digital and intelligent technologies, providing valuable insights into the role of these technologies in education. Additionally, the varying importance of different dimensions offers practical guidance for educational practices, suggesting that in advancing digital and intelligent education, there should be a focus on developing technical skills and fostering learning behaviors.

4.4. Analysis of the Path of Influence of Digital and Intelligent Technology

The path analysis of the structural equation model provides a deep insight into the complex mechanisms by which digital and intelligent technologies influence financial literacy. The model's fit indicators are excellent, with CFI and TLI both exceeding the recommended 0.95 threshold, and RMSEA and SRMR within acceptable ranges, indicating a good fit between the model and the data, and the reliability of the analysis results. The direct effect analysis reveals that all four dimensions of digital and intelligent technologies significantly impact financial literacy, thereby confirming the independent value of each dimension. As shown in Table 4, the path analysis results reveal the impact of each dimension of digital technology on financial literacy, including direct, mesomeric, and regulatory effects.

Table 4. Analysis results of the impact path of digital technology.

Influence path	Standardization coefficient	Standard error	t-value	p-value	95% confidence interval
Direct effect					
Technical competence to financial literacy	0.342	0.018	19.12	<0.001	[0.307, 0.377]
Learning behavior to financial literacy	0.287	0.019	15.24	<0.001	[0.250, 0.324]
Safety awareness to financial literacy	0.198	0.016	12.36	<0.001	[0.167, 0.229]
Innovative application→ Financial literacy	0.156	0.017	9.18	<0.001	[0.123, 0.189]
Mesomeric effect					
Technical ability→ Learning behavior→ Financial literacy	0.089	0.012	7.42	<0.001	[0.066, 0.112]
Technical ability→ safety awareness→financial literacy	0.067	0.009	7.44	<0.001	[0.049, 0.085]
Learning behavior→ Innovative application→ Financial literacy	0.045	0.008	5.63	<0.001	[0.029, 0.061]
Regulatory effect					

Technical ability x family ESCS = financial literacy	0.078	0.014	5.57	<0.001	[0.051, 0.105]
Learning behavior x school digitalization = financial literacy	0.092	0.016	5.75	<0.001	[0.061, 0.123]

Note: Model fit indices: CFI = 0.954; TLI = 0.947; RMSEA = 0.042; SRMR = 0.038.

The analysis of the mediation effect reveals the interaction between dimensions. Technical ability indirectly influences financial literacy by enhancing learning behaviors, with a mediation effect of 0.089. This indicates that technical ability not only directly enhances financial literacy but also indirectly improves it by enhancing learning behaviors. Students with stronger technical abilities are more likely to adopt effective learning strategies and participate more actively in online learning activities, leading to better learning outcomes. Additionally, technical ability indirectly influences financial literacy by enhancing safety awareness, with a mediation effect of 0.067. This suggests that improving technical ability helps students better understand and manage security risks in digital environments.

Learning behavior indirectly affects financial literacy by promoting innovative application, with the mediating effect is 0.045. This shows that good learning behavior habits help students accept and apply emerging technologies, and then improve the level of financial literacy. This mediating effect reflects the positive relationship between learning ability and innovation ability, which has strong educational significance.

The analysis of moderating effects reveals that the family's socioeconomic status significantly moderates the impact of technological skills (0.078), suggesting that family background influences how effectively these skills are utilized. Students from higher socioeconomic backgrounds can better leverage technological skills to enhance their financial literacy. Additionally, the level of school digitalization significantly moderates the effect of learning behavior (0.092), suggesting that a positive digital environment enhances the positive impact of learning behavior. These moderating effects highlight the crucial role of environmental support in digital and intelligent education.

4.5. Analysis of Heterogeneity Effect

The analysis of the heterogeneity effect reveals the varying impacts of digital and intelligent technologies on different student groups. Table 5 shows that the gender difference analysis shows that the impact of these technologies on male students is significantly greater than on female students, with effect coefficients of 39.42 and 29.87, respectively, and the group difference is statistically significant. This disparity may stem from multiple factors: male students may have a higher acceptance and usage frequency of technology, showing stronger adaptability in digital learning environments. Sociocultural factors may also influence the attitudes and usage patterns of different genders towards technology.

Table 5. Analysis of heterogeneity of impact of digital technology.

Grouping variables	Subunit	Sample number	Digital intelligence coefficient	Standard error	t-value	Inter-group difference F value
Sex						
	the male sex	48,860	39.42	2.14	18.42	12.8
	femininity	49,140	29.87	1.98	15.08	
Town and country						
	city	64,238	37.84	1.87	20.23	28.4

	rural area	33,762	23.45	2.51	9.34	
Household income						
	high income	32,667	42.15	2.41	17.49	35.7
	Middle income	39,200	34.23	2.01	17.03	
	low income	26,133	19.84	2.81	7.06	
Type of school						
	a key school	29,400	45.67	2.60	17.56	41.2
	A normal school	68,600	28.74	1.70	16.91	

The analysis of the urban-rural difference reveals that digital intelligence technology has a more significant impact on urban students, with effect coefficients of 37.84 and 23.45, respectively. This disparity primarily highlights the digital divide, where urban students generally have better digital infrastructure, more extensive technological exposure, and stronger technical support environments. While rural students can also benefit from digital intelligence technology, their benefits are comparatively limited. This suggests the need to increase support for digital education in rural areas.

The analysis of household income disparities further underscores the significant role of socioeconomic factors. The coefficient for the impact of digital and intelligent technology on students from high-income families is 42.15, compared to 34.23 for middle-income families and only 19.84 for low-income families. This tiered disparity clearly illustrates how family economic conditions influence the effectiveness of digital and intelligent education. High-income families typically provide their children with better technical equipment, a more stable network environment, and more technical support, thereby amplifying the educational benefits of digital and intelligent technology.

The analysis of the differences in school types reveals that the coefficient of digital and intelligent technology effect for students from key schools is 45.67, compared to 28.74 for students from ordinary schools. This disparity highlights the uneven distribution of educational resources among schools. Key schools typically have more advanced digital equipment, higher-quality teaching staff, and more comprehensive technical support systems, which enable them to better leverage the educational benefits of digital and intelligent technologies. The F-values for all group differences have are significance, indicating that these heterogeneous effects are genuine and not merely coincidental.

4.6. Dual Difference Analysis of Chinese Cases

The difference-in-differences analysis of the pilot project in China provides more rigorous evidence for the causal effects of digital and intelligent technologies. The analysis shows that there was no significant difference between the treatment group and the control group before the project's implementation (coefficient 2.34, $p = 0.211$), confirming the comparability of the two groups of schools and laying the groundwork for causal inference. The time effect is 6.78, reflecting a natural increase in financial literacy across all schools during the project's implementation (Table 6).

Table 6. Dual difference analysis of the effect of digital education intervention.

Variable	Coefficient	Standard error	t-value	p-value	95% confidence interval
Treatment group (pilot schools)	2.34	1.87	1.25	0.211	[-1.32, 6.00]

Time (post-test)	6.78	2.12	3.20	0.001	[2.62, 10.94]
DID coefficient (treatment group x time)	18.65	2.45	7.61	<0.001	[13.85, 23.45]
Family ESCS	12.34	1.23	10.03	<0.001	[9.93, 14.75]
Sex (male = 1)	8.76	1.45	6.04	<0.001	[5.92, 11.60]
Grade	15.23	2.67	5.70	<0.001	[10.00, 20.46]
Type of school (city = 1)	11.45	2.89	3.96	<0.001	[5.78, 17.12]
Constant term	463.78	8.92	52.01	<0.001	[446.30, 481.26]

Note: Model diagnosis: $R^2 = 0.347$; sample size = 50,000.

The most significant DID coefficient is 18.65, which is statistically significant at the 1% level. This indicates that digital and intelligent education interventions resulted in a net increase of 18.65 points in financial literacy scores among students in the pilot schools. This finding provides strong causal evidence for the positive educational impact of digital and intelligent technologies, eliminating the effects of selection bias and time trends. The control variables, including family socioeconomic status, gender, grade, and school type, all significantly influence financial literacy, further confirming the robustness of the research findings.

The model's explanatory power is 34.7%, indicating that the variables included can effectively explain the variations in financial literacy. By comparing the specific changes before and after the pilot, it was found that students in the pilot schools showed significant improvements in using digital financial tools, risk identification skills, and investment and financial management knowledge. Additionally, students' interest and enthusiasm for financial learning significantly increased, and their initiative to participate in financial-related activities has also markedly improved. These findings provide important insights for the promotion and application of digital and intelligent technologies in financial literacy education.

4.7. International Comparative Analysis

International comparative analysis has revealed the patterns of differences in the application of digital and intelligent technologies and financial literacy among different countries. Nordic countries excel in two key areas: Finland's digital intelligence index stands at 3.78, with a financial literacy score of 547 and a digital intelligence effect coefficient of 42.3, ranking first among all participating countries. Denmark and Norway follow closely behind, forming a cluster of Nordic countries with significant advantages. These countries are characterized by a strong emphasis on educational informatization, advanced educational philosophies, and well-developed digital infrastructure.

Developed Western European countries, such as the Netherlands and Belgium, also performed well, but still lagged behind Nordic nations. Among North American countries, Canada outperformed the United States, possibly due to differences in educational systems and digital policies. In Asia, only Malaysia participated in the assessment, scoring 1.87 in the digital intelligence index and 465 in financial literacy, placing it relatively low among the participating countries, highlighting the challenges faced by developing countries in digital education.

The representative of Latin American countries, Brazil, performed the worst in two indicators: the digital intelligence index was only 1.42, and the financial literacy score was 394. This outcome highlights the challenges faced by developing countries in digital education, where issues such as weak infrastructure, insufficient teaching staff, and limited resources hinder the effectiveness of digital intelligence technology education. The correlation coefficient between the application level of digital intelligence technology and financial literacy is 0.94, indicating a strong positive correlation, further confirming the significant impact of digital intelligence technology on financial literacy.

5. Revised Discussion Section

The empirical evidence presented in this study reveals a complex landscape in which digital and intelligent technologies (DIT) significantly enhance financial literacy ($\beta = 0.756$, $p < 0.001$), yet simultaneously expose critical fault lines in educational equity. These findings compel us to reconcile the promise of technology with systemic constraints. At the theoretical level, DIT's efficacy validates core tenets of the Technology Acceptance Model — students' engagement with AI tutors and VR simulations directly correlates with perceived utility and behavioral adaptation [3]. More critically, our four-dimensional pathway analysis transcends simplistic "tech-equals-progress" narratives. While technical capability ($\beta = 0.342$) serves as the foundational gateway to digital financial literacy [20], it is the transformation of learning behaviors ($\beta = 0.287$) that embodies Bandura's vision of self-regulated mastery within digital ecosystems [4]. The modest but non-negotiable contributions of security awareness ($\beta = 0.198$) and innovative application ($\beta = 0.156$) further underscore that finance in the algorithmic era demands competencies beyond traditional assessment frameworks.

This technological empowerment, however, incurs a distributive cost. The stark heterogeneity in DIT's impact lays bare the paradox of digital progress: urban students gained 61.3% more than rural peers (37.84 vs. 23.45 points), while high-SES students outperformed low-SES cohorts by 112.7% (42.15 vs. 19.84 points). Such disparities mirror the global phenomenon of digital exclusion, where infrastructure gaps and socioeconomic stratification convert technological potential into privilege. In China's Zhejiang province, for instance, students in broadband-equipped schools leveraged VR trading simulations for advanced portfolio analysis, whereas, revealing how DIT can inadvertently cement educational stratification.

The Chinese provincial pilot (+18.65 points, *p* < 0.001) nevertheless offers a blueprint for mitigation. Its success hinged on synergistic ecosystem engineering — not merely deploying technology, but embedding it within scaffolded support structures. Teacher training in DIT pedagogy increased tool adoption by 63% (per post-intervention surveys), while localized cloud platforms bypassed hardware limitations for 12,000 rural students. This aligns with the contention that technology's equity impacts are mediated by institutional agency. Moderating effects further substantiate this: family digital capital (SES × technical skills interaction: $\beta = 0.078$) and school infrastructure (learning behavior × digitization: $\beta = 0.092$) emerged as critical leverage points, confirming that DIT's value is co-created through environmental enablers.

Our study's limitations, however, demarcate frontiers for inquiry. PISA 2022's static snapshot cannot capture generative AI's disruptive emergence — tools like ChatGPT now enable real-time financial coaching, yet risk supplanting critical thinking [11]. Measurement gaps persist in assessing algorithm literacy, particularly regarding decentralized finance (Decentralized Finance, DeFi) applications. Future research must therefore pioneer dynamic assessments of LLM-mediated financial decision-making while developing cross-cultural metrics for digital risk cognition.

Policy implications demand paradigm shifts. Investments must transition from device procurement toward ecosystem cultivation: teacher certification in DIT pedagogy, algorithmic bias audits for educational AI, and "digital empowerment vouchers" for low-SES households. As financial landscapes evolve at algorithmic velocity, our findings urge redefining literacy itself — not as static knowledge, but as adaptive fluency in human-machine collaboration.

6. Research Limitations and Future Directions

Three fundamental constraints qualify this study's contributions. Foremost among these is the temporal dissonance inherent in PISA 2022's design — while providing unparalleled cross-national scope, its static assessment window predates generative AI's disruptive emergence. Tools like ChatGPT now enable real-time financial coaching and personalized investment simulations, fundamentally altering the digital literacy landscape our measurement framework cannot yet capture. This limitation necessitates longitudinal cohorts tracking how large language models reshape financial decision-making autonomy, particularly regarding behavioral nudges and algorithmic dependency.

A second limitation stems from conceptual evolution outpacing instrumentation. Although PISA 2022 commendably incorporated digital finance items, critical dimensions like decentralized finance (DeFi) protocol literacy, smart contract risk assessment, and algorithmic bias detection remain underrepresented. The 23.33% error reduction in writing tasks observed in our China case, while significant, fails to reveal whether students comprehended AI's grammatical corrections or merely complied with them — a distinction demanding qualitative protocols like think-aloud analysis. Future research should pioneer dynamic assessment tools, possibly adapting The algorithmic awareness scale with scenario-based simulations of crypto wallet security or AI-powered loan discrimination.

Methodologically, the quasi-experimental approach in our Chinese intervention warrants scrutiny. While the 18.65-point gain demonstrates DIT's potential, its attribution remains entangled: Was primary efficacy driven by teacher training (63% adoption increase), cloud-VR accessibility, or curricular redesign? Controlled component-analysis trials could isolate these variables — for instance, randomizing schools to receive only hardware, only teacher development, or integrated support. Such designs would help clarify resource allocation priorities for policymakers.

Beyond addressing these constraints, we propose two emergent frontiers:

Generative AI's double-edged pedagogy: Investigating how LLM-mediated financial coaching (e.g., ChatGPT explaining compound interest) impacts conceptual depth versus prompt dependency, using eye-tracking and knowledge retention metrics across socioeconomic groups;

Cross-cultural equity architectures: Co-designing "digital inclusion experiments" testing mobile-first solutions (e.g., Kenya's blockchain-edu tokens or Brazil's favela WiFi-mesh networks) that circumvent traditional infrastructure barriers.

These directions acknowledge a profound shift: When algorithms autonomously manage 45% of retail investments report by Goldman Sachs, 2024), financial literacy research must transcend reactionary adaptation and instead anticipate competency demands for human-AI collaboration in Web 4.0 economies.

7. Conclusions

This study substantiates the transformative potential of digital and intelligent technologies (DIT) in reshaping financial literacy education, while simultaneously exposing their capacity to exacerbate structural inequities. Our analysis confirms that DIT significantly elevates financial literacy competencies across diverse educational contexts, with an aggregate effect magnitude of 0.756 standard deviations. This technological empowerment operates through four interdependent pathways: foundational technical capabilities enable digital tool engagement; transformed learning behaviors drive self-regulated mastery; security awareness mitigates algorithmic risks; and innovative applications foster adaptation to evolving financial ecosystems. These mechanisms collectively validate social cognitive theory's emphasis on reciprocal interactions between learners and digital environments, where immersive simulations and AI-driven feedback create authentic contexts for knowledge construction.

The research nevertheless reveals technology's dual-edged nature. Stark efficacy disparities emerged along socioeconomic fault lines — urban students gained 61.3% more than their rural peers, while high-SES cohorts outperformed disadvantaged students by 112.7%. Such findings expose how existing inequities become digitally codified when infrastructure gaps and cultural capital differentials determine technological access and utilization. The 58.9% performance advantage observed in resource-endowed "key schools" further demonstrates how DIT can inadvertently reinforce institutional hierarchies, rather than disrupt them.

Against this sobering backdrop, China's provincial pilot offers a constructive counter-narrative. Its documented 18.65-point gain resulted not from technological spectacle, but from ecosystemic integration: pedagogical retraining enabled teachers to transcend tool-centric instruction; cloud-based VR platforms circumvented rural hardware limitations; and algorithmic audits preempted embedded biases. This model demonstrates that environmental moderators — particularly school infrastructure and family digital capital — function as critical leverage points for equitable outcomes.

These insights demand a reconceptualization financial literacy education beyond binary debates about technology adoption. For OECD economies, priority lies in governing algorithmic systems that increasingly mediate financial decision-making, ensuring transparent and ethical EdTech deployments. Developing nations require context-sensitive approaches — perhaps mobile-first simulations and digital literacy vouchers — that bypass traditional infrastructure constraints. Future scholarship must urgently address generative AI's disruptive emergence while developing dynamic assessment frameworks capable of capturing decentralized finance competencies. Ultimately, true empowerment resides not in the technologies themselves, but in cultivating human agency within machine-augmented learning ecosystems, where ethical considerations and adaptive fluency become the new benchmarks of financial capability.

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