

From Learning Companion to Learning Threat: Examining ChatGPT's Trustworthiness in the Classroom

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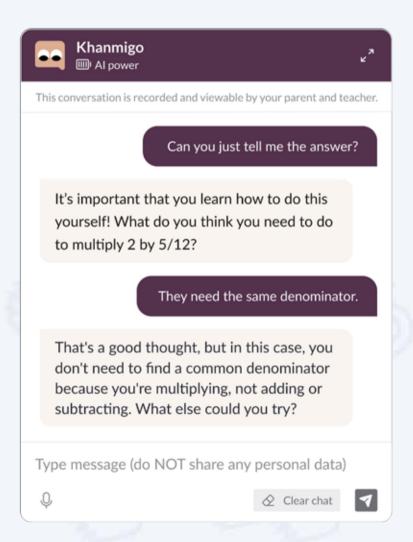
This talk will highlight some concerns with the trustworthiness of Al tools and discuss how it impacts student's learning.





Applications of AI in Education

Personalised / Adaptive
 Learning – Al Tutor
 (Khan Academy)





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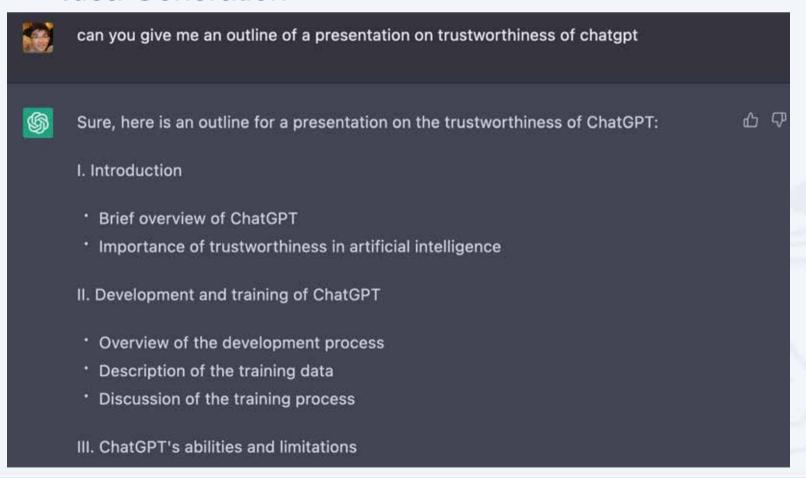
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                         'answer' ⇒ 'Answer',
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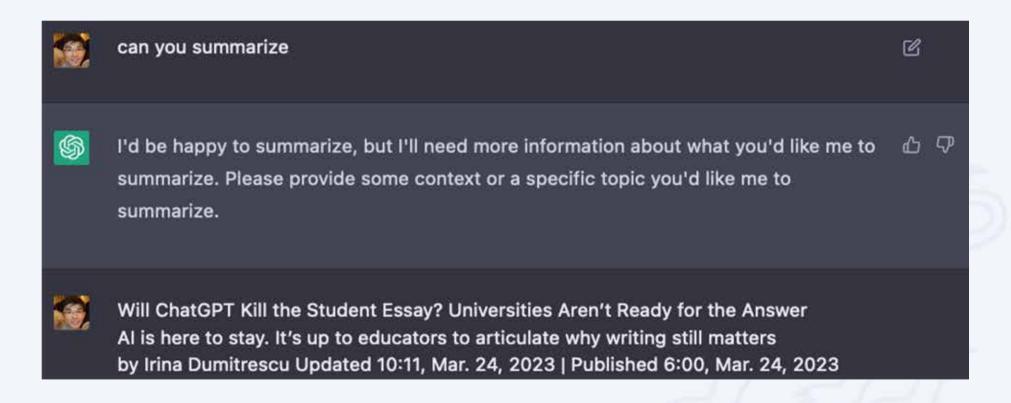
Idea Generation





Applications of AI in Education

Summarisation / Digest information much faster







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Yes, you can say that AI has led to the fastest evolution in education since ChatGPT. However, it is important to note that there are other AI-based educational technologies that have also contributed to this evolution. ChatGPT is just one example of how AI is transforming the education landscape. It is also worth noting that the pace of innovation and evolution in education will likely continue to accelerate as AI technology continues to advance and be integrated into new and innovative educational tools and platforms.



When There Was No Al ...

Students need to understand how things are done

- Understand what is right/wrong.
- Instructors need to ensure that this learning objective is fulfilled.

Process of learning is painful, tedious, and timeconsuming

 Process is not efficient, learning often happens through failure.



How Al Has Changed Learning?

Made us more productive in learning

 AI (e.g. ChatGPT) as a highly informed assistant that has learned all the information from the web.

Always available assistant

- Learning companion that is not restricted to the classroom.
- Do not have to wait for a human teacher.



Students Getting Excited About Al...

"Take a look at what ChatGPT has produced..."

Oh wow! We have never seen something like this before...



Image generated using DALL-E (AI image generation service)



Gotcha?!

Oh wait... the result does not seem correct

Danger of "learning" the wrong thing

- Students learning for the first time would not be able to differentiate between what is correct or wrong.
- Issue exacerbated because most of the results of ChatGPT are good.
- Students get the wrong impression that the output is always correct since it is doing a good job most of the time.



Learning Threat?

Regardless of correct/wrong output, students might not appreciate what type of training they need

- We often learn better through failures.
- While AI seems to be a shortcut to learning but is it really helping students to learn?

Are we training students to be expert users of Al tools or are we teaching them to be problem solvers?

Has the skills of workers shifted to be about "Prompt Engineering" instead?



Food For Thoughts

What is the objective of education, classroom learning, assessments, projects, etc?

 Sometimes it is the process that matters rather than the final output.

If we are not trained to tackle the tasks on our own and Al were to take care of this problem-solving, does it justify our value?

How are we protecting ourselves to be replaced by AI?



Food For Thoughts

Is the focus of education about being skillful Al tools users?

- Any YouTuber with hours of ChatGPT usage can become an expert user of ChatGPT!
- Letting AI automate things so that learners can take the backseat feels like we are going backwards in learning.
- What is there to stop someone who graduated earlier (in the era without AI) to take up these tools to turbo boost their productivity further?



Realistically What Then Is The Role Of Al In Education?

- **☑** Good for ideation
- X Not ideal to be used wholesale as the final form
- Learning companion
- X Teacher replacement
- Definition of right/wrong might not be the same when we talk about humanities/ethics-related topics
 - Al models are data-driven (learned from data).
 - Real-world decision making might be based on principles ("what defines being human?").