

Role Of Artificial Intelligence In Education From The Perspectives Of Teachers

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Abstract

This study investigated the influence of Artificial Intelligence (AI) on education through the perspectives of 390 teachers from both public and private schools in the United States. The teachers shared their thoughts via a survey that represented their insights on the significance of AI in education and the obstacles associated with its implementation. Most teachers agreed that AI has advantages over traditional teaching strategies, providing individualized learning support to improve student performance. However, they also face challenges such as assistance and funding along with insufficient training with public school teachers particularly expressing concerns due to budget limitations. The analysis highlights the need for training programs and organizational guidelines to support the incorporation of AI in education by stressing the importance of proactive preparation to tackle existing challenges and make the most of AI capabilities.

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Introduction

Artificial intelligence (AI) symbolizes the most significant technological advancement in contemporary history, resulting in revolutionary shifts across all industries. AI involves the study and application of creating computational systems that mimic human cognitive functions and decision-making through advanced algorithms and data processing approaches (Prasad et al., 2023; Schoser, 2023; Gignac et al., 2024). AI technology automates administrative duties, freeing up teachers to concentrate on a variety of teaching approaches, thereby improving students' educational experiences (Ahmad, 2022; Alam, 2021; Alam, 2023; Johnson, 2008; Chen et al., 2020; Igbokwe, 2023; Ismail et al., 2024; Liua et al., 2021; Owoc et al., 2021; Pedro et al., 2019). This also reduces the burden on instructors, allowing them to concentrate on their core tasks of conveying information, enhancing instructional quality, and improving students' skills (Fullan et al., 2023). Additionally, AI technologies enhance students' learning experience by making instructional resources more accessible, providing rapid learning opportunities, and allowing for real-time progress evaluations (Holmes et al., 2019). Automated feedback for learners is especially valuable since it allows improvements that human reviewers might overlook (Holmes et al., 2019; Chen et al., 2020; González-Calatayud et al., 2021; Yuan et al., 2022). Incorporating elements of games and interactive activities into education strategies with AI technology enhancements can boost student participation by 40%. (Patel, 2021). Furthermore, students can learn at their own pace, satisfying a variety of needs and preferences. This flexibility enhances educational outcomes by allowing teachers to adjust classes to each student's specific requirements (Alam, 2021).

Though AI does provide great benefits to the learning and teaching processes, educators and legislators must be aware of the inequity resulting from the unchecked use of technology, as using AI technology in the classroom raises serious moral questions and issues. The use of AI technology for data collecting and analysis raises privacy concerns since explicit consent is not always required, therefore it is essential to evaluate data protection protocols and verify adherence to legal and ethical standards (Li, 2024; Yanamala et al., 2024; Wu, 2024; Wu et al., 2024). The excessive reliance on technology in educational decision-making can hinder teachers'

understanding of the human factors that affect student behavior, thereby limiting their capacity to make informed decisions based on this understanding (Altinay et. al., 2023; Bukar et. al., 2024; Schoeffer et. al., 2024; Zhai et. al., 2024).

It is essential to recognize both the potential benefits and difficulties of integrating AI into education in this rapidly developing technological world. Collaboration between educators, policymakers, and technological professionals guarantees that AI improves methods while putting ethics and human connection first and necessitates the establishment of laws and regulations to oversee the integration of AI into educational systems. The standards should mandate transparency on the algorithms utilized, emphasizing the incorporation of cultural and social dimensions during the development phase simultaneously safeguarding the rights of both educators and pupils (Pedro et. al., 2019). AI does not exacerbate educational inequities by meticulously considering these processes but rather fosters equal opportunities for all individuals in society while preserving the essential human component of the learning process (Holmes et al., 2022; Nguyen et. al., 2023). Schools and universities must embrace a blend of contemporary technology and the timeless role of educators in their approach to teaching and learning to create a rounded educational journey that improves students' skills while prioritizing important human connections and interactions. It is vital to establish an atmosphere where technology works hand in hand with teaching methods of overshadowing them.

Furthermore, the substantial expenses associated with setting up and maintaining AI systems are a barrier to their implementation, requiring the provision of financial resources for the upkeep and advancement of state-of-the-art AI systems and programs (Jarab et. al., 2023; Sharma et.al., 2022; Liao et. al., 2024; Esmailzadeh, 2024). The insufficient funding for AI integration is exacerbated by technological infrastructure which hampers the provision of advanced and unique educational encounters (Strohm et. al., 2020; Jöhnk et. al., 2021). Thus, it is crucial to promote cooperation between entities and authorities to back ideal investment in the digital education revolution (Eggers, 2007; Williamson, 2017).

For this, it is important to have a rounded plan that focuses not only on effectively utilizing AI tools in education but also on upholding the essential human values at the heart of the learning journey (Abulibdeh et. al., 2024; Holmes et al., 2022). Protecting data privacy is crucial in this context as AI systems can encroach upon individuals' privacy rights through gathering and examination of personal information without the permission of the individuals involved.

AI platforms have significantly transformed conventional teaching techniques by incorporating AI into the curriculum, increasing student engagement and boosting educational quality (Akgun & Greenhow, 2021; Almusaed et. al., 2023; Xu, 2024). The incorporation of AI into the education industry represents a significant possibility for creating tailored learning experiences since AI systems can analyze massive amounts of student data, such as academic records, subject mastery, and performance evaluations, to identify areas for improvement and deliver tailored interventions aimed at improving educational performance and increasing learning quality and efficiency (Galdames, 2024; Kaswan et. al., 2024; Zohuri & Mossavar-Rahmani, 2024; Zhang and Zhang, 2024). Research shows that involving teachers in the creation of AI systems and applications is critical to ensuring that these technologies satisfy the demands of both teachers and students, maximizing their potential (Pedro et. al., 2019). Zawacki-Richter et al. (2019) urge that instructors be involved in the design and deployment of AI systems to guarantee that they meet genuine educational demands. Chen and Zhang (2020) emphasized that AI's capacity to increase accessibility and flexibility in learning might lead to better learning outcomes and more student involvement, for example, techniques like speech-to-text may benefit students with disabilities by making the content more accessible. These tools are also very adaptable, enabling them to execute numerous jobs simultaneously (Alam, 2021). Incorporating such technologies may help to establish an inclusive learning environment that meets the requirements of varied student groups, however, despite AI's distinct benefits, its use in education faces significant hurdles.

Another barrier is the pushback from some educators who are concerned that AI may jeopardize job security (Alwakdani, 2024). Many instructors are apprehensive that the increased dependence on AI systems would result in job losses, thus they are unwilling to accept or learn how to utilize these technologies to improve education. Furthermore, concerns have been voiced concerning the possible decline in human connection throughout the schooling process. Teachers say that direct connection between students and their teachers is critical for the development of students' social, emotional, and psychological abilities which may be compromised by AI usage (Ahmed et al., 2023). Thus, it is critical to establish a balance between using AI and retaining human connection in education.

Kritikos (2021) recently emphasized the significance of providing instructors with the appropriate training to guarantee efficient use of AI technologies. This training is critical for improving instructors' ability to successfully incorporate this technology into the classroom while adhering to ethical norms for privacy and data security. Budgetary constraints and the high cost of training AI models are the main barriers preventing widespread implementation of this technology in educational institutions according to an AWS study published in 2023. Another issue in incorporating AI into education is the technology gap which may limit certain students' access to these resources. Shen and Zhang (2020) underline the need to overcome technology differences among

students to enable equitable access to AI-enhanced educational activities.

It is important to explore how AI impacts education and its ability to enhance the effectiveness and quality of the experience and at the same time, resolve issues with data privacy, training expenses, and concerns about human contact. Adequate teacher preparation and consideration of technological inequities are critical to guaranteeing the appropriate application of AI. AI must be incorporated into education in an innovative way that benefits every student and fosters an inclusive learning environment to prevent new technologies from upending the classroom. Therefore, this study investigated the role that AI plays in the field of education by looking at how it affects instructors' beliefs and methods in the classroom to provide an understanding of how AI can improve learning environments and customize teaching methods to better meet students' requirements. The study explores the advantages and disadvantages of integrating AI technologies within environments along with the potential enhancements that such tools may offer in facilitating learning outcomes.

Research Questions

- 1) What is the significance of utilizing AI in teaching from the perspectives of teachers in the US?
- 2) What are the most significant obstacles that teachers encounter when implementing AI systems?
- 3) Is there a statistically significant difference in the means of the research sample in terms of the significance of utilizing AI systems from the teachers' perspectives and the obstacles based on variables such as gender, type of school, and years of experience?

Methodology

The study involved 390 instructors from a wide range of educational settings, that is, public and private schools in various US states, and was approved by the University of Hafr Al Batin's Institutional Review Board (IRB). The instructors were invited to participate via email and the data were collected by a questionnaire distributed online via a survey platform.

The questionnaire began with explicit instructions that emphasized voluntary participation and confidentiality, and was divided into three sections: 1) this section collected demographic data including information on gender, years of experience, type of school (public/private), and educational qualifications; 2) this section examined teachers' perspectives on the benefit of incorporating AI into their instructional techniques; 3) this section highlighted the major obstacles that teachers face when using AI technology. The questions were scored using a four-point Likert scale: (1) strongly disagree; (2) disagree; (3) agree; and (4) strongly agree (Table 1). The findings were analyzed using descriptive and inferential statistical methods. Demographic information was analyzed to better understand the sample and was processed using descriptive statistics such as means and standard deviations, with t-tests and one-way ANOVA in SPSS.

Table 1: Four-point Likert Scale

| Assessment | I strongly disagree | I disagree | I agree | I strongly agree |
|--------------------|---------------------|------------|-----------|------------------|
| Degree | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| Weighted Mean | 1-1.75 | 1.76-2.50 | 2.51-3.25 | 3.26-4.00 |
| Degree of response | Very low | low | medium | Very high |
| Relative Average | 25%-43% | 44%-62% | 63%-81% | 82%-100% |

Results

Demographic Data

Table 2 presents a summary of the study participants' demographic data showing that they were predominantly female (74.1%) with most participants (56.9%) possessing a master's degree or higher. A significant portion of the sample, 82.8%, originated from public institutions with 49.2% of participants having more than 10 years of experience.

Table 2: Summary of the participants' demographical characteristics (N=390)

| Variables | Category | Frequency | Percentage |
|-----------|----------|-----------|------------|
| Gender | Male | 101 | %25.9 |

| | | | |
|----------------------------------|-------------------------------|-----|--------|
| | Female | 289 | %74.1 |
| | Total | 390 | %100.0 |
| Educational qualification | Bachelor's degree or lower | 168 | %43.1 |
| | Master's degree or higher | 222 | %56.9 |
| | Total | 390 | %100.0 |
| Type of school | Public | 323 | %82.8 |
| | Private | 67 | %17.2 |
| | Total | 390 | %100.0 |
| Years of experience | 1 to 4 years | 86 | %22.1 |
| | More than 4 years to 10 years | 112 | %28.7 |
| | More than 10 years | 192 | %49.2 |
| | Total | 390 | %100.0 |

The study's validity was affirmed by two experts in educational leadership. The internal consistency of the questionnaire was assessed by calculating the correlation coefficients between each item and the total score of its section, with all items exhibiting significant correlations (Table 3).

Table 3: The correlation coefficients of each item in the questionnaire

| No | Coefficient of correlation | No | Coefficient of correlation |
|--|----------------------------|---|----------------------------|
| Importance of using AI systems and technologies in education | | Challenges facing the use of AI systems and applications in education | |
| 1. | 0.747** | 1. | 0.523** |
| 2. | 0.698** | 2. | 0.460** |
| 3. | 0.713** | 3. | 0.483** |
| 4. | 0.721** | 4. | 0.445** |
| 5. | 0.680** | 5. | 0.611** |
| 6. | 0.739** | 6. | 0.675** |
| 7. | 0.769** | 7. | 0.593** |
| 8. | 0.633** | 8. | 0.313** |
| 9. | 0.751** | 9. | 0.444** |
| 10. | 0.761** | 10. | 0.607** |
| 11. | 0.693** | 11. | 0.532** |
| 12. | 0.725** | 12. | 0.653** |
| 13. | 0.672** | 13. | 0.636** |
| 14. | 0.681** | 14. | 0.646** |
| 15. | 0.727** | | |
| 16. | 0.727** | | |
| 17. | 0.707** | | |
| 18. | 0.765** | | |

**Correlation is significant at the 0.01 level (1-tailed).

Table 4 displays the correlation coefficients between each section and the overall average, indicating that the correlation coefficients are significant at the 0.01 level.

Table 4: Structure validity of the questionnaire

| No. | Section | Pearson correlation coefficient |
|-----|---|---------------------------------|
| 1 | Importance of Using AI Systems and Technologies in Education | 7800. |
| 2 | Challenges Facing the Use of AI Systems and Applications in Education | 4690. |

Correlation is significant at the 0.01 level (2-tailed).

Additionally, reliability steps were conducted with the same pilot sample using Cronbach's alpha (Table 5) with the high coefficients indicating that the questionnaire is highly reliable. The reliability coefficient for all

items reached (0.944) for using AI systems and technologies in education, and (0.813) for challenges facing the use of AI systems and applications in education.

Table 5: Cronbach's Alpha

| No | Principle | No. of items | Cronbach's Alpha |
|-----------|---|--------------|------------------|
| 1 | Importance of using AI systems and technologies in education: teacher's perspective | 18 | 0.944 |
| 2 | Challenges facing the use of AI systems and applications in education | 14 | 0.813 |
| All items | | 32 | 0.860 |

The first research question, “What is the significance of utilizing AI in teaching from the perspectives of teachers in the US?” was addressed by analyzing the data regarding teachers' perceptions of the importance of utilizing AI systems and applications in teaching (Table 6).

Table 6: Importance of using AI systems and technologies in education: Teacher's perspectives

| No | Items | | | | | | | | | |
|----|---|------|-------------------|----------|-------|----------------|------|----------------|--------------------|------|
| | | | Strongly disagree | disagree | agree | Strongly agree | Mean | Std. Deviation | Degree of response | Rank |
| 17 | AI systems offer flexibility in time and location when delivering instructional resources. | Freq | 28 | 70 | 240 | 52 | 2.81 | 0.752 | medium | 1 |
| | | Perc | 7.2% | 17.9% | 61.5% | 13.3% | | | | |
| 3 | I utilize intelligent technologies as instructional instruments to maximize students' academic achievement. | Freq | 27 | 81 | 224 | 58 | 2.80 | .7720 | medium | 2 |
| | | Perc | 6.9% | 20.8% | 57.4% | 14.9% | | | | |
| 5 | I provide support to students who lack experience in using smart systems and applications. | Freq | 41 | 92 | 199 | 58 | 2.70 | .8480 | medium | 3 |
| | | Perc | 10.5% | 23.6% | 51.0% | 14.94% | | | | |
| 9 | I use AI to develop my skills and academic performance. | Freq | 45 | 99 | 175 | 71 | 2.70 | .8990 | medium | 4 |
| | | Perc | 11.5% | 25.4% | 44.9% | 18.2% | | | | |
| 7 | AI systems and applications assist students in making educational decisions that align with their academic needs. | Freq | 41 | 99 | 220 | 30 | 2.61 | .7760 | medium | 5 |
| | | Perc | 10.5% | 25.4% | 56.4% | 7.7% | | | | |
| 18 | AI systems and applications provide a learning style that fits students' inclinations and educational needs. | Freq | 33 | 118 | 211 | 28 | 2.60 | .7440 | medium | 6 |
| | | Perc | 8.5% | 30.3% | 54.1% | 7.2% | | | | |
| 10 | AI technologies contribute to motivating students to learn. | Freq | 44 | 112 | 195 | 39 | 2.59 | .8180 | medium | 7 |
| | | Perc | 11.3% | 28.7% | 50.0% | 10.0% | | | | |
| 2 | AI systems and applications help reduce | Freq | 36 | 129 | 185 | 40 | 2.59 | .7960 | medium | 8 |
| | | Perc | 9.2% | 33.1% | 47.4% | 10.3% | | | | |

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|--------|--|------|-------|-------|-------|--------|------|-------|--------|----|
| | reliance on traditional textbooks. | | | | | | | | | |
| 1 6 | AI systems and applications provide appropriate feedback for teachers. | Freq | 45 | 132 | 179 | 34 | 2.52 | .8100 | medium | 9 |
| | | Perc | 11.5% | 33.8% | 45.9% | 8.7% | | | | |
| 6 | I assign students educational tasks that require using smart systems and applications to enhance their technical skills. | Freq | 57 | 136 | 152 | 45 | 2.47 | .8800 | low | 10 |
| | | Perc | 14.6% | 34.9% | 39.0% | 11.50% | | | | |
| 1 | I continuously update AI-related systems and applications. | Freq | 71 | 146 | 145 | 28 | 2.33 | .8550 | low | 11 |
| | | Perc | 18.2% | 37.4% | 37.2% | 7.2% | | | | |
| 1 5 | The use of AI systems and applications encourages challenges and competition among students. | Freq | 63 | 162 | 146 | 19 | 2.31 | .7980 | low | 12 |
| | | Perc | 16.2% | 41.5% | 37.4% | 4.9% | | | | |
| 8 | The school administration provides the necessary resources to utilize AI systems and technologies. | Freq | 65 | 168 | 131 | 26 | 2.30 | .8240 | low | 13 |
| | | Perc | 16.7% | 43.1% | 33.6% | 6.7% | | | | |
| 1 4 | The use of AI technologies considers the individual differences between students. | Freq | 67 | 174 | 133 | 16 | 2.25 | .7840 | low | 14 |
| | | Perc | 17.2% | 44.6% | 34.1% | 4.1% | | | | |
| 1 1 | The curriculum incorporates the utilization of AI systems inside the educational framework. | Freq | 78 | 175 | 110 | 27 | 2.22 | .8440 | low | 15 |
| | | Perc | 20.0% | 44.9% | 28.2% | 6.9% | | | | |
| 4 | I use audio and visual AI technologies to translate the curriculum's instructional content into audio and video files. | Freq | 87 | 169 | 115 | 19 | 2.17 | .8280 | low | 16 |
| | | Perc | 22.3% | 43.3% | 29.5% | 4.9% | | | | |
| 1 2 | I synthesize teachings in the form of figures and mathematical equations with accuracy and in a way that is easy to grasp utilizing AI systems and apps. | Freq | 85 | 178 | 106 | 21 | 2.16 | .8250 | low | 17 |
| | | Perc | 21.8% | 45.6% | 27.2% | 5.4% | | | | |
| 1 3 | I transform printed photos and written content into editable text documents utilizing AI algorithms and apps. | Freq | 93 | 178 | 95 | 24 | 2.13 | .8450 | low | 18 |
| | | Perc | 23.8% | 45.6% | 24.4% | 6.2% | | | | |
| | | | | | | | 2.45 | 0.585 | medium | |

The teachers' responses indicated that they agreed that the flexibility of AI systems improves material dissemination and encourages better student performance, highlighting the need for continuous improvement in the learning process. AI also enhances teachers' abilities, enabling them to make more informed academic decisions and provide individualized training to students. It also removes the need for traditional textbooks and

gives educators appropriate feedback.

However, there was a lack of agreement regarding the use of AI in their teaching activities, indicating that some instructors perceived that AI systems and apps have limited value in giving instructional tasks requiring smart technology. This emphasizes the need for training to increase students' technical skills, as well as sufficient financial resources. Improving AI systems requires specialized skills, private businesses, and cooperation with technology providers, all of which result in significant costs and contracts. These concerns impose a load on teachers and administrators resulting in a low priority ranking for such applications.

Also, the teachers believed that AI technologies provide minimal benefit in terms of enhancing student competitiveness, possibly because students struggle to show their distinctiveness utilizing AI technology as in traditional classrooms. Furthermore, some students lack the necessary technological skills, so these technologies are unfamiliar to them, and many institutions have not previously used such systems, influencing how individual differences are handled. Teachers also reported difficulties in applying AI technology to convert instructional content into audio or visual formats, as well as effectively summarizing courses using charts and mathematical symbols. Furthermore, many teachers found it impossible to convert printed photographs or handwritten text into editable files using AI software, highlighting the poor value assigned to these systems.

Regarding the second research question, "What are the most significant obstacles that teachers encounter when implementing AI systems?", the teachers were in moderate agreement about the perceived challenges (Table 7).

Table 7: Challenges facing the use of AI systems and applications in education

| No | Items | | | | | | | | | |
|----|--|-------|-------------------|----------|-------|----------------|------|----------------|--------------------|------|
| | | | Strongly disagree | disagree | agree | Strongly agree | Mean | Std. Deviation | Degree of response | Rank |
| 14 | Lack of specialists and experts in AI technologies to consult when needed. | freq | 10 | 33 | 214 | 133 | 3.21 | .6980 | medium | 1 |
| | | per c | 2.6% | 8.2% | 54.9% | 34.1% | | | | |
| 12 | Insufficient resources available to fund the implementation of AI systems and applications in education. | freq | 13 | 64 | 203 | 110 | 3.05 | .7600 | medium | 2 |
| | | per c | 3.3% | 16.4% | 52.1% | 28.2% | | | | |
| 6 | There is a dearth of awareness courses and specialized training programs that might improve the usage of AI in classrooms. | freq | 13 | 67 | 203 | 107 | 3.04 | .7610 | medium | 3 |
| | | per c | 3.3% | 17.2% | 52.1% | 27.4% | | | | |
| 3 | Some students struggle with handling AI systems and applications. | freq | 13 | 41 | 260 | 76 | 3.02 | .6590 | medium | 4 |
| | | per c | 3.3% | 10.5% | 66.7% | 19.5% | | | | |
| 11 | The school administration does not prioritize the application of AI technologies in the educational process. | freq | 13 | 83 | 192 | 102 | 2.98 | .7800 | medium | 5 |
| | | per c | 3.3% | 21.3% | 49.2% | 26.2% | | | | |
| 9 | | freq | 17 | 69 | 221 | 83 | 2.9 | .7500 | medium | 6 |

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|----|---|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|-------|--------|----|
| | Lack of awareness among teachers in the school about the importance of using AI systems and applications. | per c | 4.4% | 17.7% | 56.7% | 21.3% | 5 | | | |
| 10 | The workload placed on teachers hinders their ability to use various AI technologies. | freq | 20 | 76 | 206 | 88 | 2.93 | .7890 | medium | 7 |
| | | per c | 5.1% | 19.5% | 52.8% | 22.6% | | | | |
| 13 | The high financial costs associated with using and updating AI systems and applications in education. | freq | 11 | 96 | 194 | 89 | 2.93 | .7640 | medium | 8 |
| | | per c | 2.8% | 24.6% | 49.7% | 22.8% | | | | |
| 4 | The number of students in the classroom does not allow effective control of AI systems and applications in education. | freq | 20 | 145 | 163 | 62 | 2.68 | .7990 | medium | 9 |
| | | per c | 5.1% | 37.2% | 41.8% | 15.9% | | | | |
| 5 | Difficulty in accessing the latest versions of AI systems and applications. | freq | 23 | 140 | 184 | 43 | 2.63 | .7560 | medium | 10 |
| | | per c | 5.9% | 35.9% | 47.2% | 11.0% | | | | |
| 7 | Difficulty in obtaining antivirus programs to protect AI systems and applications. | freq | 36 | 139 | 159 | 56 | 2.60 | .8440 | medium | 11 |
| | | per c | 9.2% | 35.6% | 40.8% | 14.4% | | | | |
| 1 | Difficulty in using various types of AI systems and technologies. | freq | 21 | 159 | 184 | 26 | 2.55 | .7000 | medium | 12 |
| | | per c | 5.4% | 40.8% | 47.2% | 6.7% | | | | |
| 8 | The anticipation of increased unemployment rates among teachers if AI is used in education and relied upon as a substitute for human involvement. | freq | 65 | 145 | 125 | 55 | 2.44 | .9290 | low | 13 |
| | | per c | 16.7% | 37.2% | 32.1% | 14.1% | | | | |
| 2 | Using AI systems and applications requires more effort compared to traditional teaching methods. | freq | 41 | 185 | 146 | 18 | 2.36 | .7310 | low | 14 |
| | | per c | 10.5% | 47.4% | 37.4% | 4.6% | | | | |
| | | | | | | | 2.81 | .4140 | medium | |

The barriers to the use of AI technology were a paucity of AI specialists and experts, insufficient funding for implementing AI systems in education, and insufficient training and awareness sessions. These issues highlight the novelty of AI technology in education, necessitating a significant effort to overcome these limitations. Over time, AI technologies are projected to become more widespread and widely implemented, underlining the current lack of a clear strategy for AI integration in education. According to the survey sample, students have moderate difficulties using AI systems, while school officials are less enthusiastic about using AI in teaching. Furthermore, teachers' lack of understanding of the importance of AI, as well as the workload challenges they face, restrict their ability to properly use AI technology. The expensive cost of developing and maintaining AI systems is also a significant barrier, especially as most schools lack the necessary infrastructure to support these technologies, such as specialized equipment and installations. Other challenges include large class sizes, as well as restricted access to the latest AI versions and antivirus apps needed to protect these systems. Teachers also struggle with the intricacies of various AI technologies and their limited application in education raises adoption obstacles.

Although the teachers believed that using AI systems requires more effort than traditional teaching approaches, it does not place a significant load on them. Similarly, there was little concern about increased unemployment as a consequence of AI use and its ability to replace human participation. Most teachers viewed this as an opportunity to incorporate new specialized human resources into the educational system, rather than a huge hurdle.

The data were statistically analyzed to answer the first research question, "Is there a statistically significant difference in the means of the research sample in terms of the significance of utilizing AI systems from the teachers' perspectives and the obstacles based on variables such as gender, type of school, and years of experience?" The gender analysis in Table 8 revealed that gender disparities do not influence teachers' perceptions about the importance of using AI systems in education and gender does not alter teachers' perceptions of the challenges they face while adopting AI technology in education. Overall, teachers, regardless of gender, are positive about the benefits of incorporating AI systems and technology into teaching.

Table 8: Statistical analysis of the role of AI in education from teachers' perspectives based on gender

| Dimensions | Gender | No | Mean | SD | T | Df | Sig |
|---|--------|-----|--------|-------|--------|-----|-------|
| Importance of using AI systems and technologies in education: teacher's perspective | Male | 101 | 2.5418 | 0.639 | 1.646 | 388 | 0.101 |
| | Female | 289 | 2.4306 | 0.564 | | | |
| Challenges facing the use of AI systems and applications in education | Male | 101 | 2.7652 | 0.434 | 1.322- | 388 | 0.187 |
| | Female | 289 | 2.8285 | 0.406 | | | |
| Total | Male | 101 | 2.6535 | 0.363 | 0.636 | 388 | 0.525 |
| | Female | 289 | 2.6295 | .3110 | | | |

Regarding the type of school, Table 9 reveals that the type of school did not impact teachers' opinions of the importance of artificial intelligence in education. However, it did affect the teachers' opinions regarding the challenges faced in implementing AI which might be related to the unique obstacles that public schools face, such as budget cutbacks and infrastructure limitations, which impact teachers' perceptions of the challenges associated with employing AI technology.

Table 9: Statistical analysis of the role of AI in education from teachers' perspectives based on the type of school

| Dimensions | Type of School | No | Mean | SD | T | Df | Sig |
|---|----------------|-----|--------|---------|-------|-----|-------|
| Importance of using AI systems and technologies in education: teacher's perspective | Public | 323 | 2.4603 | 0.56401 | 0.064 | 388 | 0.949 |
| | Private | 67 | 2.4552 | 0.68536 | | | |

| | | | | | | | |
|---|---------|-----|--------|---------|-------|-----|-------|
| Challenges facing the use of AI systems and applications in education | Public | 323 | 2.8355 | 0.40622 | 2.462 | 388 | 0.014 |
| | Private | 67 | 2.6994 | 0.43847 | | | |
| Total | Public | 323 | 2.6479 | 0.31239 | 1.618 | 388 | 0.107 |
| | Private | 67 | 2.5773 | .380370 | | | |

Table 10 indicates that instructors' attitudes toward the significance of AI systems in teaching remain positive regardless of their educational degrees and that their responses to the challenges of using AI technology are unaffected by their educational experience. Furthermore, the instructors' perceptions of the tool were unaffected by their educational background.

Table 10: Statistical analysis of the role of AI in education from teachers' perspectives based on their educational qualification

| Dimensions | Educational Qualification | No | Mean | SD | T | Df | Sig |
|---|----------------------------|-----|--------|--------|-------|-----|-------|
| Importance of using AI systems and technologies in education: teacher's perspective | Bachelor's degree or lower | 168 | 2.4676 | 0.582 | 0.240 | 388 | 0.810 |
| | Master's degree or higher | 222 | 2.4532 | 0.589 | | | |
| Challenges facing the use of AI systems and applications in education | Bachelor's degree or lower | 168 | 2.8214 | 0.424 | 0.387 | 388 | 0.699 |
| | Master's degree or higher | 222 | 2.8050 | 0.407 | | | |
| Total | Bachelor's degree or lower | 168 | 2.6445 | 0.328 | 0.462 | 388 | 0.644 |
| | Master's degree or higher | 222 | 2.6291 | 0.3240 | | | |

Table 11 shows that instructors' views on the importance of AI technologies in education and the challenges associated with AI technology are independent of their years of experience. Thus, years of expertise have minimal bearing on teachers' overall judgments, suggesting that teachers, regardless of experience level, have the necessary knowledge and skills to understand the benefits of AI technologies as well as the challenges they face while using them, resulting in consistent responses across similar working environments.

Table 11: One-way ANOVA of the role of AI in education from teachers' perspectives based on age

| Dimensions | Source | SS | df | MS | F | p | Statistical Significance |
|---|----------------|---------|-----|-------|-------|-------|-------------------------------|
| Importance of using AI systems and technologies in education: teacher's perspective | Between Groups | 0.867 | 2 | 0.433 | 1.265 | 2830. | Not statistically significant |
| | Within Groups | 132.568 | 387 | 0.343 | | | |
| | Total | 133.434 | 389 | | | | |
| Challenges facing the use of AI systems and applications in education | Between Groups | 0.020 | 2 | 0.010 | 0.058 | 9440. | Not statistically significant |
| | Within Groups | 66.831 | 387 | 0.173 | | | |
| | Total | 66.851 | 389 | | | | |
| Total | Between Groups | 0.250 | 2 | 0.125 | 1.179 | 3090. | Not statistically significant |
| | Within Groups | 40.999 | 387 | 0.106 | | | |
| | Total | 41.248 | 389 | | | | |

Recommendations

Based on the analysis of teachers' perspectives on the incorporation of AI in education in light, it is recommended that: teachers' AI technology proficiency should be evaluated by assessing the accessibility and quality of required training programs and support systems. These resources must improve teachers' understanding of and proficiency with AI technology.

Moreover, ongoing assessments must be conducted to ascertain the impact of these training initiatives on educators' perspectives on the integration of AI in learning environments. Second, basic concerns concerning AI in education need to be addressed including data privacy protection, ensuring neutrality and fairness in learning settings, and potential effects on teaching careers in the future. Proactive steps must be taken to address these issues to ensure that AI is appropriately used to enhance educational outcomes without endangering ethical standards or the responsibilities of educators.

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