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THE IMPACT OF AI-POWERED EDUCATIONAL TOOLS ON STUDENT ENGAGEMENT AND LEARNING OUTCOMES AT HIGHER EDUCATION LEVEL

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ABSTRACT

This study examines the impact of AI-powered educational tools on student engagement and learning outcomes at the higher education level. Employing a quantitative survey research design, the study involves a sample of 500 university students drawn from five universities in Lahore. The primary objective is to assess how AI-driven educational technologies influence students' involvement in academic activities and their subsequent academic performance. To collect data, a structured questionnaire was developed and administered. The questionnaire included sections on demographics, usage of AI-powered educational tools, levels of student engagement, and perceived learning outcomes. The questions were designed on a Likert scale to gauge the intensity of students' experiences and perceptions. The reliability and validity of the instrument were ensured through a pilot study involving 50 students, and necessary adjustments were made based on the feedback. The survey responses were analyzed using statistical techniques, including descriptive statistics, correlation analysis, and multiple regression analysis. The findings indicate a significant positive relationship between the use of AI-powered educational tools and student engagement. Students reported that AI tools, such as adaptive learning platforms, intelligent tutoring systems, and automated feedback mechanisms, enhanced their motivation, participation, and interaction with course content. Moreover, the results suggest that increased engagement through AI tools positively affects learning outcomes. Students who frequently used AI-powered educational resources demonstrated better academic performance, as evidenced by higher grades and improved critical thinking skills. The study concludes that AI-powered educational tools hold substantial potential to transform higher education by fostering active learning environments and enhancing educational outcomes. These findings have important implications for educators, policymakers, and technology developers. Integrating AI technologies in educational settings can be a strategic move to address challenges related to student disengagement and suboptimal academic performance. Future research could expand the scope by exploring the long-term effects of AI tools on various dimensions of learning and by including a more diverse sample.

Keywords: AI Tools, Student Engagement, Learning Outcomes, University Students.

INTRODUCTION

The application of artificial intelligence (AI) has become a game-changer transcending boundaries in the always shifting environment of higher education. Using modern data from trustworthy sources, this study project, "Exploring the Broad Impact of AI Technologies on Student Engagement and Academic

Performance in University Settings in Afghanistan," will investigate all the several ways that artificial intelligence is altering the academic scene. Higher education in Latin America takes the stage in this work. It investigates the potential and issues particular to Latin American academics using a methodical review. Computers that can recognize sounds and images, comprehend natural language, and make decisions—activities humans used to do—form the foundation of artificial intelligence (AI) (Joiner, 2018).

Over the past few years, governments, academics, and professionals have paid increasing attention to artificial intelligence and prospective applications in education (Zawacki-Richter et al., 2019). Since they may immediately improve the lives of professors, students, and higher education institutions, artificial intelligence tools attract much interest. According to Chiu et al. (2023), the fast expansion of artificial intelligence significantly influences classroom behavior and instruction by teachers. AI brought both beneficial and negative changes that significantly impacted students and higher education institutions. Learning systems leveraging artificial intelligence can thus provide students with individual recommendations. A fresh approach to generate language that has proven somewhat popular in academia is the Chat Generative Pre-Trained Transformer (ChatGPT). Using text created by people, the application teaches the neural networks to perform certain tasks. One fresh and practical approach to assist students is the ChatGPT tool. Usually defined as having a lot of original ideas, logical concepts, and a lot of current scientific knowledge, this attribute derives from the fact that this AI tool can generate a lot of distinct written and unpublished material (Joiner, 2018). These days, one can find plenty of artificial intelligence tools easily available. Choi et al. (2023) claim that ChatGPT, an open-source artificial intelligence platform, can respond to user queries, assertions, and information searches by text since it is This software lets students access a vast array of self-learning materials like assignment completion tools, learning to code, book translation tools, and book translating tools. More precisely, artificial intelligence and its tools are excellent additions to the classroom; nevertheless, they cannot replace human teachers or their capacity to guide students toward particular activities. Choi et al. (2023) report that experts view ChatGPT as having both positive and negative aspects. Though scientists are growing more interested in ChatGPT's application in various spheres, including education, there is little actual research examining how effectively it aids in learning. Therefore, the aim of this work is to clarify how ChatGPT could influence students in a poor nation thereby closing this knowledge gap. AI applied in the classroom could fundamentally alter our learning process. With this, one may teach more people in less time and better methodically. Learning that is more customized for every student can be more successful and efficient, involve more of the students, and help to save expenses. Sites like Facebook and TikHub present videos and other content using artificial intelligence algorithms. Algorithues like this one, using machine learning, examine user behavior, preferences, and interactions with objects. Their aim is to simplify the search for content and suggestion generation process on learning environments. Looking at a user's interactions, past, and interests, artificial intelligence algorithms can customize their learning. They might then recommend useful movies, classes, or papers. Using this tailored approach, students can learn more about tools and subjects relevant to their individual requirements and learning objectives. User behavior and decisions can teach these programs what to do and make necessary adjustments. Through seeing what people enjoy and sharing it, the AI algorithms learn from how individuals engage with material. Every iteration helps the user to adjust their preferences and learning patterns, therefore improving the accuracy of the recommendations. In our fast-paced environment when new technologies are constantly being created, many individuals are intrigued in applying artificial intelligence (AI) in education. The inclusion of AI-powered learning aids into educational institutions has fundamentally altered the manner in which courses of instruction and student education are conducted. Finding out how well children grasp when using AI-powered learning tools and how they do in the classroom is the primary focus of this study. These instruments are especially crucial in the classroom since technology develops so rapidly nowadays. Knowing what they mean is absolutely crucial while deciding on educational policies and practices. Using artificial intelligence (AI) in classrooms is a topic of more and more discussion among individuals. Many claim that generally, artificial intelligence can improve instruction and

learning. Understanding how these two elements influence artificial intelligence can help one maximize its advantages and minimize any possible negative effects. Given current state of affairs in education, this paper investigates the advantages and value of AI-powered instructional resources. Right now, there is a dearth of knowledge; our study seeks to fill in part. Technology-enhanced learning—which comprises numerous AI-powered tools including online classrooms, smart tutoring systems, and adaptive tests—will be a major component of the study. These instruments help to ensure that every student receives feedback tailored to their needs and that their educational experience is distinct. The study will make use of philosophies of education and cognition to ascertain their relevance. Having said that, the report does draw attention to certain restrictions. First of all, it emphasizes how difficult it is to consider all the several results as artificial intelligence techniques are so diverse and fast improving. The size of the sample group or the particular educational environments investigated could cause the outcomes to be biassed. Another major issue is that instructors and students require time to pick up skills in using artificial intelligence technology and applying flexibility with it. This study's empirical evidence on how AI-powered learning tools truly impact students closes a void in the research. Knowing whether technology makes learning and behavior more difficult or easier is crucial since more and more technology is applied in classrooms. It is advised that a comprehensive research project be carried out to ascertain how helpful artificial intelligence-based learning tools are for pupils. Better decisions made by legislators and educators resulting from the outcomes will enable better application of artificial intelligence in the classroom.

Significance of the Study

The significance of studying the impact of AI-powered educational tools on student engagement and learning outcomes at the higher education level lies in its potential to revolutionize teaching and learning processes. AI technologies can offer personalized learning experiences, adapt to individual student needs, and provide instant feedback, thus enhancing engagement and motivation. This study can provide valuable insights into how these tools affect student performance, retention rates, and overall academic success. By understanding these impacts, educators and policymakers can make informed decisions about integrating AI in curricula, potentially leading to more effective and inclusive education systems. Additionally, the research can identify best practices and challenges associated with AI implementation, guiding future technological advancements and pedagogical strategies. Ultimately, this study contributes to the evolving landscape of education, aiming to improve learning experiences and outcomes for students in higher education.

Objectives of the Study

- To assess the impact of AI-powered educational tools on student engagement
- To measure the effect of AI-powered educational tools on learning outcomes**:**
- To identify the challenges and barriers to the effective implementation of AI-powered educational tools
- To explore best practices for integrating AI-powered educational tools in higher education

Research Questions

- How do AI-powered educational tools affect student engagement in higher education?
- What is the impact of AI-powered educational tools on students' learning outcomes in higher education?
- What challenges and barriers do educators and institutions face in implementing AI-powered educational tools in higher education?
- What are the best practices for effectively integrating AI-powered educational tools in higher education curricula?

Literature review

A popular issue right now in schools is the application of artificial intelligence (AI). In my academic life, AI tools including Grammarly, Quilt Bolt, Turnitin, and ChatGPT have clearly changed things. Along with my academic performance both inside and outside of the classroom, these AI tools have tremendously sharpened my writing and comprehension abilities. This makes me wonder whether other pupils have experienced positive or negative AI experiences. This chapter will go into great detail to precisely specify student involvement

and learning results. It will also consider, weighing the advantages and drawbacks, what might happen with creative artificial intelligence. By carefully reading already published material, one can also gain additional knowledge about present ideas and experiences about the use of artificial intelligence in education.

Artificial intelligence (AI) entering classrooms marks a new, transforming period in education and the teaching profession. This overview of studies examines how rapidly AI-powered learning tools are expanding and how much they are impacting student understanding and performance in the classroom. Examining the research and scholarly debate already conducted will help us to discover all the several ways artificial intelligence might influence education as technology is always changing our learning process. Examining past studies and reading academic publications helps one to find simplicity in this. Examining the most significant results and trends in the research will help us to better comprehend how artificial intelligence is altering schooling. Examining how AI is impacting students' capacity to grasp and do well in the classroom can help us to better understand how it is altering education. This research provides legislators, educators, and other interested parties with vital knowledge to provide the framework for the equitable and practical application of artificial intelligence in modern classrooms. Artificial intelligence (AI) is the study of creating computers capable of performing tasks typically performed by humans, according to Rodrigo (2023). Face and voice recognition, driving through traffic, and chess are among the uses for these kinds of capabilities. AI in Education (AIED) is the use of artificial intelligence (AI) in educational settings to assist in instruction, learning, or improvement of the total school environment. Though it's not known exactly how artificial intelligence (AIED) will affect human thinking and brain development, it could be really significant. Many believe that technology has significantly affected human progress and knowledge since Socrates claimed that writing causes one to forget things. Having stated that, the outcomes will most likely be convoluted. One study revealed, for example, that using more GPS devices and apps reduces spatial memory; another found that utilizing smartphone alarms frees mental space for other chores. The same researchers oversaw both of two independent investigations. Concerns over how technology shapes children's minds and capacity for reason and thinking have not been allayed as long as they are still developing. Given kids' still developing brains, this issue becomes even more crucial. We particularly want to know whether utilizing technology poses any actual health hazards and, if so, what those hazards would be. Furthermore, we wish to know if children's use of technology alters the functioning of particular areas of their brains, which might help to clarify several behavior and thinking issues such trouble paying attention. Given how crucial the questions are to artificial intelligence development, additional study in this field could be required. Sharples (2022) claim that policy and moral use of artificial intelligence depend on evidence of its positive effects being present in use. Like a teacher, each labor or time someone spends has to be explained before it is committed to Though students have long been copying other people's work, essays remain the main method of evaluation employed worldwide among them. Commercial essay mills provide custom writing on a broad spectrum of topics, so since they have started running online, this process has become lot simpler. Soon, new artificial intelligence findings including OpenAI's GPT-3 and other "big language models," will probably make much more impact. Several companies already provide Automatic Essay Writing (AEW) software for students. These AEW apps have grown in popularity recently in response to anything akin to an essay theme. On their own, they might compose few sentences or entire essays. Although AEW's present work is occasionally illogical and simplistic, it is difficult to discern whether the author is a student or a computer program at times. Still unclear, nevertheless, whether AEW devices improve or hinder children's education. Still, AEWs are getting smarter and there may be a "race to the bottom" between AEWs and AEW detectors, so they will most likely rate children differently. Students who utilized Chabots before group discussions completed more and gained knowledge of the need of critical thinking. My name is J. Leong; in 2023 I employed a robot and produced decent findings. He had the revolutionary theory that practicing speaking ahead of time—text or voice—using an artificial intelligence bot would enable people perform better on speaking tasks. The face-to--face scenario and the text-based chatbot performed really poorly compared to the voice-based chatbot. He thought that a chatbot able to employ several

kinds of communication could inspire people to want to chat. Robots, he discovered, typically answered questions in another context using proper syntax. Should chatbots capture conversations between teachers and students, teachers can review those recordings to identify areas of student error and adjust the timing of their teaching to reflect it. Chatbots could totally transform our education process. I go J. Leong. Twenty-23: ChatGPT is increasingly piques the curiosity of many people working in numerous disciplines. Drawing on massive databases, it responds precisely to consumer requests for information. Though it has relatively little factual content, many teachers and scholars are still exploring how ChatGPT influences the subject of education. Using ChatGPT to produce an academic paper, a pilot research revealed that the AI chatbot produced logically coherent and practical material. Schools should also give educating children critical thinking and artistic ability great importance, according to suggestions as well. Only if ChatGPT is used correctly and with careful planning will it provide language teachers with many possibilities to enhance their lessons and make the classroom a more fascinating and interactive environment to study foreign languages. Students who depend too heavily on ChatGPT to complete their assignments and essays are more likely to plagiarize without realizing it, Joyner (2023) claims This is really troublesome. ChatGPT provides data already in use to help students discover solutions to their queries. Students who use the app for homework may so unintentionally copy text from other sources without knowing it. Plagiarism is a very severe academic transgression, hence students who perpetrate it could be punished by their institutions. Students are urged to use ChatGPT as a tool to help them think and complete study that will enable them produce their own essays and other tasks. Students only should utilize ChatGPT for this one purpose. While some ChatGPT users may straight duplicate AI-generated answers to school assessments, some pupils lack motivation and won't own responsibility for their conduct. Students who engage in this not only forfeit an opportunity to hone their critical thinking and personal learning strategies but also violate academic standards of behavior. As these students navigate their education, ChatGPT may grow ever more significant to their academic performance. The end loses the opportunity for these children to grow stronger in problem-solving and learn more. Students will suffer in school, among friends, and in work if ChatGPT fails anyplace since they won't be able to develop their creative and critical thinking skills save for using them to do homework. Students who utilize ChatGPT to rapidly complete assignments could pass on excellent opportunities to collaborate and improve their communication skills. Given its availability, some students believe the AI-powered tool ChatGPT can rapidly address current school issues. They might thus be less likely to ask parents, instructors, or peers for assistance. One reason could be because children truly think ChatGPT will enable them to handle all of their responsibilities. They lack skill in team building and communication, so they find it difficult working with others. This is a challenge in many spheres where professionals should be able to collaborate. Adair (2023) argues that we must overcome the issues that arise when AI systems blur the boundaries between the two groups if we wish to minimize the negative consequences of these systems on relations between students and teachers. Better AI should be able to explain itself, keep people involved, and methodically compile and present evidence going forward. If done, this will let artificial intelligence systems operate with online learning in the future. It is noteworthy that this research does not indicate that artificial intelligence systems will shortly totally replace human teachers. Rather, in the course of online learning, people and artificial intelligence systems will cooperate. This is hence why it is so crucial to give the advantages and drawbacks of the technology great thought before implementing these concepts. The source is SEO (2021). The Philippines' educational system has lately suffered from low teacher salaries, inadequate funding, and a general lack of resources. Conversely, the emergence of artificial intelligence has given the discipline fresh approaches to handle these issues. Artificial intelligence might fundamentally alter the way the Philippines educates its population. By enabling more individualized learning, it can help to improve the degree of students' education and make teaching more efficient. Among the tools using artificial intelligence to allow students learn at their own speed and receive feedback immediately are chatbots, virtual assistants, and online learning management systems. By automating administrative tasks include grading papers, tracking student attendance, and creating lesson plans, artificial intelligence could enable educators save time. This could allow educators more time to teach the topic and get the

pupils engaged, therefore addressing the truly important issues. Once teachers identify which children are struggling in the classroom, artificial intelligence can assist them in providing more assistance to improve grades. The Philippines might potentially benefit in many respects from applying artificial intelligence in education with an eye toward people. Some of these are simplifying matters for already rather busy managers and teachers, enhancing the educational process for their pupils, and preparing them for the future of employment. Teachers, legislators, and administrators have to prioritize working with machines, leveraging technology to simplify our tasks, and supporting the objective of providing every child in the nation with a decent education if artificial intelligence (AI) is to be totally utilized in education. Furthermore encouraging is the fact that these protections operate (Cornell, J. 2023). In addition to improving student performance all through, AIED assists those who are struggling to realize their best potential. The bad news is that the Philippines cannot employ artificial intelligence to address issues with our educational system for several reasons. Apart from imparting fresh knowledge to the students, every member of the AIED group is quite concerned with their mental and behavioral state. Certain researchers have developed their facial recognition systems to better detect academic emotions including boredom, uncertainty, and frustration. Research on actions that result in seeking for aid revealed that acceptance of help correlated with the degree of knowledge acquired. Students who sought guidance from their teachers were obviously more puzzled and anxious than their peers. (J. York, 2024)

Student Engagement

A student's degree of involvement determines how they view their peers, their university, and the whole learning process. Manifest expressions of this are a feeling of community and participation in extracurricular events. (Artist Dohmke, T., 2023) Though the precise definition may vary depending on the educational environment, student involvement includes participation in class discussions, interacting with course materials, consistent class attendance, and seriousness about academic work. It's more about a student's degree of participation in the learning process than about their turning in of their work. Furthermore, "it means that students are ready to pay attention, do their assignments, and see value in how well they perform in school." author Dohmke, T., 2023 This chapter quantifies student participation using qualitative methods. Examples of qualitative measurements are assessments of engagement, comprehension, and degree of participation during instructional events. Interviews with teachers and students let one gauge the degree of student involvement.

Learning Outcomes

The phrase "learning outcomes" is used by many to refer to the measurable skills that, at the end of a course, students ought to possess. Learning objectives help teachers and students to clearly know what the course of instruction is meant to yield. One might incorporate a great spectrum of psychomotor, social, and cognitive skills. Tests, quizzes, homework, presentations, and portfolios are only a few of the several excellent approaches to evaluate it. By providing data-driven performance analysis, data-driven information about their performance, and recommendations on how to correct their errors, artificial intelligence can also assist students in learning. AI applied in assessment systems can provide students with more accurate and fast feedback, therefore enabling them to more readily attain their learning objectives. Part of this research will investigate how to best mix the necessity to keep the learning environment engaging and motivating with the advantages made possible by artificial intelligence. AI is in some respects like a gentle teacher working with every pupil personally and guiding them through their job at their own speed. Filling in knowledge gaps, adjusting to various learning environments, and creating a classroom where everyone feels welcome all depend on this. Students who participate in class learn more and better, according to the researchers Akgun and Greenhow (2022). Anyoha (2017) claims that students who participate in their education are more likely to recall things, improve their critical thinking, and apply what they have learnt in practical settings. Active students also typically have better attitudes about studying, have better GPAs, and show up for class. By working on group projects and chatting with their peers, students also pick up improved classroom teamwork and communication skills. Teacher should make sure pupils feel free to collaborate, ask questions, and express opinions.

Methodology

This study examines the impact of AI-powered educational tools on student engagement and learning outcomes at the higher education level. Employing a quantitative survey research design, the study involves a sample of 500 university students drawn from five universities in Lahore. The primary objective is to assess how AI-driven educational technologies influence students' involvement in academic activities and their subsequent academic performance. To collect data, a structured questionnaire was developed and administered. The questionnaire included sections on demographics, usage of AI-powered educational tools, levels of student engagement, and perceived learning outcomes. The questions were designed on a Likert scale to gauge the intensity of students' experiences and perceptions. The reliability and validity of the instrument were ensured through a pilot study involving 50 students, and necessary adjustments were made based on the feedback. The survey responses were analyzed using statistical techniques, including descriptive statistics, correlation analysis, and multiple regression analysis.

Data Analysis

Table 1: *Age of Participants*

Age	Frequency	Percent
18-25	250	50%
26-30	250	50%
Total	500	100%

This table presents the age distribution of participants. It shows that 50% of the participants were in the 18-25 age group, while 50% were in the 26-30 age group. The total sample size is 500, with both age groups accounting for 100% of the participants.

Table 2: *Descriptive Statistics of Student Engagement and Learning Outcomes*

Variable	N	Mean	Standard Deviation
Student Engagement Score	500	4.20	0.65
Learning Outcome Score	500	4.35	0.60
Usage Frequency of AI Tools	500	4.10	0.70
Adaptive Learning Platforms Use	500	4.00	0.75
Intelligent Tutoring Systems Use	500	3.90	0.80
Automated Feedback Use	500	4.05	0.68

Table 2 provides a snapshot of the central tendencies and variabilities in student engagement, learning outcomes, and the frequency of using AI-powered educational tools. The average student engagement score of 4.20 (out of 5) suggests that students generally exhibit a high level of engagement in their academic activities. Similarly, the learning outcome score, with a mean of 4.35, indicates strong academic performance among the students. The frequency of AI tool usage, with an average score of 4.10, shows that students frequently use AI-powered educational tools. The specific tools—adaptive learning platforms (mean = 4.00), intelligent tutoring systems (mean = 3.90), and automated feedback mechanisms (mean = 4.05)—also reflect substantial utilization, underscoring the integration of these technologies into students' learning processes.

Table 3: Correlation Matrix of Variables

Variable	Engagement Score	Learning Outcome Score	Usage Frequency of AI Tools	Adaptive Learning Platforms Use	Intelligent Tutoring Systems Use	Automated Feedback Use
Engagement Score	1.00	0.65**	0.70**	0.68**	0.60**	0.62**
Learning Outcome Score	0.65**	1.00	0.72**	0.66**	0.64**	0.68**
Usage Frequency of AI Tools	0.70**	0.72**	1.00	0.74**	0.69**	0.71**

Adaptive Learning Platforms Use	0.68**	0.66**	0.74**	1.00	0.67**	0.70**
Intelligent Tutoring Systems Use	0.60**	0.64**	0.69**	0.67**	1.00	0.65**
Automated Feedback Use	0.62**	0.68**	0.71**	0.70**	0.65**	1.00

**Significant at $p < 0.01$

Table 3 highlights the relationships between student engagement, learning outcomes, and the use of AI tools. The strong positive correlation (0.65) between student engagement and learning outcomes suggests that higher levels of engagement are associated with better academic performance. The correlation between the frequency of AI tool usage and student engagement (0.70) indicates that more frequent use of these tools is linked to greater student involvement. Similarly, the correlation between AI tool usage and learning outcomes (0.72) suggests that students who use AI tools more frequently tend to achieve higher academic performance. The use of specific AI tools, such as adaptive learning platforms (0.68), intelligent tutoring systems (0.60), and automated feedback mechanisms (0.62), shows strong positive correlations with student engagement, indicating that these tools enhance student participation. The correlations between these specific tools and learning outcomes (0.66, 0.64, 0.68, respectively) further confirm their positive impact on academic performance.

Table 4: *Multiple Regression Analysis of Learning Outcomes*

Predictor Variables	**Unstandardized Coefficient (B)**	**Standard Error (SE)**	**Standardized Coefficient (Beta)**	**t-value**	**Significance (p-value)**
Constant	0.50	0.25		2.00	0.046
Student Engagement Score	0.45	0.06	0.40	7.50	0.000
Usage Frequency of AI Tools	0.30	0.05	0.35	6.00	0.000
Adaptive Learning Platforms Use	0.25	0.05	0.30	5.00	0.000
Intelligent Tutoring Systems Use	0.20	0.06	0.25	3.33	0.001
Automated Feedback Use	0.28	0.05	0.33	5.60	0.000

Table 4 presents the results of a multiple regression analysis, which explores the predictive power of various factors on learning outcomes. The analysis shows that student engagement (Beta = 0.40) is a significant predictor of learning outcomes, with a higher engagement score leading to better academic performance. The frequency of AI tool usage (Beta = 0.35) also significantly predicts better learning outcomes, indicating that students who frequently use AI-powered educational tools achieve higher grades and improved critical thinking skills. Specific tools, such as adaptive learning platforms (Beta = 0.30), intelligent tutoring systems (Beta = 0.25), and automated feedback mechanisms (Beta = 0.33), are also significant predictors of learning outcomes. This suggests that these tools contribute meaningfully to students' academic success. The statistical significance ($p < 0.01$) of these predictors reinforces the reliability of these findings.

Discussion

The discussion delves deeply into the multifaceted findings derived from the study, offering a nuanced understanding of the impact of AI technologies on student engagement and academic performance at Kabul University. The demographic breakdown illuminates a well-represented sample, primarily comprised of individuals aged 18-25, providing a

robust foundation for the subsequent analyses. The prevalence of this age group suggests a tech-savvy and younger participant base, potentially more attuned to AI technologies. Descriptive statistics elucidate intriguing patterns in students' AI awareness, highlighting a commendable level of consciousness in daily life, although a moderately familiar stance within academic contexts indicates an avenue for educational enhancement. This insight implies that while students exhibit a commendable awareness of AI in their personal spheres, there is room for curriculum refinement to align with real-world applications. The regression analysis on ethical viewpoints uncovers a fundamental emphasis on the importance of ethical AI use among students, establishing a baseline for ethical considerations. However, the limited impact of factors such as the dissemination of ethical principles indicates a potential gap in the integration of ethical discourse within the academic environment. This warrants further exploration into pedagogical strategies for instilling ethical values alongside technical knowledge. The non-significant results, particularly in alignment with personal preferences and control over decisions, prompt contemplation on the broader institutional and educational factors influencing students' perceived autonomy. This invites future investigations into the dynamics of decision-making processes involving AI technologies in academic settings. The regression analysis on AI tools sheds light on students' perceptions of the positive influence of these tools on academic performance. The marginal significance of the duration of engagement suggests that, while there is a baseline belief in the positive impact, the nature and depth of interaction may play a nuanced role in shaping these perceptions. This underscores the importance of qualitative inquiries to unravel the intricacies of students' experiences with AI tools.

Conclusion:

Using artificial intelligence (AI) in the classroom is transforming education greatly and creating both challenging new issues and great new possibilities. Starting with ChatGPT's entrance into the classroom and working through creative artificial intelligence, human-AI interactions, and the general impact of artificial intelligence on education, my research spans From the perspectives of both teachers and students, we wish to disentangle the several applications of artificial intelligence in the classroom. Like the development of the printing press and scientific instruments, the inclusion of ChatGPT within educational systems marks a significant change. Among these types of issues are verifying the accuracy of the material, repeating oneself over and again, and disseminating misleading information. While some people are concerned, most people view ChatGPT as a helpful tool for education, just as computers were formerly considered as a nuisance but are today a necessary tool for learning. Students' writing improves much depending on ChatGPT. They must be able to better express themselves and change their approach of communicating to others. False information worries have driven educators to regard ChatGPT as an opportunity to teach their pupils critical thinking skills. The intention is to strike a decent balance between maintaining artistic integrity and leveraging AI techniques. Leong discovered in his studies that in the classroom creative artificial intelligence might enable pupils develop personally and emotionally. These three "epics" demonstrated how artificial intelligence might be applied to create fascinating figures, alter perceptions of oneself via virtual reality, and customize learning. Leong's study raises ethical questions, hence we should be cautious that generative artificial intelligence is applied in education in a suitable and moral manner. Establishing AI partners as instruments for social and cooperative projects calls for a team of people from many backgrounds who also highly aware of ethical concerns. Ethical research and design initiatives of iSAT reveal their dedication to produce responsible artificial intelligence. Adair's article highlights how significant the shift is from conventional methods of instruction to artificial intelligence's increasing impact overall on education. Certain students are unsure about artificial intelligence (AI) programs like Grammarly and ChatGPT. Many people have reported that the tools have helped them overcome writer's block, improve their work, and generate fresh ideas. Red flags include worries about artificial intelligence's dependability, duplication of other people's work, and too great faith in it to generate fresh ideas. People might plagiarize without noticing it as there isn't a specific AI course at the bachelor's level; they just know no better.

Recommendations

- Integrate AI-Powered Tools into Curricula: Higher education institutions should actively integrate AI-powered educational tools, such as adaptive learning platforms and intelligent tutoring systems, into their curricula. These tools can personalize learning experiences, cater to individual student needs, and provide real-time feedback, which can enhance student engagement and improve learning outcomes.
- Provide Training for Educators: To maximize the effectiveness of AI tools, institutions should offer comprehensive training for educators. This training should focus on how to effectively implement and use AI technologies in their teaching practices. Educators need to be equipped with the skills to integrate these tools seamlessly into their instructional methods to foster active learning environments.
- Encourage Frequent Use of AI Tools: Students should be encouraged to make regular use of AI-powered educational resources. Institutions can achieve this by incorporating these tools into daily academic activities and assignments. Frequent interaction with AI tools can lead to higher engagement and better academic performance, as indicated by the study's findings.
- Monitor and Evaluate AI Tool Effectiveness: Continuous monitoring and evaluation of the effectiveness of AI-powered educational tools are crucial. Institutions should gather and analyze data on student engagement and learning outcomes to assess the impact of these tools. This feedback can help in refining and optimizing the use of AI technologies to ensure they meet educational goals effectively.
- Address Barriers to Implementation: Identifying and addressing challenges and barriers to the effective implementation of AI tools is essential. Institutions should consider factors such as technical infrastructure, access to necessary devices, and the digital literacy of both students and educators. By addressing these barriers, institutions can create a more conducive environment for the successful adoption of AI-powered educational tools.

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