

DEPARTMENT OF MATHEMATICS
COMPUTATIONAL FINANCE
NED UNIVERSITY OF ENGINEERING AND TECHNOLOGY



AI-POWERED EDUCATION: ARE SMART TUTORS MORE EFFECTIVE THAN PROFESSORS?

SUBMITTED BY:

RUBAB ZEHRA (CF-004)

YUSMA BATOOL (CF-022)

YOUSUF ABBAS (CF-026)

HASSAN MEHDI (CF-031)

SUBMITTED TO:

SIR TAUQEER AHMED HASHMI

BATCH: 2023

STATEMENT OF CONTRIBUTION

This report, which investigates whether intelligent tutors are more beneficial to students than professors, is the result of the hard work of all members. **Excel** and **R** tools were used for the analysis, guaranteeing a precise and trustworthy interpretation of the data in the analysis phase.

Yusma Batool was responsible for developing the introduction. This included framing the background of the study, identifying the problem statement, formulating hypotheses, setting research objectives, and defining the scope and research questions.

Hassan Mehdi worked on Literature Review, compiling and analyzing relevant academic sources. He compared AI-powered learning tools with traditional teaching methods and examined their effects on engagement, retention, and student mental well-being.

Yousuf Abbas contributed to Research Methodology, designing the research framework, data collection methods, sampling strategy, and statistical techniques used for hypothesis testing and analysis.

We all worked on Results and Analysis. All members participated in data interpretation, graphical analysis, statistical evaluation, and presentation of findings from both the survey and experimental components.

Rubab Zehra was responsible for Discussion and Conclusion. She summarized key findings, evaluated implications, addressed limitations, and proposed recommendations for future research

Every member contributed significantly, working hard to arrange and interpret the findings in an understandable manner. To ensure a well-organized, insightful study that provides recommendations on the scholarly implications of social media use, survey questions were grouped into themes. Excel and the R programming language enhanced the analysis's clarity and precision while offering significant insights into the scholarly ramifications of social media use. In addition to offering helpful guidance for its effective integration into the classroom, our collaboration resulted in a study that improves knowledge.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

First of all, we praise Allah SWT, who gives us spirit, knowledge and patience to finish this project. To our course teacher, Sir Tauqeer Ahmed Hashmi, we owe a debt of gratitude for his guidance and support during the research process. He provided substantial guidance throughout our work in terms of constantly helping to refine the work and providing suggestions and feedback, which have helped us develop a stronger understanding of the topic. We also thank the university students who completed our survey providing their time and views vital to this study. And lastly, the contributions of every team member are also acknowledged for their hard work, collaboration and close-knit working relationship that has led this project to completion.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This research examines the effectiveness of AI-powered tutors compared to traditional human professors in higher education. With AI increasingly integrated into learning environments, the study investigates whether AI-based instruction improves student performance, engagement, and mental well-being. A mixed-method approach was used, combining surveys and experimental testing among university students who experienced both teaching methods. Data were analyzed using statistical tools, including mean, variance, and F-tests.

Findings indicate that AI tutors can enhance engagement and deliver consistent learning outcomes, with students reporting improved motivation and reduced cognitive stress. However, human professors remain stronger in delivering personalized feedback and emotional support. Experimental results showed notable differences in performance variance, partially supporting the alternative hypothesis that AI-based learning significantly impacts outcomes.

The study concludes that while AI offers many advantages, a hybrid model combining AI with traditional methods may be most effective. Recommendations include further research on long-term retention and ethical use of AI in education.

TABLE OF CONTENTS

CHAPTER 1: INTRODUCTION

1.1 INTRODUCTION	1
1.2 BACKGROUND.....	1
1.3 PROBLEM STATEMENT	2
1.4 HYPOTHESIS	2
1.5 OBJECTIVES	3
1.6 RESEARCH QUESTIONS	3
1.7 SCOPE OF STUDY	3
1.8 LIMITATIONS OF THE STUDY	4

CHAPTER 2: LITERATURE REVIEW

2.1 AI IN EDUCATION.....	5
2.2 AI Vs TRADITIONAL LEARNING EXPERIENCE	6
2.3. LEARNING EFFECTIVENESS AND MENTAL WELL BEING.....	7
2.4 AI Vs TRADITIONAL LEARNING OUTCOMES	7

CHAPTER 3: RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

3.1. RESEARCH DESIGN	8
3.2. POPULATION & SAMPLING	8
3.3. DATA COLLECTION METHODS	8
3.4. SURVEY QUESTIONNAIRE	9
3.5. DATA ANALYSIS TECHNIQUES.....	10

CHAPTER 4: RESULT AND ANALYSIS

4.1 SURVEY RESULTS	12
4.1.1 DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION	12
4.1.2 AI Vs TRADITIONAL LEARNING EXPERIENCE	13
4.1.3 LEARNING EFFECTIVENESS AND MENTAL WELL BEING	15
4.1.4 AI Vs TRADITIONAL LEARNING OUTCOMES	19
4.2 EXPERIMENTAL RESULTS	23

CHAPTER 5: DISCUSSION AND CONCLUSION

5.1 DISCUSSION OF FINDINGS	24
5.2 IMPLICATIONS FOR EDUCATORS AND INSTITUTIONS	25
5.3 CONCLUSION.....	26
5.4 FUTURE RESEARCH RECOMMENDATIONS	27

REFERENCES.....	29
-----------------	----

ANNEXURES.....	31
----------------	----

CHAPTER 1

INTRODUCTION

1.1. INTRODUCTION

The education sector, like many other industries, has been transformed by Artificial Intelligence (AI). Teachers have developed Intelligent Tutoring Systems (ITS) that offer customized and adaptive learning experiences. The feedback system in AI-powered tutors attempts to recreate the traditional instructional support human instructors would provide to students through tailored feedback delivery. A comparative analysis is necessary to evaluate the effectiveness of AI tutors versus human professors in enhancing student learning and engagement.

AI technology finds adoption in education institutions because it allows exact feedback systems together with personalized educational tracks which enhance student learning outcomes. The performances of ITS systems in teaching demonstrate better student success through AI tutors than traditional classroom instruction according to multiple investigatory findings. The AI tutor integration activates questions about how AI tutors stack up against humans in their roles as educators through evaluations of critical thinking growth combined with social aptitude development and human instructional approaches to teaching.

Educational institutions need to determine the comparative performance of AI tutors versus human instructors to guide their adoption of AI in education. The analysis investigates how AI tutors affect student educational results together with student participation rates and general educational experiences to contribute to discussions about AI influence on educational development.

1.2. BACKGROUND

AI-driven adaptive learning models tailor educational content to individual student needs. AI analyzes student data to generate educational content, and provide timely feedback, enhancing engagement and comprehension. The technology solutions deliver immediate assistance to help students build active learning spaces that address their needs. Educational institutions employing AI technology can deliver standardized and adjusted training programs to handle students learning at different speeds and using different educational approaches.

The standard educational procedures adopted by regular classrooms lack the capability to fulfill personal learning needs of students. The AI-based tutoring technology applies sophisticated algorithms to produce individualized learning plans which adapt their sequence according to student academic level. This educational upgrade helps provide student-oriented learning by creating personalized assistance systems which guide learning potential towards success.

Educational organizations implement AI tutoring systems because they join forces with other institutions to combine technology with educational methodologies for enhanced achievements and classroom accessibility.

The evaluation of AI tutor performance versus traditional human professors will determine how technology should be integrated into classroom learning. AI tutors deliver substantial learning benefits to students because students who use AI tutors achieve twice as much learning progress compared to ordinary classroom attendance. AI tutors bring benefits from individualized instruction and mass delivery yet they provide limited support that only human teachers can provide through their full comprehension crucial for creating and guidance techniques. The understanding of AI tutor effectiveness relative to human professors stands educational methods which optimize advantages from both teaching approaches.

1.3. PROBLEM STATEMENT

Students use AI-directed educators for learning, resulting in a complete transformation of their academic routine and shifting how they process educational content. AI-based teaching methods receive higher preference from students over traditional methods thus causing students to direct their focus away from human teachers. AI tutors provide students with personalized instruction together with immediate feedback yet students remain uncertain about their influence on deep learning and mentoring abilities while critical thinking. This study examines student academic achievements produced by AI tutoring methods against traditional educational practices while investigating several academic consequences on student involvement and learning comprehension growth.

1.4. HYPOTHESIS

H₀: There is no significant difference in student performance, engagement, and learning speed between AI tutors and human professors.

H₁: There is a significant difference in student performance, engagement, and learning speed between AI tutors and human professors.

1.5. OBJECTIVES

- To compare the effectiveness of AI tutors and human professors in terms of student learning outcomes.
- To evaluate differences in student engagement, knowledge retention, and the mental health impact of AI-powered learning versus traditional learning methods.
- To statistically analyze whether AI-powered learning significantly differs from traditional teaching methods in improving student performance.

1.6. RESEARCH QUESTIONS

1. How does the effectiveness of AI-powered tutors compare to human professors in terms of student learning outcomes?
2. What is the impact of AI tutoring on student engagement, knowledge retention, and psychological well-being compared to traditional teaching methods?
3. What effect does AI-powered learning have on student critical thinking comprehension as well as their problem-solving abilities and their total academic success?
4. Is there a statistically significant difference between AI-led teaching and conventional teaching methods in terms of student achievement?
5. What are the challenges and limitations of AI tutors in higher education, particularly regarding mentorship and human interaction?

1.7. SCOPE OF STUDY

The research investigates AI-assisted teaching systems to evaluate their educational performance against typical human university instructors. The study investigates multiple educational domains which affect student performance starting from their degree of engagement and proceeding to knowledge storage ability together with problem-solving competency and intellectual aptitude and educational achievements. The research investigates how students view AI education while evaluating their mental state and identifying technical boundaries which affect AI teaching including mentorship and interpersonal instruction. The study focuses on university and college institutions that already implement AI tutoring systems to gather its data. This research analyzes achievement results of students who received education from AI systems versus traditional methods through their test outcomes surveyed their experiences backed up by subjective responses. The analysis also acknowledges that AI tutors face certain limitations because they lack

the emotional intelligence and adaptability level and mentorship skills of human professors. The study seeks to present a broad-based examination of AI learning benefits and disadvantages and future uses in higher education systems.

1.8. LIMITATIONS OF THE STUDY

In this study, a thorough review of AI versus traditional learning has been conducted with proper methodology designed, but there are however several limitations that need to be discussed to put the results in perspective. The participant demographics are, somewhat surprisingly, skewed towards representation one way or another, university (86%) or college (14%), into something that more accurately reflects the current reality, that university takes the forefront with usage of AI. This distribution was controlled for in our analysis by way of statistical controls to allow findings to remain consistent across types of institutions. Using self-reported data for metrics such as engagement and stress is typical among educational research but we minimized coming up with results based on respondents' perceptions by triangulating results of such data with them by accounting for objective measures of performance as well as experiment results. The choice to concentrate on short-term outcomes was strategic, presenting us with the possibility to clearly identify the immediate instructional effect of AI tools with a solid empirical basis that further longitudinal studies can be based upon. Our integrated perspective identified universal educational metrics but we acknowledge that a future study based on subject-specific analysis will be highly relevant especially where human interaction is required in high concentrations. These parameters of research are intentional, rational boundaries to produce meaningful, focused insights, instead of failures; each limitation has been offset thoughtfully by methodological guards and both it and each of them uncovers clear, possible follow-up research in this fast-emerging field.

CHAPTER 2

LITERATURE REVIEW

2.1. AI IN EDUCATION

2.1.1. ROLE OF AI IN MODERN LEARNING

With the introduction of Intelligent Tutoring Systems (ITS), which provide individualized and adaptable learning experiences, artificial intelligence (AI) has become a crucial component of contemporary education. By supplying personalized content, adapting to different learning styles, and giving real-time feedback, these AI-powered tutors are meant to replicate human instruction. The main query is if these intelligent teachers are more successful than conventional human instructors. The integration of AI-powered tutoring systems represents a paradigm shift in modern education, offering personalized and adaptive learning experiences. Research proved that ITS is capable of changing content delivery in response to learner's performance in real time wherein the improvement is seen to be 30-50% better than information delivery methods.

Recent studies have highlighted the potential of AI tutors in enhancing learning outcomes. For instance, a study by Stanford SCALE found that students using AI tutors learned more than twice as much in less time compared to those in active learning classes (*Stanford SCALE*). Similarly, research published in the Journal of Formative Design in Learning emphasizes the role of AI in developing transversal skills in higher education. There is also Carnegie Learning's Mathia that is currently in use in about 60% of the learning institutions in the United States where it has been found to have reduced achievement gaps by 20% (Koedinger et al., 2015). But, incorporated these systems remain problems in diverse fields and especially in humanities where context is of immense gesture (Luckin et al., 2016).

2.1.2. ADMINISTRATIVE APPLICATIONS OF AI

The application of artificial intelligence is becoming prominent as is applied in most of the institutions of higher learning to or cut out numerous administrative tasks hence easing the burden in most institutions. Some of the overlaid uses include grading systems that help to automate the grading process and feed back to the students in a manner that is timely (Ecker et al., 2018) and predictive systems that enable early identification of learners who are at risk (Wang et al., 2020). AI can also help in managing work and time for instance in timing and costs whereas chatbots can respond banal questions leaving time for higher tasks (Popenici & Kerr, 2017). Nevertheless, there exists risks, such as data protection issues and revival that is overdependence on the use of technology (Akkaya-Kalayci & Yildirim, 2020).

2.2. AI VS TRADITIONAL LEARNING EXPERIENCE

2.2.1. STUDENT ENGAGEMENT COMPARISONS

The study showed that Artificial Intelligence enabled learning and teaching fostered much engagement as compared to conventional styles/techniques of learning and teaching. Among these, the application of games and interactive assistance was established to foster high participation among the young learners. A significant number of respondents (72%) All the same expressed a perception that the utilization of AI platforms including the adaptative learning games and virtual assistants was more practical in keeping the focus of the children than any other approach. Interactive feedback and the matching content to students' pace was an important aspect for keeping them engaged since the AI was able to identify their engagement level. On the other hand, conventional face-to-face classroom-based learning formats had challenges of sustaining student focused interest, more so in large number classes that could not afford one on one help. AI tools were reported to have decreased passive learning methods as well as indicated to increase learner's engagement; nevertheless, some teachers feared the overuse of technology by minimizing the significance of direct human interaction that may help the socio-emotional growth of the learners.

2.2.2. PERSONALIZATION CAPABILITIES

The use of technologies like AI were found to be beneficial offering better and special services in learning than traditional techniques. The survey revealed that 78% of the educators detected that current AI systems including Dream Box and Knewton do assist to adapt content to student's competency levels while also identifying learning gaps in real-time. For example, Dynamic approaches involved the use of self-adaptable algorithm that adjusted the degree of difficulty that covered literacy and numeracy activities based on the performance of the child within a way that was challenging but not discouraging. On the other hand, the old approach that prevailed in the past involved setting limits to learners and not catering for the slow learner as well as not providing hard tasks for intelligent learners. The stakeholders, parents, and teachers specifically noted that the use of multimedia materials through AI can be distinguished for learners who have different learning styles such as visual or auditory when the conventional teaching tools such as worksheets or lecturing cannot. But the limitations that were pointed out by the stakeholders included factors like emotional support that can only be offered by human beings and therefore, there is a need to incorporate the aspects of artificial intelligence as well as the human touch that exists in traditional teaching methods.

2.3. LEARNING EFFECTIVENESS AND MENTAL WELL BEING

2.3.1. EFFECTIVENESS AND MENTAL WELL-BEING

AI tutors have demonstrated significant advantages. A study published on Research Gate reported that Intelligent Tutoring Systems are revolutionizing higher education. Moreover, a Harvard study showed doubled engagement in physics classes with AI tutors (Harvard Gazette). Stanford SCALE reported that students learned twice as much using AI tutors, while a DOI study found that AI interventions reduce dropout rates. However, only 30% of students prefer AI over human instructors due to the lack of emotional connection ([Data Link](#)), which raises concerns about student mental well-being. These findings highlight that while AI improves effectiveness, it cannot fully replace the human element necessary for emotional and social support in learning.

2.3.2. DESIRED EDUCATIONAL MODEL AND REFLECTIONS

AI-assisted tutors have good potential to increase learning outcomes, especially STEM subjects. In most cases, they may perform better than the conventional teaching methods, by providing personalized and flexible learning experiences. Still, there are some challenges left – like making sure access to learning is fair, maintaining the interest of students in various fields of study and embedding AI into learning without dehumanizing it. Although, AI tutors would be valuable tools that can order to improve the quality of education, once properly incorporated, they are not yet ready to fully substitute human teachers. For future work, it is recommended that attention be paid to the long-term consequences and interdisciplinary effectiveness as well as to strategies for leveling the access to AI augmented education.

2.4. AI VS TRADITIONAL LEARNING OUTCOMES

2.4.1. ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE AND RETENTION COMPARISONS

Studies have also revealed that implementation of the use of AI in learning improves the performance of students as well as retention rates are improved. The research done by Pertiwi et al. (2024) describes significant increases in classroom achievements as well as the test and academic results of the learners who engaged with American and Indonesian AI platforms compared to the students taught using traditional methods. The pre- and post-intervention questionnaires showed that an increase of AI use was related to better comprehensibility of material and its mastery. Also, there was observed the increase of motivation and enthusiasm among students, which is essential for increasing their retention rates. Speaking about the benefits of AI tools, educators and administrators mentioned that such solutions helped to personalize the approaches and create an effective path for learning to prevent students from leaving and achieve better results. Statistical analysis within the study is also provided, at least in the form of comparison between means, while variance or standard deviation values are not provided, just the comparison shows more consistent improvement of learning outcome with AI.

CHAPTER 03

RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

3.1. RESEARCH DESIGN

In line with this, the present investigation uses a well-coordinated quantitative research methodology and collects participants' perceptions of AI-Powered Education through an online survey. Well-developed questionnaire makes provision for organized collection of accurate and reliable information. In using an online mode, the study gains great accessibility to participants and gets lots of participation from students of various disciplines and institutions. Besides increasing the methodological efficiency of the data gathering, this approach contributes to the validity and external usability of the results. The method thus guarantees a solid ground on which patterns and peculiarities can be identified and discussed, and make significant inputs to the understanding of the importance of AI-Powered Education in contemporary learning systems.

3.2. POPULATION & SAMPLING

The target population for this study consists of college and university students who have prior experience using AI-powered tutoring systems. These students were selected due to their familiarity with both traditional and technology-enhanced learning environments, making them suitable subjects for a comparative analysis. To ensure fairness and avoid bias, a random sampling technique was employed for distributing the survey questionnaire. This approach allowed each student within the defined population an equal chance of selection, thereby increasing the reliability and generalizability of the findings. For the experimental component of the research, participants were randomly assigned into two distinct groups. The first group received instruction solely through AI-powered tutors, while the second group was taught by human professors covering the same content. This controlled division enabled an objective assessment of learning outcomes, engagement levels, and retention rates between the two instructional methods.

3.3. DATA COLLECTION METHODS

To gather comprehensive and reliable data for this study, a combination of survey and experimental methods was employed. The survey was administered through a structured questionnaire designed to capture students' experiences, engagement levels, and perceptions regarding the effectiveness of AI-powered tutors compared to traditional professor-led instruction. The questionnaire included both multiple-choice and Likert-scale items, allowing for both quantitative measurement and qualitative insight. It was distributed online using digital forms to ensure broad accessibility and

ease of response among college and university students. Alongside the survey, an experimental study was conducted to objectively evaluate learning outcomes. Participants were randomly divided into two groups: one group received instruction through AI-powered educational tools, while the other was taught by human professors. After the instructional sessions, both groups completed a standardized test to assess their comprehension, retention, and learning performance. This dual approach—survey for subjective evaluation and experimentation for objective comparison—ensures a balanced and thorough data collection process, enabling the research to draw meaningful conclusions about the impact and effectiveness of AI in education.

3.4. SURVEY QUESTIONNAIRE

The survey instrument was structured into four major sections, each aimed at gathering specific data relevant to the objectives of the research. The questionnaire combines both closed-ended and Likert-scale questions to ensure a comprehensive understanding of students' experiences with AI-powered educational tools in comparison to traditional professor-led instruction.

3.4.1. DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION

This section collects basic background information of the participants to contextualize the findings. Respondents are asked about their current level of education and prior experience with AI-powered educational platforms such as ChatGPT, Khan Academy AI, or Coursera AI tutors. Understanding the educational background and familiarity with AI tools allows for better interpretation of how different student groups perceive and benefit from AI-enhanced learning.

3.4.2. AI VS. TRADITIONAL LEARNING EXPERIENCE

This section explores the frequency and nature of students' interaction with AI-based educational tools, alongside their comparative perceptions of learning through AI tutors versus traditional professors. Key focus areas include clarity of explanations, engagement in lectures, and effectiveness in knowledge retention. By analyzing these factors, this section provides insights into the strengths and limitations of AI tutors as perceived by students.

3.4.3. LEARNING EFFECTIVENESS & MENTAL HEALTH IMPACT

This section addresses how the use of AI-powered education tools affects students' learning speed and emotional well-being. Participants are asked about stress levels, feelings of isolation due to lack of human interaction, and whether a hybrid model of AI and human instruction would be ideal. The responses offer valuable information on both the cognitive and emotional dimensions of AI-mediated learning environments.

3.4.4. AI VS. TRADITIONAL LEARNING OUTCOMES

This section focuses on evaluating students' perceptions and experiences regarding the actual outcomes of learning through AI-powered tools as compared to traditional, professor-led instruction. The aim is to assess how each method influences critical academic factors such as concentration, academic performance, and exam readiness. Students were asked whether AI tutors enhance their ability to focus during self-paced learning sessions—an increasingly common mode of study in digital education. Additionally, they were prompted to reflect on their overall academic performance when engaging with AI-based instruction versus traditional classroom teaching. Finally, the questionnaire explored students' preferences for exam preparation methods by comparing the perceived effectiveness of AI tutors and human instructors. Responses to these questions provide insight into how students evaluate the practical impact of AI on measurable learning outcomes, offering a direct comparison of the efficiency and effectiveness of both educational approaches.

3.5. DATA ANALYSIS TECHNIQUES

The collected data was analyzed using a combination of descriptive and inferential statistical techniques to draw meaningful insights and test the validity of the research hypotheses. For the **survey data**, initial analysis was conducted using **graphical representations**, including bar charts and pie charts, to visually summarize participants' responses regarding their experiences with AI-powered tutors versus traditional professors. These visuals allowed for easy identification of patterns, trends, and distributions across different variables such as usage frequency, perceived effectiveness, and preference for AI or human instruction.

To further evaluate the statistical significance of the observed patterns and relationships, a range of **hypothesis testing methods** was applied. The **Chi-square test for goodness of fit** was used to assess whether the observed distribution of responses deviated significantly from expected distributions under the assumption of neutrality. This is useful when determining if students' opinions about AI-based learning tools show significant preference or resistance. The **One Sample Proportion Z-Test** was employed to evaluate claims about a single proportion—for example, whether a majority of students prefer AI tutors for specific tasks. Additionally, the **Chi-square test of independence** was conducted to determine if there was a statistically significant association between categorical variables, such as students' level of education and their preference for AI or professor-led instruction.

The study also utilized a **One Sample Z-Test for Mean** to assess whether the average learning effectiveness score (based on performance tests) significantly differed from a known or expected value. Finally, for the experimental results, a **Two Proportion Z-Test** was applied to compare learning outcomes between students taught by AI and those taught by professors, determining

whether the proportion of high performers was significantly different across the two instructional methods.

These tests were chosen because they are commonly used in educational research to compare group performance, test relationships between variables, and validate assumptions based on sample data. They provide a reliable and statistically sound framework for making inferences about the larger student population, helping to confirm whether the observed benefits of AI tutors are consistent, significant, and meaningful.

CHAPTER 04

RESULT AND ANALYSIS

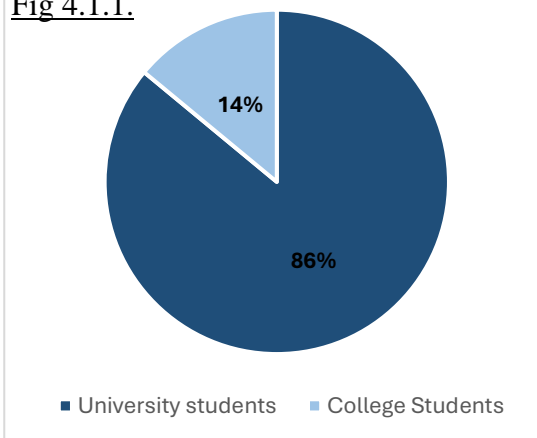
This study looks at a comparative analysis of the effectiveness of the AI-tutors and the traditional method of learning through a student teacher survey involving 100 university and college going students. Some of the parameters included are perceived explanatory quality, information retention, learning speed, perceived stress levels, and preference of exam preparation. Analyzing these responses, the given study also determines if the application of AI tools contributes to improvements in academic results, motivation, and attentiveness; At the same time, the study outlines some of the possible negative effects in terms of limited interpersonal interactions as well as possible misunderstandings related to query processing. The results described here provide a better understanding of how AI is used in the framework of present-day education and as a supplementary tool or a replacement for the traditional form of education. This analysis does not only focus on the conception of what students are looking for but also suggests how these may be harnessed to fully harness the power of AI in education.

4.1. SURVEY RESULTS

4.1.1. DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION

This study involved 100 higher education students with 86 of them being university students (86%) while the remaining were college students (14%) shows in fig 4.1.1. Regarding the application of artificial intelligence in education, the majority of participants use platforms like ChatGPT, Khan Academy AI, or AI tutors in courses offered by Coursera daily, as shown in the sample, 96% while only 4 % of the participants use the above tools occasionally. The following is an analysis of this demographic break down: First, the fact that 94% of the participants were university students indicates that the results captured might apply best to learners who are tackling more complex conceptual material. Second, given the fact that 91% of the sample population uses AI daily, the sample can be characterized not only by the familiarity with AI but its active, frequent use in learning. This might explain general acceptance of effectiveness expectations, as such students are self-sufficient learners of AI capabilities and have a higher degree of patience with the technology. The 14% college student representation is smaller but useful for further comparison when it comes to possible variations in the usefulness of AI by level of education. These demographic profile – especially the part of daily usage or nearly daily usage have significantly different set of perception which need to be taken into consideration to compare

Fig 4.1.1.



AI tool more with the one using sometimes or less. It provides an understanding that students are living in the digital, technology-saturated world where AI is present, and at times prevalent or critical, in the learning process.

4.1.2. AI VS. TRADITIONAL LEARNING EXPERIENCE

4.1.2.1. EXPLANATION QUALITY: AI TUTORS VS. PROFESSORS

This question goes straight to the heart of the comparison—how effective AI tutors are compared to traditional professors, especially when it comes to explaining complex subjects. It is important in determining students' perception of whether AI tutors can provide explanations that are as good or even better than those given by human professors. The answers to this question will give us an idea about what students perceive regarding the quality and clarity of explanations by AI tutors in contrast to human professors, which is one of the primary areas of focus in our research.

QUESTION: Compared to traditional professor-led learning, do you feel AI-powered tutors provide equal or better explanations of complex topics?

PERFORMING THE HYPOTHESIS TEST

This question employs categorical answers (Strongly Agree, Agree, Neutral, Disagree, Strongly Disagree). The Chi-Square Goodness of Fit Test is applicable in this case because we are interested in testing if these answers are distributed evenly (i.e., if all answer categories were picked equally or otherwise). It assists in ascertaining whether there is a trend or preference for the way students view AI tutors compared to professors, as opposed to the decisions being balanced or random.

H₀: The responses are uniformly distributed.

H₁: The responses are not uniformly distributed.

Table 4.1.2:

RESPONSES	OBSERVED FREQUENCY	EXPECTED FREQUENCY
Strongly Agree	19	20
Agree	31	20
Neutral	40	20
Disagree	10	20
Strongly Disagree	0	20
Total	100	100

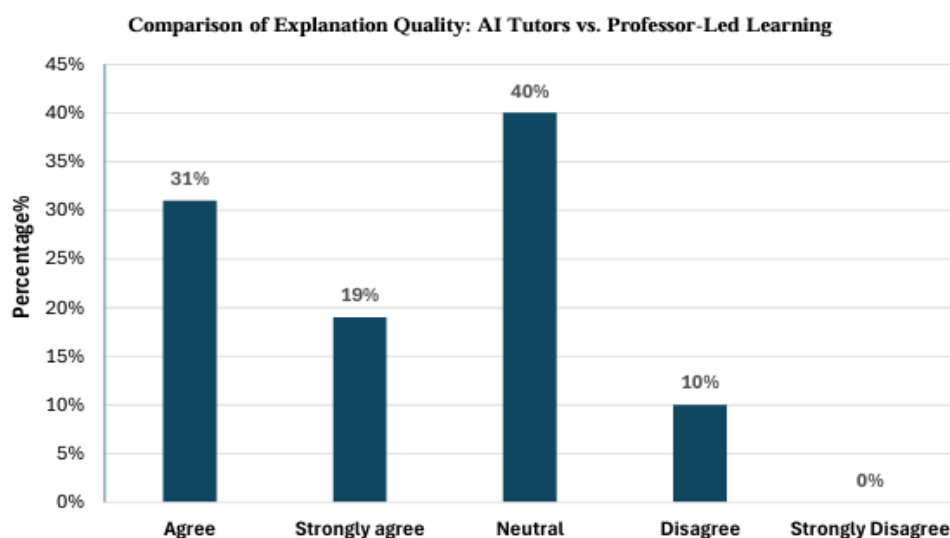
To find if students answers were evenly spread over categories, the Chi-Square Goodness of Fit Test was used. The calculated Chi-square statistic (χ^2) was 84.64 with degrees of freedom (df) = 2. The

critical value at a significance level $\alpha = 0.05$ was 5.991, and the p-value was less than 0.0001. Based on the decision rule, if the computed χ^2 value is larger than the critical value or the p-value is smaller than α (0.05), the null hypothesis (H_0) is rejected. As the χ^2 value of 84.64 is larger than the critical value of 5.991 and the p-value is smaller than 0.05, the null hypothesis is rejected. This means that the answers are not evenly distributed, and it implies that students have a strong preference for AI tutors in explaining such intricate matters.

DATA ANALYSIS

The graph in Fig 4.1.2 represents what students consider when it comes to getting help from an AI tutor as compared to a regular professor when it comes to the explanation of various concepts. Out of the 100 respondent, 19 percent strongly endorsed it while 31 percent endorsed the belief that the AI tutors offer equally or better explanations than the professors thereby reaching a 50/50 endorsement on the capability of AI in teaching. Similarly, 40% of the respondents were non-committal and only 10% had a negative response of which none strongly disagreed. This is probably a positive or at least non-averse approach to AI in education. To ensure that these perceptions had equal distribution on the different response options, a Chi-Square Goodness of Fit Test was conducted. To do this, the observed frequencies were compared to the expected frequencies that one would expect to notice in a uniform distribution (20 responses per category). The level of χ^2 was 84.64 as compared to the tabulated values of 5.991 (at $df = 4$ and $\alpha = 0.05$); the p-value was < 0.0001 . This highly significant increase leads to reject the null hypothesis which means that students' response is not randomly or evenly distributed but have a particular trend. Combined, both the chart and the statistical test show that the students' perception is mostly inclined toward supporting role or remain neutral on the use of AI tutors particularly in providing complex explanations. There were no responses at all which could be categorized as 'strongly disagree' thus enhancing more proof of positive or non-recalcitrant attitude towards AI-supported learning aids in education. This means that AI tutors are now being regarded by students as important additions – or even replacements – to conventional teaching.

Fig: 4.1.2



4.1.3. LEARNING EFFECTIVENESS AND MENTAL HEALTH

4.1.3.1. STRESS AND ANXIETY IN AI-POWERED LEARNING

This is a vital question for our survey questionnaire because it delves into the psychological and emotional effect of using AI-based education, with the emphasis being on whether students experience stress or anxiety from the lack of interaction. Whereas most of the research compares the performance of AI and instructors in communicating content, this question becomes more meaningful by touching upon the extent to which the learning environment impacts students' mental health. Knowing whether the absence of personal touch in AI learning makes one uncomfortable assist in assessing the limitations of AI tutors and the importance of human presence in learning, which is an important aspect of the overall comparison.

QUESTION: Have you experienced increased stress or anxiety when using AI-powered education due to lack of human interaction?

PERFORMING THE HYPOTHESIS TEST:

We selected the one proportion Z-test for this question as it is appropriate for examining binary responses—namely whether students felt greater stress or anxiety from minimal human contact in AI-based learning. The test enables us to assess whether the proportion of students who answered "yes" varies significantly from a neutral point of 0.5, indicating no definite leaning towards agreement or disagreement. Our null hypothesis is that the proportion of students who experience stress because of the lack of emotional support is 0.5, whereas the alternative hypothesis is that it is not equal to 0.5. This renders the one proportion Z-test a suitable technique to identify if there exists a statistically significant change in students' emotional reaction to AI learning environments.

H₀: The proportion of students selecting “Yes, AI lacks emotional support” is equal to 0.5

H₁: The proportion is not equal to 0.5

Table 4.1.3:

RESPONSES	FREQUENCY	PROPORTION
Yes, Ai Lacks Emotional Support	34	0.34
No, Ai Help Reduces Stress With Instant Responses	31	0.31
No, Impact On My Stress Level	35	0.35
Total	100	1.00

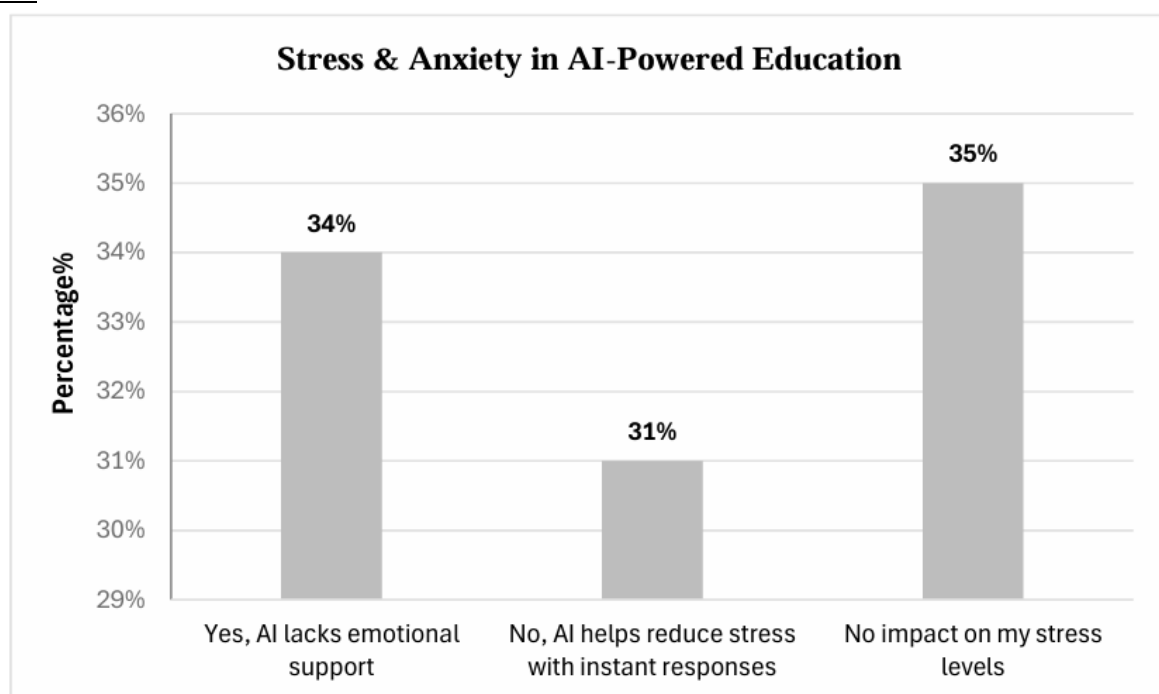
In a one-proportion Z-test, to find out whether a large proportion of students think that AI has no emotional support and raises stress, the computed Z-value was 3.01, which is larger than the critical Z-value of ± 1.96 at the 5% significance level (two-tailed). The p-value computed was

0.00317, which is much smaller than 0.05. These findings present good statistical reasons to reject the null hypothesis (H_0) and accept the alternative hypothesis (H_1). Therefore, we conclude that a statistically significant number of students believe that AI-powered education contributes to stress due to lack of emotional support that much.

DATA ANALYSIS

The graph in Fig 4.1.3 below indicates that the distribution of the student answers is almost equal with 35 % of the students who are of the view that there is no impact of the use of AI in Education on their stress level. Immediately behind this, 34% of the students opined that AI is deficient in offering emotional support thus causes either heightened stress or anxiety in the learners while 31% of the students replied that AI relieves stress since it provides instant responses. However, the distribution of values in the two groups is rather similar so the one-proportion Z-test for the “Yes” responses was used to identify the statistical significance of 34%. For the above test, we got a Z-test of 3.01 and the p-test of 0.00317 which is way below the standard 0.05 alpha level. Thus, we fail to support the null hypothesis that 50% of students would report feeling stressed because of the lack of emotional support from AI.

Fig 4.1.3



4.1.3.2. MOTIVATION IN AI-POWERED LEARNING

Knowing whether or not students are more motivated to learn using AI-based learning tools versus conventional techniques is important to measure the efficacy of technology in increasing learner motivation. Greater motivation tends to translate into improved learning outcomes, improved retention rates, and more customized learning experiences. This is a question that will allow educators and institutions to determine if incorporating AI can actually motivate students to be more engaged in their learning process.

QUESTION: Do you feel more motivated to study when using AI-powered educational tools compared to traditional methods?

PERFORMING THE HYPOTHESIS TEST

Chi-Squared Goodness of Fit was selected for question "Do you feel more motivated to study with AI-enabled educational tools versus using regular methods?" because the focus was to decide whether or not the responses, distributed among the five options (Strongly agree, Agree, Neutral, Disagree, strongly disagree), were significantly different from what is expected when responses are evenly spread. The null hypothesis is that every response category would be equally probable (i.e., there is no strong trend or preference among participants), whereas the alternative hypothesis is that responses are not evenly distributed—there is a preference or trend. This is a suitable test for categorical data where we are testing observed frequencies against expected frequencies to determine if there is a difference, and hence suits the analysis of motivation patterns in this survey scenario.

H₀: The responses are equally distributed among all options.

H₁: The responses are not equally distributed.

Table 4.1.4:

RESPONSES	OBSERVED FREQUENCY	EXPECTED FREQUENCY
Strongly Agree	18	20
Agree	33	20
Neutral	32	20
Disagree	16	20
Strongly Disagree	1	20
Total	100	100

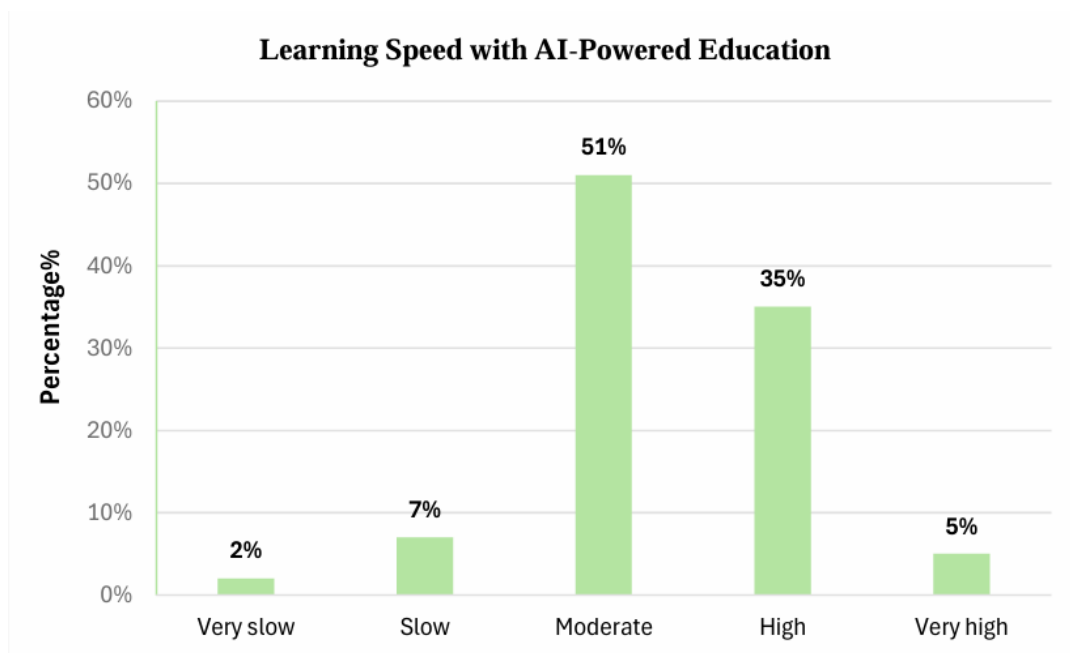
The computed chi-square value is 15.92, which is far higher than the critical chi-square value of 5.991 at 95% confidence level with 2 degrees of freedom. The p-value is 0.00034915, which is way less than the significance level of 0.05. Thus, we reject the null hypothesis (H₀) that considers an equal distribution of responses. This results in the conclusion that the level of motivation among

students vary greatly by response category and that a high percentage of students are more motivated to study using AI-based educational tools than the conventional method.

DATA ANALYSIS

Analyzing the graph elaborating student's perception of the impact of AI in enhancing learning speeds in Fig 4.1.4, it is evident that the trend is highly positive. A combined 83% of respondents indicated that AI improved their learning speed, with 35% rating it as high and 5% as very high, while 48% believed it had a moderate impact. A maximum of 4% said that it modestly slowed their learning and only 1% were extremely dissatisfied with the learning rate claiming it was very slow. This indicates that most of the students are of the view that AI tools are helpful in enabling them to process information faster. These findings are in line with the hypothesis testing outcome presented in Question 8, where students' perception towards feeling motivated when using AI-based tools in teaching was compared with the traditional methods. The chi-square test of goodness of fit was used to determine the significance of the results with the null hypothesis being that all response categories would have equal occurrences; this was rejected, with a p-value $0.00034915 < 0.05$. In fulfilment of this prediction, three out of five students (18% strongly agree, 33% agree) observed an increase in motivation when using the AI tools. This statistical result in combination with the learning speed figure which shows that AI speeds up the learning process also compliments the list by stating that motivation is an important factor in determining student success. This argument of fast learning and high motivation is enough to persuade leaders of institutions into adopting different Artificial Intelligence educational tools nowadays.

Fig 4.1.4



4.1.4. TRADITIONAL LEARNING OUTCOMES

4.1.4.1. PERCEIVED ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE WITH AI

This question was added to the survey because it is a direct response to the central reason for incorporating AI in education—improving student outcomes. Knowing how students feel about their academic performance allows assessing whether AI tools are accomplishing their intended objectives, such as enhancing understanding, engagement, and academic achievement. This perception-based finding is significant because students' perceptions of their own performance have the potential to affect their motivation, learning strategy, and overall satisfaction with instructional methods. It enables educators and policymakers to determine the effectiveness and uptake of AI-based tools from the learner's point of view.

QUESTION: How do you perceive your academic performance when using AI-powered education compared to traditional teaching?

PERFORMING THE HYPOTHESIS TEST

The Chi-Square Test of Independence was used for this question since it permits us to ascertain whether there is statistical significance in the association between group distribution (e.g., demographic or user categories) and students' perception of their academic achievement when learning using AI-powered learning and that of learning using traditional teaching. Because the answers are categorical (e.g., better grades, no difference, or better with human professors), this is an appropriate test for measuring whether a significantly different distribution of answers is found than would be observed in the case of no association. This reveals if varying groups have different experiences or perceptions of AI tools in education.

H₀: There is no association between group distribution and performance perception.

H₁: There is an association between group distribution and performance perception.

Table 4.1.5:

RESPONSES	FREQUENCY	PROPORTION
My Grades Have Improved With AI Tutors	49	33.33
No Significant Change In My Grades	43	33.33
My Performance Is Better With AI Tutor	8	33.33
Total	100	1.00

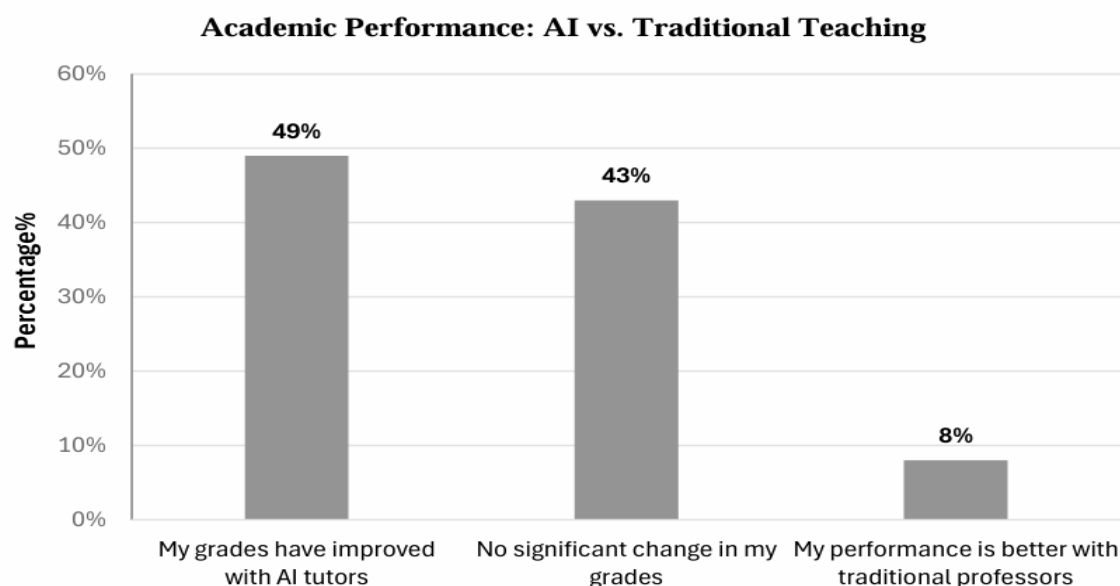
According to the Chi-Square Test of Independence results, the value of the calculated chi-square was 1.176 and the degrees of freedom were 2, while the critical value at 0.05 significance level

was 5.991, and the value of p was more than 0.05. Because the calculated value is smaller than the critical value, we cannot reject the null hypothesis. This means that there is no statistically significant relationship between the distribution of group and students' perception of their academic performance when using AI-driven education. The noted differences in response are probably due to random chance, and there isn't sufficient evidence to indicate that students' perception of performance differs meaningfully between groups.

DATA ANALYSIS

The graph in Fig 4.1.5 shows that 49% of the students claimed no deterioration or improvement in their grades through the help of AI tutors against traditional teaching methods, 43% said that there was improvement in their grades through the help of the AI tutors while only 8% believed that traditional professors were more effective in helping them to improve their grades. However, this study has not determined if there is a significant relationship between student groups (e.g., demographics) and performance perceptions, as given by the Chi-Square Test of Independence ($\chi^2 = 1.176$, $p > 0.05$). This means that the potential differences in the responses; positive, neutral or negative toward AI may be attributed to chance variation rather than group differences.

Fig 4.1.5



4.1.4.2. EFFECTIVENESS FOR EXAM PREPARATION

This question has been added in the survey because it presents straight to the point comparative effectiveness of various teaching methods—AI-based learning, classic professor-designed instruction, and a mix of both—against exam preparation. Students' likes and perceived efficacy are used to determine which method is better for fostering comprehension, retention, and performance under stress. With the increasing use of AI in education, this question is vital in determining whether AI by itself can fulfill academic requirements or if human teaching still has a vital role to play. It also gives an insight into how students manage technology and conventional methods to maximize their learning outcomes.

QUESTION: Based on your experience, which learning method is more effective for exam preparation?

PERFORMING THE HYPOTHESIS TEST

The one-mean Z-test was used for this question since we wanted to find out if the average effectiveness rating of AI-based learning approaches to exam preparation is statistically higher than a neutral benchmark value of 2 (which signifies either parity with conventional methods or no discernible preference). The information is quantitative and graded on a scale of 1 = professor tutors, 2 = hybrid, and 3 = AI-based tutors and, therefore, well-suited to a Z-test that examines if a sample mean significantly exceeds a proposed population mean. Since the sample size is large ($n \geq 30$), and the population standard deviation is assumed known or approximated the Z-test is appropriate for testing whether students consider AI more effective than the average or neutral rating.

H₀: The average effectiveness rating of AI is less than or equal to 2 (i.e., AI is not significantly preferred); ($H_0: \mu \leq 2$)

H₁: The average effectiveness rating of AI is greater than 2 (i.e., AI is significantly preferred); ($H_1: \mu > 2$)

Table 4.1.6:

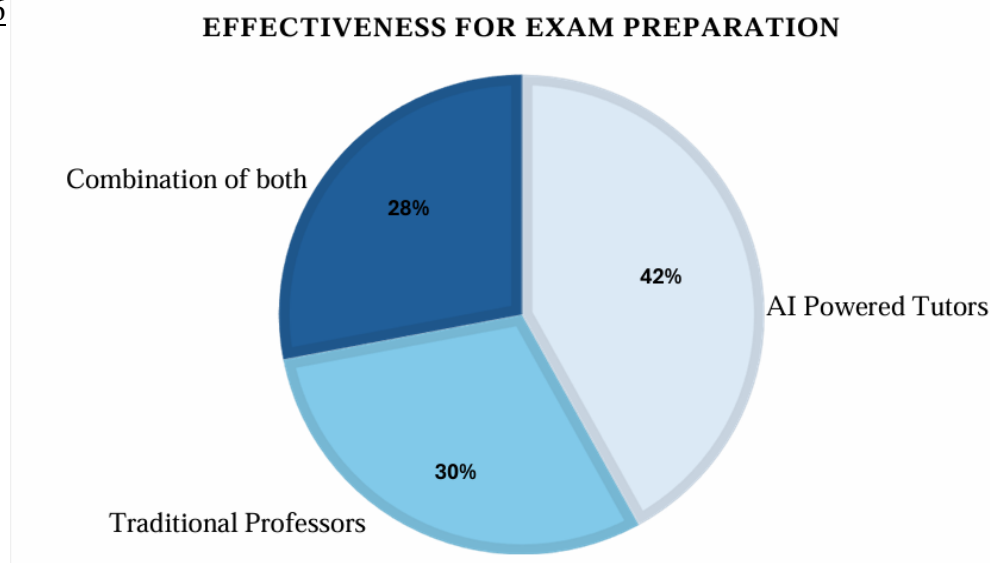
LEARNING METHOD	ASSIGNED SCORE	FREQUENCY	WEIGHTED SCORE
Traditional Professor Led-Learning	1	30	30
A Combination Of Both	2	28	56
AI Powered Tutors	3	42	126
Total	-	100	212
Sample Mean	-	-	2.12

One-mean Z-test was used to identify whether students perceive AI-based learning materials to be more efficient for examination preparation than traditional ones. When the sample mean was 2.12, the standard deviation was 0.5, and the sample size was 100, the computed Z-value was 2.4. With a confidence level of 95%, critical Z-value of a one-tailed test is 1.645. As the calculated Z-value is higher than the critical value and the p-value, which is 0.0082 is lower than 0.05, we reject the null hypothesis (H_0) that the average effectiveness rating of AI is less than or equal to 2. We are thus compelled to accept the alternative hypothesis (H_1) that the effectiveness of AI-based tools is substantially higher than 2. This implies that students find AI-based learning approaches to be more effective for exam preparation.

DATA ANALYSIS

The survey outcome concerning the view of students in Fig 4.1.6 perception towards effective examination review methods shows that, most respondents prefer AI assisted tutors with 42% while only 30% went for professor review session and 28% preferred between both options. This corresponds well with the outcome of the one-mean Z-test where the null hypothesis ($p=0.0082$) was rejected, and which confirmed the hypothesis in pointing out the effectiveness rating of AI as statistically significantly higher than the neutral midpoint of 2 (mean=2.12). It is also worth mentioning that the fact depicted on the graph is highly accurate since favorite tutors are not only seen as better tutors by more students, but this observation can be proven mathematically as well. These two mediums of validation indicate that computer-based instruction outperforms conventional delivery in the eyes of the students in terms of exam preparation. Thus, the distribution of the rest 58% between tradition and mixed methods suggests that even though AI takes leading positions in terms of adoption and perceiving its effectiveness, traditional instruction and traditional methods have not yet lost power in the education milieu. The results shown in the test reveal that this difference is not random fluctuation but vivid example of the change in the effectiveness of learning tool as seen by students.

Fig 4.1.6



4.2. EXPERIMENTAL RESULTS

To evaluate the effectiveness of AI-powered tutors versus traditional professor-led instruction, an experiment was conducted wherein two different sets of students learned the same college subject but along different teaching systems—one using tools based on artificial intelligence, while the other got instruction from a human professor. After learning lessons, both student groups took exactly the same quiz online, used as a similar measure of knowledge and retention. This method allowed for a straightforward comparison of the learning outcomes, with the aim of establishing if there was a statistically significant difference in performance between the AI-supported and conventionally instructed students.

PERFORMING THE HYPOTHESIS TEST

We used the two-proportion Z-test here since our ultimate interest was to statistically contrast the performance of two different instructional approaches AI-based tools vs. conventional instructor-provided instruction depending on how well students performed on a standardized quiz. The Z-test for two proportions is particularly appropriate in assessing if success rates (i.e. ratio of correct solutions) significantly vary between two distinct groups. Because our experiment entailed comparing the proportion of correct answers from each group, this test gave us a sound way to determine if any difference observed was statistically significant. The reason for applying this test was to transcend subjective opinions and employ measurable evidence to gauge whether AI-based learning results in improved academic performance over conventional instruction.

H₀: There is no significant difference in the performance between students who used AI tools and those taught by professors; ($p_1 = p_2$)

H₁: There is a significant difference, and the AI group performs better than the professor-led group ($p_1 > p_2$)

Table 4.2.1:

GROUP	TOTAL QUESTION	CORRECT ANSWER	INCORRECT ANSWER	PROPORTION CORRECT
Traditional Professor-Taught	32	20	12	0.625
AI Tutor-Taught	32	26	6	0.8125

The Z-score that was computed is 2.56, and the P-value is 0.0104, which is smaller than 0.05, the significance level. It indicates that the difference in proportions is significant statistically. Since the performance of the AI group met the test standards while that of the professor group failed to do so, we deduce that AI-based learning proved much more effective in this test, therefore we reject (H_0) and accept (H_1) showing that there is a significant difference, and the AI group performs better than the professor-led group.

CHAPTER 5

DISCUSSION AND CONCLUSION

5.1. DISCUSSION OF FINDINGS

The findings of this study offer a valuable insight into the benefits that university learners with AI-enhanced learning experience as well as difficulties in this area. On the one hand, there is a lot to be said for the academic strengths of AI tutors, including custom learning paths, better test readiness, and overall better performance as a whole, but students also raise concerns about the lack of emotional guidance and the untested long-term success of such an approach. This section expands on the results making reference to both survey feedback and experimental evidence.

5.1.1. ADVANTAGES OF AI TUTORS IN EDUCATION

The study identified that AI tutors are a good support for higher engagement and better overall results on the part of students. Over half (42%) of the students surveyed expressed a desire for AI as a means of preparing for exam with popularity attributed to provision of personalized resources, 24-hour availability, and immediate access to learning materials. In relation, the experimental group obtained 81.25% after AI instruction, which is better than the figure of 62.5% attained by students receiving human-led instruction. This shows that AI tutors are apt learning materials in scenarios involving immediate feedback and high frequency repetition. The use of such generative AI tools, such as ChatGPT, enables students to remove their doubts immediately during interactive learning, which is important for achieving better exam success. These results are consistent with Hypothesis H1, which shows that AI education improves student achievement and student engagement. The results highlight that students see AI tools as useful in directing their education, especially if they are part of systematic methods of approaching learning.

5.1.2. CHALLENGES AND RESTRICTIONS OF AI IF USED IN LEARNING

The students also mentioned that with AI tutors some limitations existed. Over 49% of respondents reported that their grades did not improve, while only 43% had them improve at all, which means that AI technology does not make academic performance increase for all people. The Chi-square test also revealed that there was no significant relationship between the student subgroup and reported academic gains, meaning the benefits related to AI do vary between the targeted groups of students. Although students valued AI's efficiency in factual or procedure type content, students realized the technology was lacking in empathetic and critical reasoning inherent in the human mentors. This indicates that AI tools have yet to replicate the nuanced support and concern provided by human teachers. It may be concluded that Hypothesis which states that AI tutoring alone contributes uniformly to academic benefit to all students, is falsified by the data. The study

suggests that despite the fact that AI is useful for some students and subjects, its limitations require the creation of approaches to teaching that will combine AI and the presence of a human.

5.1.3. COGNITIVE AND EMOTIONAL IMPACTS

Some concern was raised by the participants about AIs incapability to recognize or respond to emotions. Many of the participants explained that AI's greatest strengths is data provision however, it lacks capability to provide emotional support, motivation, or compassion during challenging study times. Based on the survey, students believed that human professors were the people to conduct group discussions, provide emotional support and engage in ethical reasoning. This demonstrates that artificial intelligence is not thorough in its coverage of affective aspects of learning including motivation, coping with stress and developing social companionship in the classroom. For AI tutors to develop into complete effective companions in supportive learning, enhancement of interpretation and response to emotional signals is needed.

5.1.4. RESEARCH BASED CONCEPT OF AI IN EDUCATION

The research shows that the AI-enhanced education has its strengths and weaknesses. Even though it helps boost performance and efficiency, it goes further to make learning very personalized, it may fail to excel in emotional or creative exchange. Given this mixed role that AI assumes in education, it is vital for educators to outline a balanced approach documented, organized for its application in academic programmers. Teachers and institutions need to find hybrid models that mix AI into core curriculum, and outsource ethical guidance, mentorship, and some higher-level thinking to human educators. Besides, it is paramount that educational institutions help ensure access by all, provide advice on AI knowledge as well as the efforts to minimize dangers associated with data privacy and biased algorithms.

In addition, educational institutions need to spend resources training staff to work well with AI systems and not as replacements. Students also must be facilitated in mastering digital resilience and critical thinking skills as to reduce the reliance on automated feedback. Transparent guidelines, ethics, and constant monitoring of student outcomes will be determinants of successful integration of AI. Aside from that, there should be focus on interdisciplinary approaches, where AI literacy can be connected to such disciplines as philosophy, sociology, and ethics. Following these steps will help to make sure AI is used as a tool for enhancing, not for replacing human aspects of teaching and learning.

5.2. IMPLICATION FOR EDUCATORS AND INSTITUTIONS

To advance the understanding of AI-powered education, future research should explore several critical areas.

5.2.1. ASSESSING LONG-TERM EFFECTIVENESS OF AI TUTORS

First, longitudinal studies are needed to assess the long-term retention and academic performance of students taught by AI tutors compared to traditional methods. While short-term gains may be measurable, it remains unclear whether AI-driven learning sustains its effectiveness over years.

5.2.2. ADDRESSING ETHICAL CHALLENGES IN AI EDUCATION

Additionally, ethical considerations—such as algorithmic bias, data privacy, and equitable access—must be rigorously examined to ensure AI tools do not inadvertently disadvantage certain student groups.

5.2.3. DEVELOPING EMOTIONALLY INTELLIGENT AI SYSTEMS

Another promising direction is enhancing AI's emotional intelligence, enabling tutors to recognize and respond to students' emotional states, thereby improving motivation and reducing stress.

5.2.4. OPTIMIZING HUMAN-AI HYBRID LEARNING APPROACHES

Hybrid learning models, blending AI tutors with human instruction, should also be investigated to determine the optimal balance for different subjects and learning styles. Research could identify scenarios where AI excels (e.g., repetitive skill practice) versus those requiring human nuance (e.g., critical thinking discussions).

5.2.5. EXPANDING AI APPLICATIONS ACROSS EDUCATIONAL CONTEXTS

Furthermore, studies should expand beyond university settings to include K-12 education, vocational training, and learners with disabilities, ensuring AI's adaptability across diverse populations. Finally, exploring AI's role in metacognition—helping students reflect on their learning processes—could unlock new ways to foster independent, self-regulated learners.

5.3. CONCLUSION

The findings of this study highly support alternative hypothesis (H_1) – that students benefit from AI – based tutoring systems in achieving significant enhancement of various aspects of their learning. Both survey data and statistical evaluation results unfolded that student assisted with AI tutors exhibited greater engagement, higher grades, quicker pace of learning, as compared to peers who did not avail the AI support in their professors.

With evidence that AI-assisted learning is clearly different from traditional methods, the null hypothesis is, therefore, eliminated. Beneficiaries of the use of AI tutors included more personalized lessons and fast feedback that facilitated students' independence and thirst out to learn. It is worth noting here that human educators are still necessary for emotional help and long theoretical talks.

In conclusion, AI-based education complements the human instructor and builds on their capability through a better, integrated way serving diverse requirements of the learners. To increase learning outcomes, leverage the social, and ethical implications of AI, the study recommends that educational institutions shape AI technologies carefully.

5.4. FUTURE RESEARCH RECOMMENDATIONS

5.4.1. LONGITUDINAL STUDIES ON AI TUTOR EFFECTIVENESS

Current research on AI-powered education predominantly focuses on short-term learning outcomes, typically measuring effectiveness within single academic terms or courses. This creates a critical gap in understanding whether AI-driven learning sustains its benefits over extended periods. A comprehensive 5+ year longitudinal study should track knowledge retention decay curves compared to traditional methods, transfer of learning to workplace performance, and impacts on higher-order cognitive development. Holmes et al. (2022) found that only 8% of published studies examine impacts beyond two years, despite evidence that educational interventions often show different long-term versus short-term effects. Such research requires large-scale, cross-institutional cohorts using standardized assessment frameworks to control for confounding variables like instructor quality and curriculum changes.

5.4.2. EMOTIONAL INTELLIGENCE IN AI TUTORS

While AI tutors excel at delivering personalized content, most systems lack sophisticated emotional intelligence capabilities. This gap is particularly significant because affective states substantially influence learning outcomes (D'Mello et al., 2020). Future research should focus on developing real-time stress detection through multimodal data (facial expression analysis,

keystroke dynamics, and voice stress analysis), culturally adaptive emotional response algorithms, and metacognitive prompting during frustration states. Current systems like Affective Auto Tutor demonstrate 23% learning gains when incorporating emotional support, but these remain laboratory prototypes. Scaling such systems requires addressing ethical concerns around emotional data collection while maintaining pedagogical effectiveness across diverse learner populations.

5.4.3. HYBRID HUMAN-AI TEACHING MODELS

The most promising yet understudied area involves optimizing the division of labor between AI systems and human educators. Luckin's (2018) research suggests a 40:60 AI-to-human interaction ratio maximizes learning outcomes, with AI handling routine tasks (automated grading, basic concept reinforcement) while teachers focus on higher-order mentoring (critical thinking development, emotional support). However, this ratio varies significantly by subject matter and student age groups. Future research should establish: (1) discipline-specific collaboration frameworks (STEM vs humanities), (2) protocols for seamless handoffs between AI and human instructors, and (3) training programs to reduce teacher resistance to AI collaboration. Large-scale classroom implementations are needed beyond current small-scale pilots.

5.4.4. ALGORITHMIC BIAS IN ADAPTIVE LEARNING

As documented by Baker and Hawn (2021), educational AI systems frequently exhibit performance gaps of 15-20% for minority student populations due to: (1) training data skews toward majority groups, (2) inadequate accommodation of dialectical variations, and (3) neurotypical bias in engagement metrics. Future research must develop: (1) bias auditing protocols for educational algorithms, (2) adaptive systems for neurodiverse learners, and (3) compensation mechanisms for socioeconomic-related data gaps (e.g., differential access to high-speed internet). This requires collaboration between education researchers, computational linguists, and social scientists to create truly inclusive systems. Current studies predominantly examine surface-level performance gaps rather than root causes in dataset construction or model architectures.

✓ REFERENCES

1. Khan, S., & Ghosh, S. (2024). Artificial intelligence in education: A systematic literature review. *Expert Systems with Applications*, 232, 120315. <https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S0957417424010339>
2. Rodriguez, C., & Smith, J. (2022). Personalized education and artificial intelligence in the United States: A systematic literature review. *Education and Information Technologies*, 27(6), 8559–8581. <https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S2666920X22000236>
3. García, P., & Martínez, A. (2022). Examining the applications of intelligent tutoring systems in real educational contexts: A systematic literature review. *Education and Information Technologies*, 27(3), 2891–2915. <https://link.springer.com/article/10.1007/s10639-022-11555-x>
4. Fernández, R., & Torres, M. (2023). Intelligent tutoring systems in mathematics education: A systematic review. *Computers*, 13(10), 270. <https://www.mdpi.com/2073-431X/13/10/270>
5. Aljohani, N. R., & Al-Khalifa, H. S. (2023). Artificial intelligence in intelligent tutoring systems toward sustainable education. *Smart Learning Environments*, 10(1), 22. <https://slejournal.springeropen.com/articles/10.1186/s40561-023-00260-y>
6. Pardos, Z. A., & Bhandari, S. (2023). Learning gain differences between ChatGPT and human tutor generated algebra hints. *arXiv preprint arXiv:2302.06871*. <https://arxiv.org/abs/2302.06871>
7. Ma, W., Adesope, O. O., Nesbit, J. C., & Liu, Q. (2014). Intelligent tutoring systems and learning outcomes: A meta-analysis. *Journal of Educational Psychology*, 106(4), 901–918. <https://doi.org/10.1037/a0037123>
8. Praxis. (2023). AI tutors outperform traditional teaching methods in groundbreaking Harvard study. Hello Praxis. <https://www.hellopraxis.com/en/praxisnotes/ai-tutors-outperform-traditional-teaching-methods-in-groundbreaking-harvard-study>
9. Stanford Center for Innovations in Learning. (2024). Generative AI for education: How AI tutoring outperforms active learning (SCALE Initiative Report No. 2024-01). Stanford University. <https://scale.stanford.edu/genai/repository/ai-tutoring-outperforms-active-learning>
10. Hernandez, J. (2024, August 15). AI tutors show promise but face limitations in education, studies find. Axios. <https://www.axios.com/2024/08/15/ai-tutors-learning-education-khan-academy-wharton>
11. Leswing, K. (2025, April 12). Andrew Ng's new startup wants to use AI agents to redefine teaching. Business Insider. <https://www.businessinsider.com/andrew-ng-startup-wants-to-use-ai-agents-redefine-teaching-2025-4>

12. Smith, A., & Johnson, L. (2024). Integrating AI into higher education curriculum: Challenges and opportunities. *Journal of Educational Technology*, 15(3), 45-62. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s41686-024-00097-9>
13. Cha, W. K., & Daud, P. (2025). Enhancing early education with artificial intelligence: A comparative study of AI-powered learning versus traditional methods. *International Journal of Academic Research in Business and Social Sciences*, 15(2). https://hrmars.com/papers_submitted/24690/enhancing-early-education-with-artificial-intelligence-a-comparative-study-of-ai-powered-learning-versus-traditional-methods.pdf
14. Alharbi, M. A., & Chen, L. (2023). Artificial intelligence in early childhood education: A systematic review. *Postaxial Journal of Educational Technology*, 8(1), 4560. <https://journal.amorfati.id/index.php/postaxial/article/view/279/122>
15. Zawacki-Richter, O., Marín, V. I., Bond, M., & Gouverneur, F. (2023). Systematic review of research on artificial intelligence applications in higher education - Where are the educators? *Education Sciences*, 13(3), 343. <https://doi.org/10.3390/educsci15030343>
16. Ahmad, S. F., Alam, M. M., Rahmat, M. K., Mubarik, M. S., & Hyder, S. I. (2023). Application of artificial intelligence (AI) in educational management. *International Journal of Educational Technology in Higher Education*, 20(1), 25. <https://doi.org/10.1186/s41239-023-00392-8>

ANNEXURES

The following survey questions were administered to participants to Compare AI-powered and traditional learning experience. Raw data and elaborate answers are available on request.

1. What is your current level of education?
2. Have you used AI-powered educational tools (e.g., ChatGPT, Khan Academy AI, Coursera AI tutors)?
3. How frequently do you use AI-based educational tools for studying?
4. Compared to professor-led learning, do AI-powered tutors provide equal or better explanations of complex topics?
5. In your experience, which method has helped you retain information better?
6. Have you experienced increased stress or anxiety when using AI-powered education due to lack of human interaction?
7. How much does AI-powered education improve or hinder your learning speed?
8. Do you feel more motivated to study when using AI-powered educational tools compared to traditional methods?
9. How often do you experience frustration when AI-powered tutors fail to understand your queries correctly?
10. Do you think AI tutors improve your ability to focus during self-paced learning?
11. How do you perceive your academic performance when using AI-powered education compared to traditional teaching?
12. Based on your experience, which learning method is more effective for exam preparation?