



Research Proposal - Forecasting AI Research Trends: A Multi-Method Approach

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► Research Statement: The Challenges of Rapid AI Evolution



Situation

AI research is advancing at an unprecedented pace.



Problem

Researchers face difficulties staying current with emerging trends.



Solution

Develop a systematic approach to predict future AI research directions.

Research Question: "How can knowledge mining techniques be utilized to predict emerging trends in AI research?"

► Existing Research on AI Trends



Nature Machine Intelligence (2023)

A graph-based benchmark for AI forecasting.



Future Healthcare Journal (2024)

Bibliometric analysis of AI in healthcare.



PNAS (2020)

Semantic & neural networks to predict quantum physics trends.



Frontiers in AI (2024)

AI in the Internet of Medical Things (IoMT).

Note: studies split between NLP and Bibliometric approaches

► Data Sources

Data Source	Data Use
<u>ArXiv</u>	Pre-Prints of AI research papers
<u>Semantic Scholar</u>	AI search for academic papers
<u>Microsoft Academic Graph</u>	Metadata and citation data
<u>Google Scholar</u>	Citation trends and influential papers
<u>Scopus / Web of Science</u>	Review AI papers and citation analysis
<u>ACL Anthology</u>	NLP and computational linguistic research
<u>IEEE Xplore</u>	AI research in engineering and science

► Knowledge Mining Methods



Topic Modeling

Identifies trending AI topics to find research trends.



Citation Network Analysis

Find influential papers to map AI knowledge flow.



Time Series Forecasting

Predicts future trends, used to forecast AI subfields.



Knowledge Graphs

Structures research knowledge to link AI concepts overtime.

► Expected Outcomes

- 01 Identify the current hot topics in AI research**
- 02 Map the flow of influential ideas and papers**
- 03 Predict emerging subfields and future research directions**
- 04 Provide a structured knowledge framework for AI researchers**

► References

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