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**Abstract.** This article examines the development of digital technologies and their impact on economic efficiency. The study analyzes in a simple and understandable way how digital changes affect the economy. Attention is paid to the fact that the rapid development of information and communication technologies makes production processes more efficient, reduces costs, and improves management systems.

It also argues that digital technologies play an important role in accelerating economic growth. The article analyzes the changes taking place in the labor market in the digital economy, the emergence of new professions, and the decrease in demand for certain professions. In addition, issues such as cybersecurity problems, digital inequality, and social problems are also considered.

The results of the study show that the correct and effective implementation of digital technologies is important in ensuring economic stability, increasing competitiveness, and having a positive impact on the country's development.

**Keywords:** Digital transformation, technological modernization, innovative development, economic growth, automation, artificial intelligence

**Introduction.** In the 21st century, global economic development processes are closely linked to digital technologies. Digitalization is becoming an important tool for improving the efficiency of economic systems, leading to not only quantitative but also qualitative renewal of production factors, which is why it is becoming an important tool for increasing the efficiency of economic systems. Information and communication technologies, artificial intelligence, big data (Big Data), and cloud computing systems (Cloud Systems) are deeply penetrating all stages of economic activity.

In particular, according to World Bank research, the development of digital infrastructure is one of the important factors in the competitiveness of a country's economy. With the help of digital technologies, costs are reduced, information exchange is accelerated, and the possibility of more efficient use of available resources becomes possible.

Also, experts from the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development emphasize that the widespread introduction of digital technologies can enhance innovative activity, stimulate the emergence of new business models, and increase the efficiency of market mechanisms. In their opinion, digital transformation will usher in a new stage of economic growth.

At the same time, the process of digitalization creates structural changes in the economy, renews labor market requirements and requires changes in the management system. Thus, technological changes not only improve production processes, but can also change the nature of economic relations.

**Main purpose:** explain how technological changes affect economic efficiency and analyze their practical results.



### **Structural elements of the digital economy**

The digital economy is a complex and multi-layered system that consists of interconnected technological and management systems. These elements, when integrated, ensure the speed, accuracy and efficiency of economic processes.

#### **Digital infrastructure**

Digital infrastructure is the mainstay of the digital economy. It includes high-speed Internet networks, mobile communication systems (4G/5G), data centers and cloud technologies. High-quality infrastructure increases the speed of information exchange, expands the possibilities of providing remote services, and serves to organize business processes seamlessly.

Cloud computing technologies reduce the costs of storing and processing data, facilitating innovative activities for small and medium-sized businesses.

**E-commerce platforms.** E-commerce is one of the fastest growing sectors of the digital economy. Online trading platforms reduce the distance between the manufacturer and the consumer, reducing transaction costs. Digital marketing tools help to better understand the market and predict customer demand.

As a result, sales volumes increase, the competitive environment intensifies, and consumer choice expands.

#### **Artificial intelligence and data analytics**

Artificial intelligence and big data analytics (Big Data) take the economic decision-making process to a qualitatively new level. With the help of algorithms, demand is determined in advance, production volumes are effectively planned, and possible risks are assessed. A data-driven management model allows for effective use of resources and strategic planning.

#### **Fintech and digital payment systems**

Financial technologies (fintex) simplify banking services, speed up payment transactions, and expand the use of financial services. Electronic wallets, mobile banking and online lending systems ensure the transparency of economic turnover and increase the share of cashless payments.

This helps to reduce the black market (shadow sector) of the economy.

#### **Automated production**

Automation and robotization based on digital technologies increase production efficiency. Sensor control systems, IoT (Internet of Things) devices and smart technologies ensure accuracy in the production process and reduce errors caused by the human factor.

As a result, product quality improves and production costs decrease.

In general, these structural elements of the digital economy, when integrated with each other, accelerate economic processes, improve the management system and increase the competitiveness of the national economy.

#### **The impact of technological changes on economic efficiency**

Technological progress is one of the important factors in increasing economic efficiency. Digital solutions and innovative technologies radically change the processes of production, distribution and management, significantly improving the efficiency of resource use. In particular, systems based on automation, robotics and artificial intelligence ensure the speed and accuracy of economic processes.

#### **Optimization of production processes**



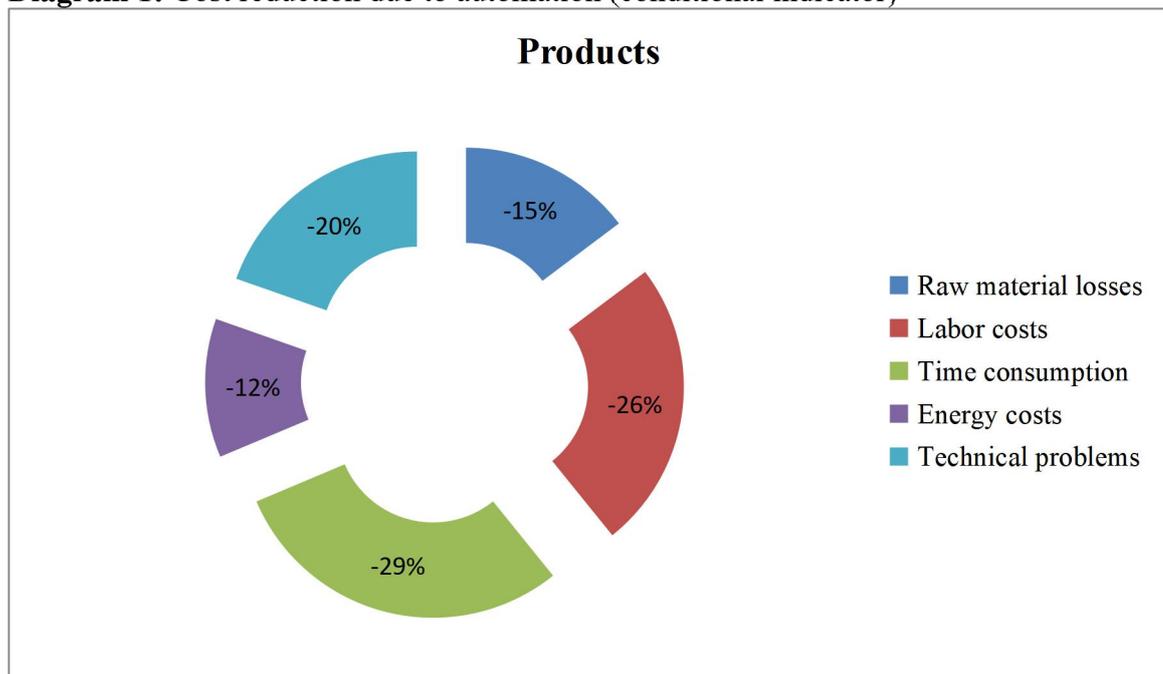
Automation reduces the loss of time and resources in production and minimizes errors caused by the human factor. Robotic systems increase the quality and accuracy of products, forming a standardized production process.

Using digital control systems, production stages are monitored in real time, malfunctions are quickly identified and corrected. This reduces technical downtime and allows you to maintain stable production volumes.

Also, IoT technologies based on sensors and smart devices optimize energy and raw material consumption. As a result, the cost of production decreases, the enterprise becomes more profitable, and overall economic efficiency indicators improve.

In addition, digital modeling and forecasting systems allow for maximum use of production capacities. This increases the return on investment and ensures long-term economic stability.

**Diagram 1:** Cost reduction due to automation (conditional indicator)



This diagram shows that automation has the greatest impact on production processes by reducing time consumption (-29%). This is due to the acceleration of the production cycle and the efficient use of capacity.

The reduction in labor costs by -26% is explained by an increase in labor productivity and the robotization of repetitive operations. The reduction in technical failures is due to the introduction of planned preventive inspection and monitoring systems.

In general, technological innovation significantly increases operational efficiency, increases the profitability of the enterprise and strengthens its competitiveness.

#### **Reducing transaction costs**

Reducing transaction costs in the digital economy is one of the important areas for increasing economic efficiency. In traditional economic relations, the costs associated with information search, negotiation, conclusion of contracts and control account for a significant share. Digital platforms simplify these processes, saving time and money.

Digital platforms reduce intermediary costs, establish direct communication between the producer and the consumer. Electronic contracts accelerate document circulation and clarify the legal order. Online payment systems allow financial transactions to be carried out in real time.

Digital identification and electronic signature systems also increase the level of security and reduce operational risks. As a result, contractual relations become more transparent and faster.

In general, reducing transaction costs increases the profitability of enterprises, enhances the efficiency of market mechanisms and creates favorable conditions for economic growth.



**Cybersecurity threats**

As dependence on digital systems increases, issues of data protection, personal information privacy and financial security become more relevant. Cyberattacks can lead to economic damage and a decrease in trust.

**Structural changes in the labor market**

Automation will reduce the demand for certain professions, and the need for specialists with highly qualified IT and technological skills will increase. This requires retraining and improvement of the continuous education system.

The formation of an innovative environment increases economic efficiency, but its sustainability is directly related to institutional support, human capital development and strengthening of security mechanisms.

**Institutional and social factors**

The process of digital transformation is not limited to technological innovation alone. Its effectiveness is directly related to the institutional environment, state policy and the level of preparedness of society. If technological changes are not supported by appropriate social and legal conditions, the expected economic results may not be fully realized.

The following factors are important for technological changes to be effective:

**Development of digital skills in the education system**

In the conditions of a modern economy, knowledge of programming, data analysis, cybersecurity and digital management is becoming a key demand in the labor market. Therefore, it is necessary to modernize the education system based on digital skills. Continuous education and retraining programs help to adapt to changes in the labor market.

**Innovation Support Policy**

Funding startups, encouraging research and development, and establishing technology parks and innovation centers will shape an innovative model of economic growth. Public-private partnerships play an important role in this process.

**Strengthening cybersecurity infrastructure**

The stable functioning of the digital economy depends on data protection and information security. A national cybersecurity strategy, secure databases, and modern monitoring systems ensure economic stability.

**Conclusion.** The digital economy is emerging as a strategically important factor in increasing economic efficiency. Technological modernization optimizes production processes, ensures efficient use of resources, reduces operating costs, and significantly increases market competitiveness. Digital transformation also creates an opportunity to create an innovative environment, develop new business models, and accelerate economic growth.

However, the successful implementation of the digital economy is associated with a number of challenges: cybersecurity threats, a shortage of qualified personnel, structural changes in the labor market, and the digital divide. Therefore, an integrated approach in cooperation between the public and private sectors is necessary to create an effective digital development strategy.

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