



Agentic AI in Group Insurance and Retirement Platforms

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Abstract

Agentic AI is replacing rule-based engines in group insurance and retirement platforms, enabling evidence-based analysis through formal, objective assessment of architecture, risk, and outcomes. Autonomous data products, built on appropriately applied machine learning and deep learning techniques, are complemented by dedicated Control Towers that fulfill the cognitive functions traditionally performed by Risk Management and Compliance teams. Together, these capabilities fundamentally reshape the cost-efficacy trade-off underlying insurance and pension operations.

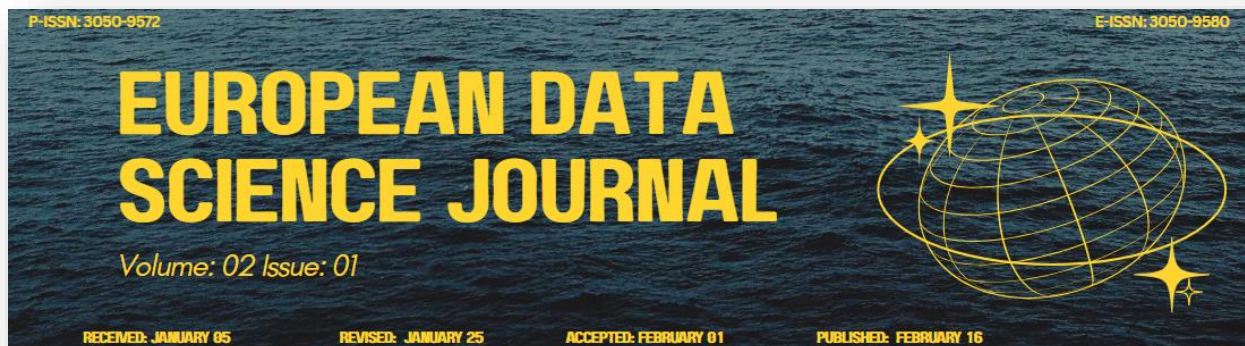
As insurance and pension plans increasingly center on membership experience and service personalization rather than transaction costs, attention is shifting toward a deeper level of product personalization. The foundation for this shift lies in reformulating pricing through Data Product Thinking principles, paired with an automated process of member-specific risk assessment and underwriting — for example, the dynamic construction of an insurance plan tailored to a given member's specific characteristics.

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1. Introduction

Rule engines and decision trees have long served as the decision logic driving product proposals, actuarial offers, and pricing across group insurance and retirement platforms. These systems, defined by evident governance and measurable performance, act as decision factories that pump out responses to operational requests. However, the ad-hoc nature of the rules—created by domain experts but not subject to rigorous, formal analysis—leads to blind spots, systemic biases, and legacy choices remaining for decades in the system. Neither the product quality nor the governance structure satisfy current norms and expectations. Consumer financial products in particular are more akin to semiconductor chips, with demand-supply mismatches and rapidly changing need states requiring

real-time adjustments and variety. Increasingly, the very architecture needs to reflect an evolution from traditional rule-based systems to those that enable credible, formal underwriting of barrel-racing risks, allowing for the creation of associated monitoring dashboards. Agentic AI has emerged as inherent autonomous decision-making systems that can transparently and effectively engage in evidence-based analysis—monitoring both the state of the world associated with domain-relevant outcomes and considering both dynamic risk exposure as well as agents within the system. All domains where decisions are made can be considered data-labeling towers, data-operators can be thought of as data-product pipelines producing change-request tickets, and data lords monitoring data quality and query distribution can be



treated as compliance-control towers. Using language or vision systems that fuse with available data products, especially member-centric ownership, the personalization and user experience of member-facing systems can be completely sprung.

1.1. Overview and Objectives

Agentic AI replaces rule engines in group insurance and retirement platforms through evidence-based analysis, with formal, objective assessment of architecture, risks, and outcomes. Group insurance and retirement platforms use business rules embedded in rule engines for pricing, underwriting, and benefit design. Such rules impose significant governance overhead, yet can be neither internal nor external for business stakeholders and users. Agentic AI offers a set of autonomous data products that learn from past data and evidence; use this evidence to make decisions, exercise judgment, and assume responsibility; with adequate oversight and monitoring without formal compliance checks, thus replacing rule-engine-based decision logic.

Group insurance and retirement platforms inherently capture member data that, subject to due consideration of consent, can be used to personalize member experience beyond what is feasible with business rules. Substantial volumes of historical member data allow pricing for both ex post and ex ante periods to be based on empirical group contributions for each funding source and claim experience on each benefit. Risk profiling—both for pricing and underwriting—associated with the life stage of members can be leveraged to conduct these assessments with a significantly higher degree of automation and lower levels of human touch than in typical insurance systems.

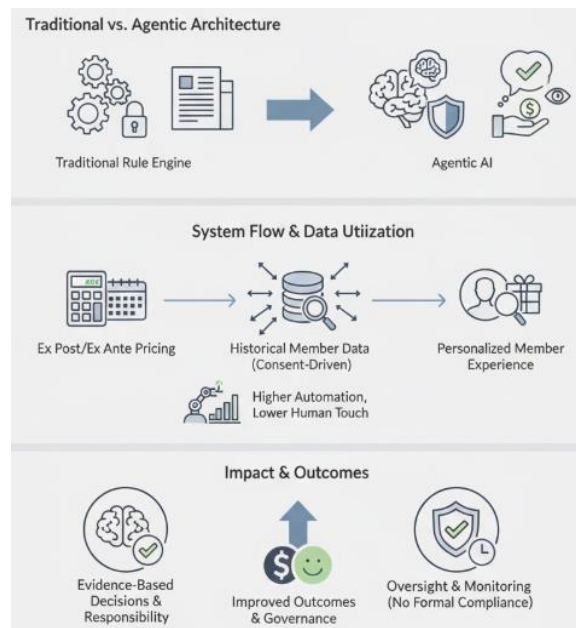


Fig 1: From Rule Engines to Agentic AI: Autonomous Data Products and Evidence-Based Decisioning in Group Insurance and Retirement Platforms

2. Background and Context

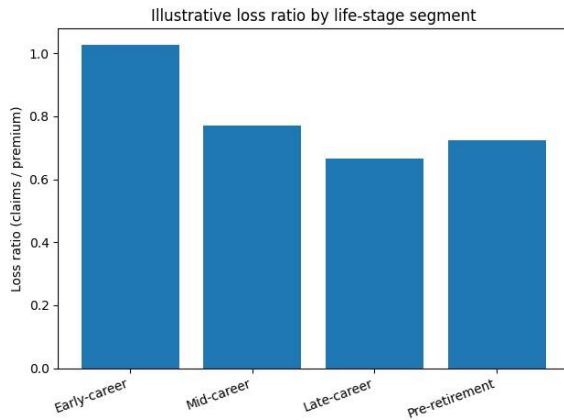
Historical Role of Rule Engines in Group Insurance and Retirement Platforms

Rule engines enable decision logic in group insurance and retirement platforms. While such systems serve decision-making needs across diverse industries, those in the domain of group risk are especially complex. Group life and disability pricing and underwriting is informed by the analysis of millions of past claims attributable to actual group-sized members. For such products, stand-alone risk probabilities can in principle be calculated for each individual without material additional computing cost, and yet pricing is validated on the total market liability and against discrete group size levels. Moreover, the analysis is performed at a level of fidelity and detail that ensures product performance can be ascertained over a decade-long underwriting horizon. Yet decision-making power still



remains concentrated in the hands of the carrier and is enforceable by the platform.

Rule engines serve as supervision and management control layers, providing the ability to design strategic product and member policy features and rules that span even the most esoteric product combinations. Governance articles lay out the required companies and signatories, loss-time waiting periods, nationality groups, and terrorism and war exclusions required to enable any combination of products, including group life plus one or multiple long-term disability products; group life plus accident; and group life plus group health products of any type. Performance is measured by balancing profitability with reputational risk. Cost plus margin pricing governs most classes, since product fidelity to land-and-issue markets is deemed paramount. The relative size of local markets influences agent commissions, as do capitation arrangements and other administrative agreements. The need to bolster profitability for specific companies and products on an ad-hoc basis is a common theme.



Equation 1: Evidence-based pricing from claims experience

1.1 Exposure and frequency

Let:

- i = member (or unit of exposure)

- t = time period
- E_{it} = exposure (e.g., member-years)
- N_{it} = claim count in period t

A common actuarial starting point:

1. **Model claim counts** as Poisson:

$$N_{it} \sim \text{Poisson}(\lambda_{it}E_{it})$$

2. Then:

$$\mathbb{E}[N_{it}] = \lambda_{it}E_{it}$$

3. Define **frequency**:

$$f_{it} \equiv \lambda_{it}$$

If you use a risk score r_{it} (from ML/agent features), a simple link is:

$$\lambda_{it} = \lambda_0 \cdot r_{it}$$

where λ_0 is a baseline frequency.

1.2 Severity and pure premium

Let each claim have cost X_{itk} (claim k).

1. **Aggregate claims**:

$$C_{it} = \sum_{k=1}^{N_{it}} X_{itk}$$

2. If severity is independent of count, then:

$$\mathbb{E}[C_{it}] = \mathbb{E}[N_{it}] \cdot \mathbb{E}[X_{it}] = (\lambda_{it}E_{it}) \cdot s_{it}$$

where $s_{it} \equiv \mathbb{E}[X_{it}]$ is expected severity.

3. Define **pure premium** (expected claims cost):

$$PP_{it} \equiv \mathbb{E}[C_{it}] = E_{it}\lambda_{it}s_{it}$$



2.1. Historical Role of Rule Engines in Group Insurance and Retirement Platforms

Traditional group insurance and retirement platforms rely on rule engines to implement business logic. Overspecified rules, derived from the relevant legislation and governing documents, dictate system behaviour, parameters, and products. Rule authorship and governance lie with business stakeholders. Performance is often measured by the number and quality of rules created, tested, and released. In contrast, data product thinking embraces critical features of modern API-based architectures and the insights they enable. Group insurance and retirement platforms that are incompatible with data product concepts are likely to become obsolescent as demand for greater product variety, better pricing, and improved member experience grows. Rule-based systems are commonly considered a step on the path to full automation. Interactions with decision-logical systems provide additional evidence to train prediction models, enabling increasingly faithful imitations of the decision logic. In well-governed environments, this view can deliver significant reductions in operational friction. In fact, agentic AI is a superset of tradition predictive analytics, operating as a foundation layer rather than a simple tool. Architectures that foster product-thinking integrate dynamic data and artefact management into the AI lifecycle. Formal, objective assessment of heightened degrees of agentic AI in Group Insurance and Retirement platforms offers additional perspectives. Risk, monitoring, governance, and control mechanisms, together with considerations of explainability, risk management, and control towers, are discussed.

2.2. Emergence of Agentic AI and Autonomous Data Products

Agentic AI, a class of AI capable of agency, learns by analyzing outcomes and identifying causal links to improve future behavior. Autonomous data products — independent software modules that undertake more complex decision making without human intervention — have been made possible by agentic AI. These products, like others in financial services, are typically operated by third-party providers. The associated business model, often called product thinking, considers the full lifecycle of a product

from concept to retirement. Product thinking includes governance processes and metrics for managing the costs associated with product failures or delivering underperformance expectations. Use of agentic systems introduces control problems that require additional consideration outside the norm for autonomous data products.

Evidence-based decision making has long been seen as a means of improving operational performance across domains, but it has yet to enter mainstream use in financial services outside niche support applications. Within group insurance and retirement platforms, evidence-based decision making requires the replacement of traditional rule engines by agentic AI. Product capability enables an evidence-based decision space design that would allow for execution at scale. Current articulation of support requirements for evidence-based decision support also moves towards more established formalism.

3. Theoretical Foundations

Formal definitions of agentic AI and agentic systems establish an operational framework that recognizes autonomous data products. Data product materialization offers product-thinking-capable enterprises a lifecycle perspective for financial data products and services. **Agentic AI: Definitions and Core Principles**
An agent of any level is an entity that engages in behaviors directed at achieving certain objectives and acts based on a set of controls. Conversely, a higher-level agent is capable of acting on the environment based on an autonomous and agentic choice and acts based on a set of objectives. First, learning has been thematized from the perspective of the agent, symbolizing a source of complexity when controlling an agentic entity. The consideration of learning is elementary for understanding control issues related to agentic entities. The simple fact that a system can learn makes it impossible—if such learning is real—to fully control it by defining the behaviors that will be executed. The consideration of agentic levels of autonomy indicates that the balance between human intervention/control and



the autonomy of the agentic system has been thematized as one of the core systems design challenges. This foundation provides a meaningful distinction between agentic and non-agentic forms of intelligence; introduces evidence-based analysis at the level of architectural paradigms; and serves as a launching pad for the characterization of object-oriented agentic systems. The first component examined is product-thinking-embedded data product design and analysis, which should be considered at the very concept and product-definition levels, observably long before any data product has taken shape or been made available. Data Products are defined as any product offering that is materially matched with a Product. A data product is thus enabled by the external capability of a business to offer the type of Product in question. Data-product thinking establish a lifecycle view and related guidelines for Data Products, together with a preliminary set of analysis and evaluation questions, essential for business areas aiming to become Product-thinking-capable and to manage the complete portfolio of products—such as Product Management, Risk, Compliance, Monitoring, and Control Towers.



Fig 2: Architecting Autonomy: A Lifecycle Framework for Agentic AI and Product-Centric Data Systems in Financial Services

3.1. Agentic AI: Definitions and Core Principles

Agentic AI is AI that acts with a reasonably high degree of autonomy. It learns from evidence, like a person or animal. It considers the consequences of its decisions and acts accordingly. It is designed to imitate normal human action. Unlike regular AI, a strict interpretation of the word ‘agent’, such as a study of the theory of agentive agency, is unacceptable for practical purposes. Concepts such as autonomy, learning and acquiring agency might also benefit from a less formal interpretation. Agentic AI operates and learns using agents, decision-making units defined by context, role, autonomy, and proximity to the business problem. How many different architectures of agentic AI can exist? Probably as many as conditions dictate.

The concept of agentic architecture captures the idea that agentic AI starts with a modular architecture, roughly resembling a company’s business unit structure. These modules enable data flows to be defined independently of the data sources and sinks and provide agility in application development, as data flows can be orchestrated using their endpoints alone. They require a fairly sophisticated orchestration layer to support the entire set of autonomy requirements across the agentic product lifecycle, and they also determine an underlying degree of modularity. For example, a control tower for operational risk management cannot interact with modular products and services built using autonomous data sources and sinks when those data sources and sinks are not part of the same product group. But it can interact with completely independent autonomous data-sourcing products.



Life stage segment	Benefit	Members	Exposure (member-years)	Risk score	Expected claim frequency	Expected severity	Premium charged	Claims incurred	Loss ratio
Early-career	Group Life	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Early-career	LTD	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
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3.2. Data Product Thinking in Financial Services

Product thinking involves considering a financial offering as a product with a life cycle. A product is a fulfilled request. The severity of its request is measured by the financial consequences of not fulfilling it. A collection of similar fulfilled requests which are not considered operational risks is a product portfolio. A team collects ongoing requests, fulfills, and responds to requests. A team cannot fulfill or respond to historic requests. A product offering is data product ready when a collection of realized portfolios comes within pre-specified financial tolerance. When entering a product portfolio, a requested fulfillment is data product ready when the condition of the product offering thereby conditioned is fulfilled. Data products, hence, return automatically.

Building data products remains risky. Risk management requires a control tower, which implements the risk-management strategy of the business. Its members maintain risk-indicator dashboards that indicate the need for escalation of threshold breaches and for monitoring of near-threshold levels. Implementing agentic systems is therefore

fundamentally an exercise in finance. Its purpose is to free the business such that its focus can return to identifying statistically probable catastrophic events. The business then assigns risk levels, and predicts the likely financial impact of each level as a daily mean with confidence bands. These allow risk of all categories including control failure, people risk, and reputation return.

4. Architectural Paradigms

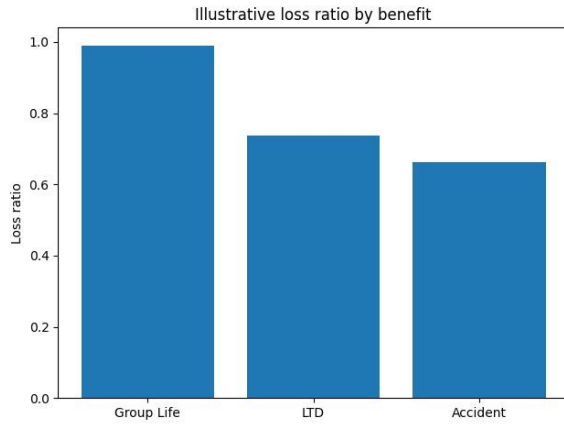
Rule-based systems condition logical decisions on explicit sets of rules. Data and events flow through these systems to determine outcomes through logical evaluation. Whereas products consume data as inputs and process or transform it into new data for consumption, services interact with business logic to take actions expected to deliver value to consumers. High-traffic platforms frequently have high volumes of rules dependent on transient data flags. Planning for the orchestration of myriad services to execute a small number of core functions—such as risk exposure attribution, pricing, underwriting, and transaction logging—brings scale and modularity benefits.

Conceptualizing the rule engine as an orchestration control tower with business-governance services beneath it provides a way to streamline planning and pinpoint support-service priorities.

The architecture of an agentic system is fundamentally different. In an agentic system, data flow is shaped by agents acting on data-rich environments. When products collect data in the course of their lives, and use it to inform next-best actions, the next-best action is typically some test supported by evidence about the next user experience. The succeeding user experience provides further data, feeding a repeated cycle of data collection, testing, evidence-generation, iteration, and adaptation through learning. The ability to exploit vast data-orientated environments and evidence for agentic personalization, autonomously delivered products and services, dynamic pricing, and algorithmic underwriting removes the need for governance-centric data and action flags. As true agents take over decision-making processes from mere engines, the



emphasis of enterprise architecture shifts from service orchestration to external interoperability.



Equation 2: Automated underwriting as a decision problem

Let:

- $y \in \{0,1\}$ be an adverse event (claim above threshold / disability incidence)
- $\hat{p} = \Pr(y = 1 \mid x)$ predicted by a model/agent from features x
- L_A = expected loss if you accept the risk
- L_R = opportunity/relationship cost if you reject (or load too heavily)

A clean decision rule:

2. Compute **expected cost of accept**:

$$\mathbb{E}[L \mid \text{Accept}] = \hat{p} \cdot \ell_1 + (1 - \hat{p}) \cdot \ell_0$$

Often $\ell_0 \approx 0$, so:

$$\mathbb{E}[L \mid \text{Accept}] \approx \hat{p} \cdot \ell_1$$

3. Compare to reject cost:

$$\text{Accept if } \hat{p} \cdot \ell_1 \leq L_R$$

Equivalent threshold form:

$$\text{Accept if } \hat{p} \leq \tau \quad \text{where } \tau = \frac{L_R}{\ell_1}$$

4.1. From Rule-Based Systems to Agentic Architectures

Traditional group insurance and defined contribution retirement platforms employ rule engines to decide thousands of complexities and outcomes, such as product pricing and member benefits. These rules dictate the direction of funds within the platform and the composition of products made available to members; they also set the risk appetite of the organization. While built and maintained by experts in the field, rule engines fail to capture evidence and domain knowledge on a continuous basis, leading to growing governance risk. Product-oriented risk management, compliance, and monitoring are either non-existent or relegated to review meetings performed annually.

Rule-based systems have a fundamentally different architecture when compared to agentic systems. In an agentic architecture, data flows horizontally for analysis, learning, and design, and only when required are rules orchestrated for execution. A truck-and-trailer analogy is useful here. The rule engine is like a truck, following the same road over and over again, textbook risk management. Product-oriented architects consider what is being traveled, making the trailer longer or shorter as required.

5. Operational Implications

Establishing a control framework for agentic AI is more nuanced than traditional business rules for risk management and control towers may indicate. Risks can be classified into broad areas: delivery quality, compliance with external and internal regulations, explainability for stakeholders, deployment risk, performance monitoring during normal operations, and governance of the agentic environment. The recommendation is to form a formal structure to address these areas, with scopes that align to a combination of agentic AI and traditional solutions, analogous to a software development organization comprising business analysts, testers, project managers, operations and production support.



Delivery quality is best ensured through a dedicated control tower that monitors the agentic AI portfolio's performance against established KPIs and intervenes directly with products that operate out of tolerance. It engages in regular and ad hoc dashboard reviews to gauge whether the risks are changing. External parties — customers, regulators, and other stakeholders — expect decisions to be processed as a “black box,” necessitating a monitoring capability that detects shifts in input or output characteristics, using an approved method of monitoring for the relevant stakeholder group.

The more human the agent behaves, the greater the expectation for its actions to be explainable. Customer-facing solutions in particular require a dedicated team to develop an appropriate explanation and delivery mechanism. Compliance with external and internal rules and policies ordinarily represents a combination of traditional business rules and agentic AI. These more conventional business rules remain the same; however, orchestrating the execution of both rule sets, ensuring consistency of outputs, and providing a single view for the business context become the tasks of the tracking system. Existing enterprise risk management solutions cover deployment risk, with suitable natural language generation engines augmenting the summary feature. Performance monitoring during normal operations relies on historical patterns to detect changes that might adversely affect customer delivery. Finally, governance of the modern agentic environment requires specialist knowledge and a significant allocation of time since all activities rely on enabling agents to learn from the data the business already captures.

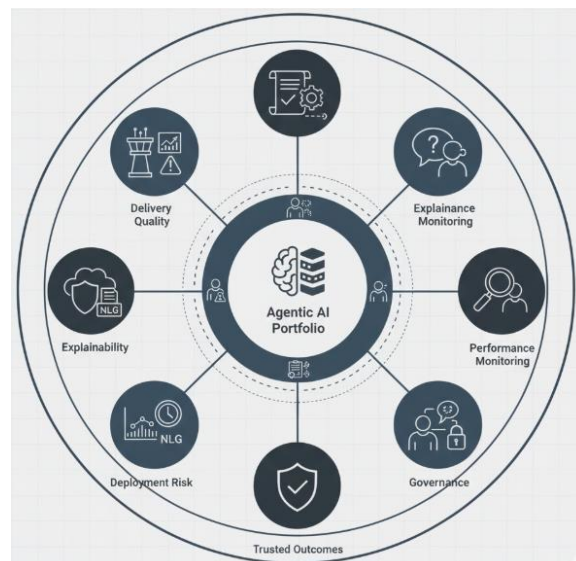
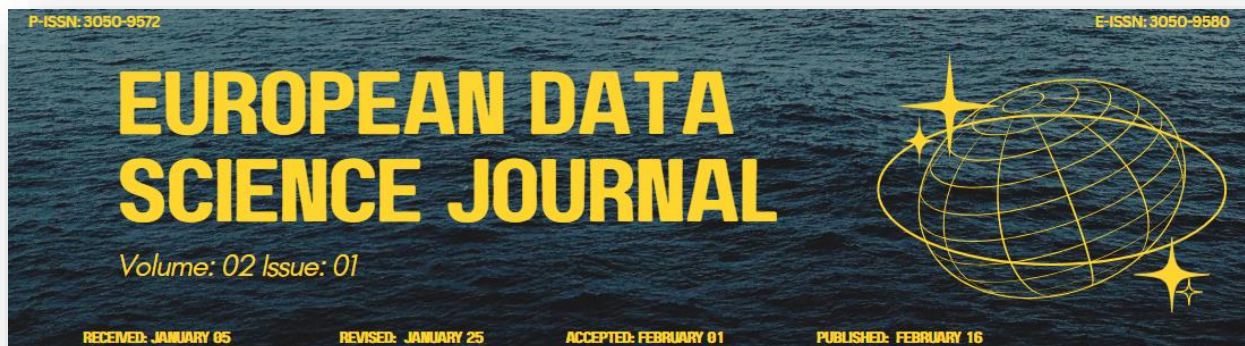


Fig 3: Governing the Autonomous Enterprise: A Multi-Dimensional Control Framework for Agentic AI Integration and Risk Orchestration

5.1. Risk Management and Control Towers

Risk governance and ongoing decision and outcome monitoring are critical success factors in any complex, data-driven business. Agentic AI autonomy heightens reliance on risk and compliance functions and introduces new requirements for explainability, real-time monitoring, and logical consistency, supported by control towers alongside traditional control functions. Risk and compliance functions are responsible for establishing the guardrails and boundaries within which the various agentic AIs can operate. These functions will need to formalize the key risk factors and challenges relevant to the decision and data products, providing information on major risk areas that demand additional scrutiny as well as specifying the acceptable levels of risk.

The demand for additional scrutiny may take the form of warnings that the relevant risks signal a need for particular attention. Such a warning would be triggered when a supervisory agentic AI detects potentially inappropriate conditions—a thunderstorm watch or warning for an outdoor event. Clear explanations should be available at



different levels of granularity, depending on the particular audience. One of the key benefits of having large volumes of data accessible to AI algorithms is the ability of those algorithms to automatically learn the patterns, trends, associations, and features that categorize an outcome as either a success (the event proceeded smoothly) or a failure (the event was disrupted). This provides an opportunity for control towers to monitor the logical consistency of those explanations.

6. Impact on Group Insurance and Retirement Platforms

1. Product Personalization and Member Experience

The impact of agentic agents on product personalization and member experience has hitherto received insufficient attention. Personalization is a term much invoked but seldom realized. Nevertheless, licensed pension fund management companies can offer par manage-with-management fees because they pool billions of dollars, invest for the long term, and enjoy the buffer provided by market cycles. This shields their members against illness, disability, and the whims of the market. These funds present members with quarterly performance updates. Occasionally, members are invited to change the fund's asset allocation strategy. Members in guaranteed retirement benefit schemes, however, tend to make the same choices as the late Victor Kiam, who famously said, "I liked the shaver so much, I bought the company." The lack of engagement can be attributed to a combination of opaque benefits and poor user experience. Designing group insurance products that meet the diverse risk profiles of members requires a deep understanding of member data. Given the sensitive nature of personally identifiable information (PII) and the prevalence of data breaches, members should ideally consent to the use of such data for a specific purpose. Data that are de-identified can nevertheless be used for unsupervised learning to establish appropriate use parameters for product design. Since exploratory analysis is unsupervised, the choice of model is less critical. Once the use parameters have been

established, any supervised model can be trained on the de-identified data without the need for subsequent consent. Everything becomes clearer once hidden factors—latent variables that cannot be observed directly—are discovered. When combined with other disclosure covariates (features used to explain risk), these latent factors illuminate members' preferences, thereby enabling product personalization. Agentic agents can then suggest suitable group insurance products to employers. Gaining a corporate customer provides an opportunity to create a better user experience for all employees. When an employer adopts one of the recommended products, an onboarding agent proactively seeks the employee's permission to optimize the benefits. If consent is granted, the agent automatically selects the optimum options from an exhaustively researched choice space. Members in need of help receive offers tailored to their circumstances.

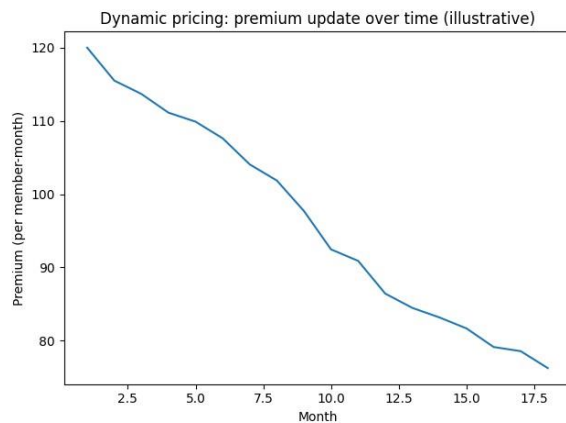
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Dynamic pricing has long been successful in some industries, and its merits have often been extolled in others. Dynamic pricing is attractive in group insurance and retirement platforms because the risk for a given insurance cover within a sufficiently small exposure unit can be established with high accuracy. Distortions result from inertia, morbidity, and other human factors; nevertheless, dynamic pricing is clearly a better approach than the current method. When conscience allows, members are often willing to pay for absolute certainty of cover, and that is the price for illness, disability, and death. Similar pricing is being adopted by the credit card industry. The difference is that here the short identity disclosure risk can be eliminated and the price adjusted for every product guernsey family.

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Equation 3: Dynamic pricing update (evidence loop)

Let:

- P_t = premium at time t
- LR_t = observed loss ratio in a recent window
- LR^* = target loss ratio (pricing target)
- $\alpha \in (0,1]$ = smoothing parameter

A widely used feedback update is:

3. Compute indicated change factor:

$$g_t = \left(\frac{LR_t}{LR^*} \right)^\alpha$$

4. Update premium:

$$P_{t+1} = P_t \cdot g_t$$

6.1. Product Personalization and Member Experience

The transition from rule-based systems to agentic architectures can transform customer journeys in group

insurance and retirement platforms, but challenges to a coherent member experience remain. Personalization has been a watchword in financial services for many years, particularly in customer-facing markets. Recent advances in autonomy, personalization, and hyper-personalization, each associated with different scales of data used, have become possible within the coverage and choreography of Agentic AI. With explicit member data at the center, the promise of personalization is clearer than ever. Member experience is grounded in member data—the content, quality, and availability of data assets provided by each member. Data cleansing, source quality, consent, discovery, and user-friendly access are critical design components. Enabling the user to easily pass porcelain vases for literary examination adds great value to a perceptive novelist. In the same way, enabling the user to easily pass copious amounts of accurate, relevant, up-to-time sensory data to a variety of agents and platforms greatly enriches the user experience. Making it easy to make it easy improves choice and decision-making.

KPI	Green	Amber	Red
Loss ratio	≤ 0.85	0.85–1.00	> 1.00
Calibration error (ECE)	≤ 0.03	0.03–0.06	> 0.06
Population drift (PSI)	≤ 0.10	0.10–0.25	> 0.25
Appeal rate	$\leq 1.5\%$	1.5–3.0%	$> 3.0\%$
Decision latency (p95)	$\leq 1.0s$	1.0–2.0s	$> 2.0s$

6.2. Pricing, Underwriting, and Benefit Design

Pricing and underwriting decisions in group insurance and retirement platforms have long relied on pricing actuaries and underwriting specialists to assess the risks associated with different customer segments and product characteristics, with an additional layer of review for unique or complex arrangements. These rules form the basis for an effective pricing and underwriting strategy. However, the assignment of risk and pricing for groups is



often performed on a tick-box basis, decoupling the pricing and underwriting functions and neglecting the multitude of parameters that influence risk. A multivariate analysis of pricing by loss ratio provides a more granular basis for pricing and risk selection than the traditional approach. An agentic system, having continuous access to an independent set of data sources, could automate the execution of this analysis on a continuous basis. Indeed, it is feasible to construct and periodically execute a module that continuously adjusts pricing for all parameters. Regulatory concerns over anti-selection across various products have historically affected the price of group insurance more than genuine considerations of risk. Underpricing of group medical insurance has caused problems in multiple geographies. Concerns over price failure must indeed trigger active management of pricing on these products, avoiding a response that triggers the risk and decouples underwriting from price. An active, evidence-based agentic approach to the pricing of risk is likely to reduce regulatory concerns, with additional benefits from detection of pricing errors originating from agency problems or inexperience. Member experience is crucial to the success of any deployment in group insurance and retirement. Although remaining invisible to the member at most insurance technology companies, personalization has enabled others to differentiate through member experience. Agents of financial services, and indeed all services, need to embrace product thinking in their omnichannel deployments. An agentic reengineering of platform support for group insurance and retirement is likely to result in better product, risk, and underwriting outcomes, but more importantly, personalization of the member experience.

7. Conclusion

Agentic AI replaces rule engines in group insurance and retirement platforms through evidence-based analysis, with formal, objective assessment of architecture, risks, and outcomes. No business area serves an established purpose with a characteristics list longer than financial services. Despite that, it remains among the least innovative.

Creative thinking around the evolution of rule engines has progressed little beyond Azure Logic Apps. Analysis suggests that progress will start when agentic AI replaces existing, outdated capabilities with autonomous data products and unstructured task automation. Article examination of desired personalization led it towards price, underwriting, and benefits design. Evolution of every area will be accelerated as organizations replace, not enhance, traditional rule engine functionality. Evidence-based analysis of a proposed solution path reveals an absence of evident weaknesses. The established list of required characteristics for any successful change offers a concise explanation for this apparent omnipotence. Simply put, any solution is useful if it satisfies all tenets consistently. An agentic architecture should underpin a network effect among organizations using similar platforms. Properly configured risk management accountable for compliance increases the chance of success while also monitoring explainability, accuracy, fairness, and equity. A control tower is a desirable addition.

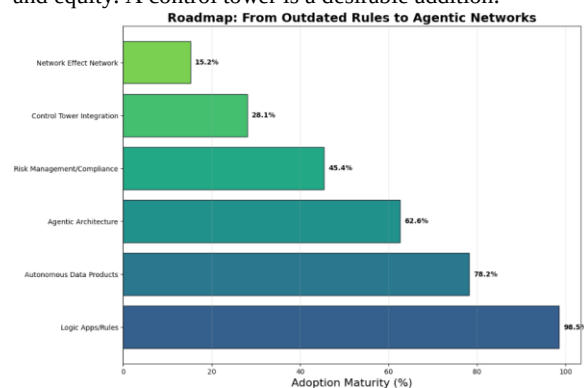
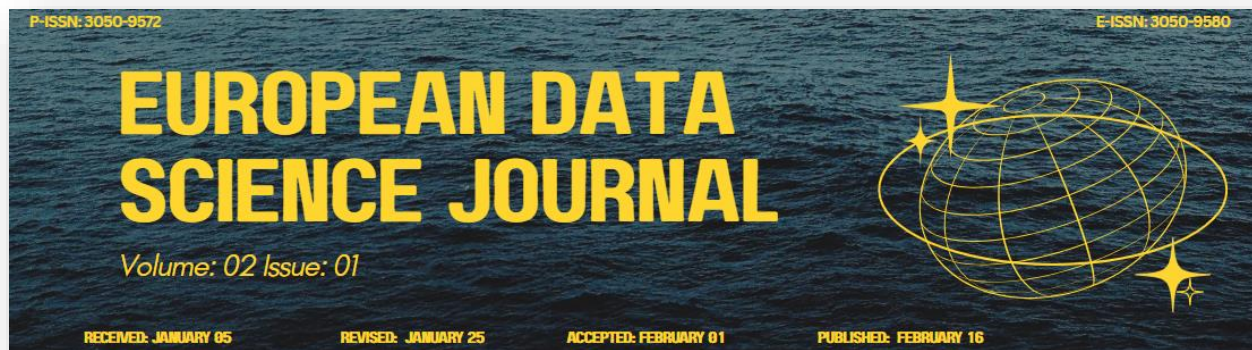


Fig 4: Roadmap: From Outdated Rules to Agentic Networks

7.1. Final Thoughts and Future Directions

Agentic AI replaces rule engines in group insurance and retirement platforms through evidence-based analysis, with formal, objective assessment of architecture, risks, and outcomes.

Traditional rule-based logic has served decision-making in group insurance and retirement platforms for decades. It replaces domain expertise with rules governing risks and



performances of products or portfolios as well as trade-offs between alternatives. Rules are key to operational process maps and control frameworks, virtually automating risk, compliance, and explainability. Yet performance, quality, and suitability metrics rarely match the enviable norms of frauds, execution, and risk management of any product or service, especially insurance. Emerging agentic AI is better positioned to take up these roles. Product-type market behaviours for group insurance result from agentic architectures. The associated products are neither technical nor business products. Evidence-based analysis replaces rules, turning products into agents that assess their structure and cycle networks and act on risks within given tolerances. The analysis also enables the construction of active control towers that monitor risk appetites, compliance, and explainability with much higher efficiency, robustness, and credibility when viewed objectively than when governed with traditional expertise. The discussion is limited to group insurance and retirement platforms or solutions, yet the foundational principles of agentic AI rank among the most versatile and broadly applicable in business. Their gradual adoption will enhance customer journeys across financial services, improve crisis preparedness and responses, expand product considerations into wider considerations like product layering, and introduce real personalization to financial services. Further research seeks specific examples, including agentic products in different sectors, solution and platform-type market behaviors, advanced blending opportunities, and alternative data-product paradigms in banking.

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