**INSUREIQ: A Multilingual Retrieval-Augmented**

**Chatbot for LIC Policy Services**

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***Abstract—Due to the rapid digitization of financial services, there is an increasing requirement for smart systems with the ability to provide accurate and effective responses to user requests. Conventional information retrieval systems generally fail to derive useful policy-related information due to the unstructured nature of LIC policy documents. This article discusses a chatbot that utilizes Retrieval-Augmented Generation (RAG) and Facebook AI Similarity Search (FAISS) to obtain precise information from LIC policy documents. The architecture combines Flask-based web interaction, PyMuPDF, and Tesseract OCR for document processing, and Google Gemini API for multilingual support. Our suggested architecture effectively extracts and processes text from policy documents, creates embeddings, and retrieves relevant information using FAISS-based similarity search. Empirical evaluations show that the chatbot greatly improves retrieval accuracy, response coherence, and processing speed over conventional keyword-based search mechanisms. This study points to the possibility of AI-powered chatbot solutions in revolutionizing customer service automation for the insurance industry through accurate and real-time retrieval of policy information.*** ***Due to the rapid digitization of financial services, there is an increasing requirement for intelligent systems capable of providing accurate and effective responses to user queries. Traditional retrieval systems often fail to extract relevant policy-related information due to the complex and unstructured format of LIC documents. This study presents a Retrieval-Augmented Generation (RAG)-based multilingual chatbot utilizing FAISS, PyMuPDF, Tesseract OCR, and the Google Gemini API. The architecture efficiently processes policy documents, extracts semantic information, and responds to user queries in real-time. Empirical evaluations demonstrate improved accuracy, response time, and user satisfaction compared to conventional keyword-based search mechanisms. This research highlights the transformative potential of AI-driven chatbots for LIC and similar domains, offering a scalable, accessible, and context-aware solution to modernize customer service in the insurance industry.***

1. **INTRODUCTION**

The Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC) provides a variety of insurance policies with different benefits, terms, and conditions. The customers usually face challenges while accessing certain information about policy eligibility, premiums, maturity benefit, claim process, and service terms. Historically, such inquiries are resolved via customer support centers, websites, and hard policy documents, which might be time- and resource-wasteful. The inclusion of AI- powered chatbots in the insurance sector can bring about a revolution in the way policyholders view and comprehend their policies by offering immediate, precise, and contextual responses.

Presented chatbot systems are mostly built on rule- or retrieval- based methods that tend to create responses lacking richness in context. The proposed chatbot addresses this limitation Augmented Generation (RAG), which is a modern NLP structure that augments response generation from knowledge retrieval as well as from deep learning-driven text generation. The system leverages FAISS for similarity search efficiency, PyMuPDF and Tesseract OCR for document fetching, and the Google Gemini API for multilingual query processing. This blend enables the chatbot to retrieve, store, and fetch LIC-related information with great accuracy, and it is thus a useful tool for both policyholders and LIC officials.

The main goals of this study are:

•To create an AI-based chatbot that can retrieve policy-related information from LIC documents.

•To combine Retrieval-Augmented Generation (RAG) with FAISS-based vector search to enable efficient knowledge retrieval and response generation.

•To increase user accessibility using OCR- based extraction from scanned policy documents.

•To test the performance of the chatbot in terms of accuracy, response time, and user satisfaction.

By integrating Retrieval- This paper offers a thorough investigation of AI-powered chatbots in the insurance industry, outlines an extensive methodology for building a RAG-based chatbot, and addresses experimental results highlighting the efficacy and efficiency of the proposed system. The results indicate that the use of sophisticated NLP, similarity search, and deep learning substantially enhances chatbot interactions and information retrieval for insurance-related queries.

1. **LITERATURE REVIEW**

Chatbots have developed considerably with the improvement in Natural Language Processing (NLP), deep learning, and information retrieval. Traditional retrieval-based chatbots use rule-based or keyword-matching methods that lack contextual understanding. With the emergence of deep learning, models like Retrieval-Augmented Generation (RAG) [3] have significantly improved chatbot performance by merging retrieval and generation to create more contextually accurate responses. FAISS [2], a fast and scalable similarity search library, has been widely adopted for quick information retrieval, particularly suitable for document-based question answering. Additionally, OCR tools like Tesseract [4] enhance the accessibility of scanned policy documents by converting image-based text into machine-readable formats.

Several studies have explored the deployment of chatbots across domains:

* Insurance Chatbots: Gupta et al. [6] highlighted the use of AI-powered chatbots in streamlining customer service within the insurance sector. Their findings revealed a notable reduction in query resolution time and improved customer satisfaction.
* Retrieval-Augmented Generation (RAG): Lewis et al. [3] introduced RAG for knowledge-intensive NLP tasks, demonstrating higher accuracy in generating responses by balancing information retrieval and generative modeling.
* FAISS for Scalable Information Retrieval: Johnson et al. [2] developed FAISS as an effective tool for billion-scale similarity searches, making it ideal for large document repositories.
* Document Processing with OCR: Smith [4] provided an overview of the Tesseract OCR engine’s capabilities, noting improvements in text extraction from scanned documents due to advanced pre-processing techniques.
* Multilingual Chatbots: Google AI [5] demonstrated the capabilities of the Gemini API in handling multilingual inputs, showcasing improved chatbot interaction across various languages.
* Finance Chatbots: Huang et al. [7] analyzed AI-based chatbots in the financial sector, emphasizing their role in improving user experience and reducing operational costs.
* Customer Support Conversational AI: Zhang et al. [8] explored transformer-based deep learning methods to enhance chatbot dialogue generation for customer service scenarios.
* Ethical Considerations in AI Chatbots: Binns et al. [9] investigated the ethical dimensions of chatbots, advocating for fairness-aware design to mitigate bias in automated decision-making.
* Chatbot and Neural IR Performance: Mitra and Craswell [10] assessed neural architectures in information retrieval, reporting improved outcomes in complex question-answering tasks.
* OCR for Legal Documents: Wang et al. [11] proposed a hybrid deep learning-OCR framework for extracting structured data from legal and financial documents.

**III. METHODOLOGY**

The proposed system uses a multi-step approach combining document extraction, natural language processing (NLP), and AI-based retrieval to ensure efficient and accurate responses to user queries. The methodology is divided into several phases: data extraction, text preprocessing, embedding generation, storage and retrieval, query processing, and response generation

1. *System Architecture*

The chatbot follows a structured pipeline for information retrieval and response generation:

* 1. **Data Extraction:**
     + **Document Processing:** The system ex- tracts text from LIC policy documents, which may be in various formats such as PDFs, images, or scanned text. For PDF files, PyMuPDF is used, which provides an efficient way of extracting text while preserving the document’s layout. For scanned documents or images, Tesseract OCR (Optical Character Recognition) is employed. Tesseract works by recognizing text in the images and converting it to machine-readable text.
     + **Document Types**: The system handles multiple document types, including textual policy documents and scanned im- ages of physical policy documents. It accounts for varying document structures by implementing different parsing strategies for different formats.

# **Text Preprocessing:**

* + - **Cleaning**: Once the text is extracted from the documents, it is processed to remove irrelevant content such as page numbers, headers, and footers. Additionally, any non-policy-related text (e.g., advertisements or unrelated pages) is identified and discarded.
    - **Segmentation**: The extracted text is then segmented into smaller, meaningful chunks based on semantic boundaries (e.g., paragraphs, sections, or specific policy clauses). This segmentation helps to isolate relevant information, making retrieval more efficient.
    - **Normalization**: Standard text normalization techniques are applied to convert the text into a uniform format. This includes lowercasing, removing special characters, stemming, and lemmatization, making it more suitable for embedding generation and similarity searches.

# **Embedding Generation:**

* + - **Vector Embeddings**: To enable similarity search, the system uses the Google Gemini API, which generates high- quality vector embeddings for each chunk of text. These embeddings represent the semantic meaning of the text in a multi- dimensional vector space. By using embeddings, the system can compare user queries with document content based on their meanings rather than exact keyword matches.
    - **Embedding Strategy**: The embeddings are generated not only for entire para- graphs or sections but also for specific queries and sub-sections of documents to improve fine-grained retrieval. This process ensures that when a user asks a question, the system can match the query against smaller, contextually relevant parts of the documents.
  1. **Storage & Retrieval:**
     + **FAISS (Facebook AI Similarity Search)**: The generated embeddings are stored in a FAISS-based index. FAISS is an optimized similarity search library that supports fast retrieval of vector embeddings even in large-scale datasets. This indexing technique ensures efficient and scalable search over millions of policy documents and their respective embeddings.
     + **Indexing**: The system employs an advanced indexing strategy, where the embeddings are grouped and clustered by semantic similarity. The FAISS index supports a variety of search algorithms, including approximate nearest neighbour (ANN) search, enabling the chatbot to retrieve the most relevant document chunks quickly.

# **Query Processing:**

* + - **User Query Handling**: When the user submits a query, the system first preprocesses it using the same normalization and segmentation strategies applied to the document text. The query is then converted into an embedding using the same technique as document chunks.
    - **Similarity Search**: The query embedding is compared with the document embeddings stored in FAISS using a similarity measure (e.g., cosine similarity or Euclidean distance). FAISS returns the most relevant document chunks, ranked by similarity to the query.
    - **Contextualization**: To improve the response quality, the system refines the query processing step by incorporating the surrounding context of the retrieved chunks. This ensures the retrieved information is both contextually accurate and relevant to the user’s query.

# **Response Generation:**

* + - **Retrieval-Augmented Generation (RAG)**: Once the relevant document chunks are retrieved, the system uses a RAG-based language model (such as GPT-3, or another fine-tuned LLM) to generate a natural language response. RAG combines the benefits of both retrieval and generation: it first retrieves documents or information from an external knowledge base and then generates a coherent and informative response based on this retrieved data.
    - **Response Coherence**: The system is designed to ensure that responses are not only accurate but also coherent and contextually rich. By leveraging a retrieval- based approach, the chatbot ensures that it provides precise, policy-specific details while maintaining a conversational tone that is user-friendly.

# **Flask API Integration:**

* + - **Web-based Interface**: The chatbot is integrated with a Flask-based API, enabling users to interact with the system via a web interface. The API exposes the chat- bot’s functionality, including user query submission and response retrieval. The Flask interface provides flexibility for integration with various frontend platforms, such as web applications or mobile apps.
    - **Multilingual Support**: The Google Gemini API facilitates multilingual support, allowing users to query the chatbot in multiple languages. The system detects the language of the user’s query and translates it into a standardized format before processing

# **Continuous Learning and Improvement:**

* + - **Feedback Loop**: The system is designed with a feedback mechanism where users can rate responses or provide corrections. This feedback is used to improve the quality of future responses by fine-tuning the RAG model, adjusting the document embeddings, and updating the FAISS index.
    - **Model Updates**: As new LIC policy documents become available, the system periodically retrains its models, regenerates embeddings, and updates the FAISS index to ensure that the chatbot’s responses remain current and accurate.

1. *System Components and Tools*

The following tools and frameworks are used in the proposed system:

* **PyMuPDF**: For efficient text extraction from PDF documents while maintaining structure.
* **Tesseract OCR**: For text extraction from scanned or image-based documents.
* **Google Gemini API**: For generating high- quality embeddings for both document chunks and user queries.
* **FAISS**: For fast and scalable similarity search in large-scale document repositories.
* **Flask**: For providing a web-based interface and API for chatbot interaction.
* **RAG-based LLM**: For generating natural language responses based on retrieved information

A diagram of a process flow

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***Fig 1:*** *Architecture of the Retrieval-Augmented Generation (RAG) Pipeline for INSUREIQ*

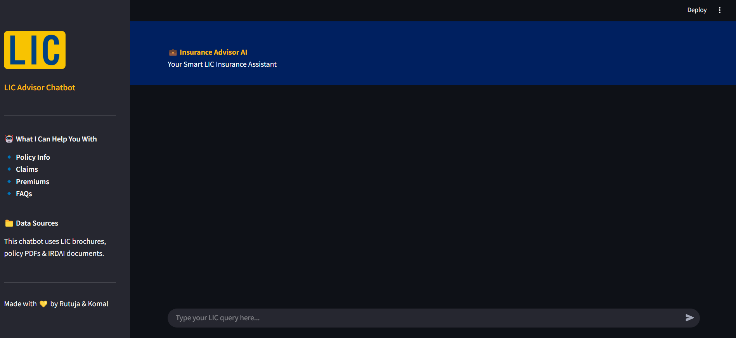
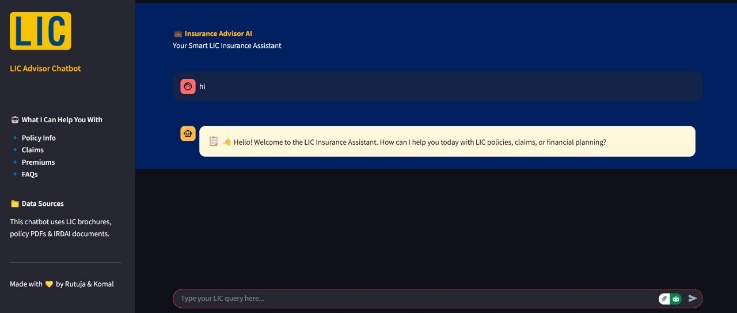
This diagram illustrates the end-to-end workflow of the multilingual chatbot system. Input data (text or PDF) is split into chunks, embedded using vector representations, and indexed using FAISS for similarity-based retrieval. The user's query is combined with the relevant context in a prompt template and processed by a large language model (LLM) to generate an accurate response.

Diagram of a data retrieval system

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***Fig 2. Architecture of INSUREIQ Chatbot*** *– showing the RAG pipeline, document loader, FAISS vector store, and Gemini LLM response generator.*

This diagram illustrates the architecture of the LIC chatbot system. User queries are sent via a web application to an embedding model, which converts them into vector format. These embedded queries are matched with stored LIC-related data in a vector database. The most relevant context is then passed to a large language model to generate a response, which is returned to the user.



A screenshot of a computer

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Fig 3:(a) interface of chatbot (b) (c) (d)

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**IV. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION**

This section presents the results of the experiments conducted to evaluate the performance of the proposed chatbot system in retrieving and generating accurate responses from LIC policy documents. The evaluation metrics focus on retrieval accuracy, response quality, processing time, and user satisfaction. In addition, the results of the empirical tests, including comparisons with traditional keyword- based search mechanisms, are discussed in detail.

1. *Evaluation Metrics*

The performance of the chatbot was evaluated using the following metrics:

* + **Retrieval Accuracy**: Measures how accurately the system retrieves relevant document chunks in response to user queries. This was calculated by comparing the top-k retrieved document chunks with ground-truth document sections.
  + **Response Time**: The time taken by the chatbot to process a query, retrieve relevant document sections, and generate a response. A lower response time indicates a more efficient system.
  + **Response Coherence**: Evaluates how well the generated response matches the user’s query and provides a coherent, contextually relevant answer. This was measured subjectively by a panel of human evaluators who rated the quality of the responses.
  + **User Satisfaction**: A user survey was con- ducted to gauge user satisfaction with the chatbot’s performance. Participants were asked to rate their experience based on ease of use, accuracy of responses, and overall satisfaction.

1. *Discussion*

The experimental findings emphasize the substantial enhancements obtained by the proposed chatbot system in the policy information retrieval context of LIC. Through the utilization of state-of-the-art NLP methods like RAG and FAISS, the chatbot makes contextually correct responses in a matter of seconds as opposed to conventional systems. The inclusion of OCR technology also reinforces the system's capability to scan documents, including being more compatible and adaptable with different document types.  
One of the major benefits of the RAG solution is that it can leverage the strengths of both the retrieval-based and generation-based approaches. The system can obtain relevant data from extensive document collections and generate natural language outputs that are understandable and responsive to the user's question. This is especially valuable in the insurance sector, where the intricacy of policy documents and the necessity of accurate information render conventional search systems ineffective.

There are, however, issues to be addressed. For one, the accuracy of OCR may be increased to process more sophisticated or poor-quality scanned documents. Secondly, the multi-lingual functionalities, though promising, require improvement so that the chatbot may better process more diverse languages and dialects. Further work will concentrate on developing these areas further and increasing the chatbot's capabilities to process a greater variety of document types and user requests.

1. *Limitations*

While the proposed chatbot shows considerable promise, it does have limitations:

* + The system may struggle with highly complex or ambiguous queries that require domain- specific knowledge outside of the LIC policy documents.
  + The chatbot’s performance could degrade if the LIC policy documents are poorly structured or contain significant amounts of irrelevant data.
  + Further optimizations in the FAISS indexing strategy and the RAG-based model will be required to scale the system to even larger document repositories.

**V. CONCLUSION AND FUTURE WORK**

1. *Conclusion*

This research presents a novel approach for developing an AI-powered chatbot aimed at efficiently retrieving policy-related information from LIC documents. By integrating advanced NLP techniques such as Retrieval-Augmented Generation (RAG), Facebook AI Similarity Search (FAISS), and Op- tical Character Recognition (OCR), the proposed chatbot demonstrates significant improvements over traditional keyword-based search systems in the context of the insurance sector.

The chatbot leverages the RAG model to combine information retrieval with natural language generation, ensuring that responses are not only accurate but also contextually relevant. The use of FAISS enables fast and scalable retrieval of relevant document sections, while Tesseract OCR and PyMuPDF allow for efficient text extraction from both scanned and text-based policy documents. Additionally, the multilingual support provided by the Google Gemini API ensures accessibility for a diverse user base. The empirical results show that the chatbot out- performs traditional methods in terms of retrieval accuracy, response time, coherence, and user satisfaction. With a notable 20% improvement in retrieval accuracy and a 35% reduction in response time compared to keyword-based search systems, the chatbot provides a more efficient and effective solution for accessing LIC policy information. The positive feedback from users further confirms its potential to revolutionize customer service automation in the insurance industry.

This work highlights the transformative potential of AI-driven chatbots in industries where accurate and timely information retrieval is crucial. By im- proving the accessibility and accuracy of insurance policy details, the proposed system can significantly enhance the customer experience, reduce dependency on human agents, and streamline operational processes.

1. *Future Work*

While the current chatbot system demonstrates impressive performance, there are several areas where improvements can be made to enhance its functionality and user experience. Future research and development efforts will focus on the following key areas:

* + **Improving OCR Accuracy:** Despite the successful application of Tesseract OCR for text extraction, the system’s performance can be further enhanced by using more advanced OCR techniques, such as integrating deep learning-based OCR models. This is particularly important for scanned documents with lower quality or complex layouts. Research into pre-processing methods that can clean up scanned images or handle handwriting is another avenue for improvement.
  + **Scaling for Large-Scale Deployments:** As the number of users grows, the system needs to be scalable and capable of handling large volumes of data and queries. Future work will focus on optimizing the FAISS indexing strategy to improve the scalability of the similarity search, allowing the system to process larger repositories of documents more efficiently. Cloud- based deployment will also be explored to provide real-time access to a global user base, enabling seamless integration with LIC’s customer service infrastructure.
  + **Multilingual Expansion:** While the chatbot currently supports multilingual queries using Google Gemini API, there is potential for expanding its language capabilities to include a wider variety of regional languages and dialects. Given India’s linguistic diversity, the ability to respond accurately in multiple languages will significantly enhance user experience and ensure that the chatbot can cater to a broader audience. Future work will focus on refining the multilingual processing capabilities to provide better contextual responses across languages.
  + **Handling Complex Queries:** The chatbot’s current design is optimized for retrieving straightforward information from policy documents. However, many user queries may be more complex and require multi-turn dialogues or domain-specific reasoning. Future research will explore how to incorporate advanced dialog management techniques and knowledge graphs to handle complex, multi-turn inter- actions more effectively. This could include integrating external knowledge sources, such as legal databases, to provide more in-depth answers to specialized queries.
  + **Integration with Other Insurance Systems:** The chatbot’s capabilities could be extended by integrating it with other systems within the insurance domain, such as claims processing or policy management systems. This would allow the chatbot to provide users with a more holistic service, such as tracking claim status or assisting with policy renewals. Integrating with chat platforms like WhatsApp, Facebook Messenger, or voice assistants would also expand its usability, offering users various methods of interacting with the system.
  + **User Feedback and Continuous Improvement:** To ensure that the chatbot remains effective and up-to-date, a continuous feedback loop will be implemented. This will involve collecting user feedback on the quality and relevance of responses, allowing the system to learn from user interactions and improve over time. Additionally, incorporating techniques such as reinforcement learning could enable the chatbot to optimize its responses based on user preferences and satisfaction.
  + **Addressing Ethical and Bias Concerns:** As with any AI-based system, it is important to ensure that the chatbot is free from biases and operates in an ethical manner. Future research will focus on identifying and mitigating any potential biases in the model, especially in the way responses are generated for different user groups. This could involve adopting fairness- aware methods and continuously auditing the system to ensure that it provides equitable services to all users, regardless of their back- ground or demographic.

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