Concept Note

AI Textbook Tutor: Interactive PDF-Based Learning Assistant

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1 Introduction

Quality education and personalized learning remain significant challenges worldwide, especially when it comes to efficient use of textbooks. Traditional study methods are time-consuming and costly. AI Textbook Tutor addresses these challenges by providing an interactive AI assistant that allows learners to upload any textbook PDF and chat with it like a personal tutor.
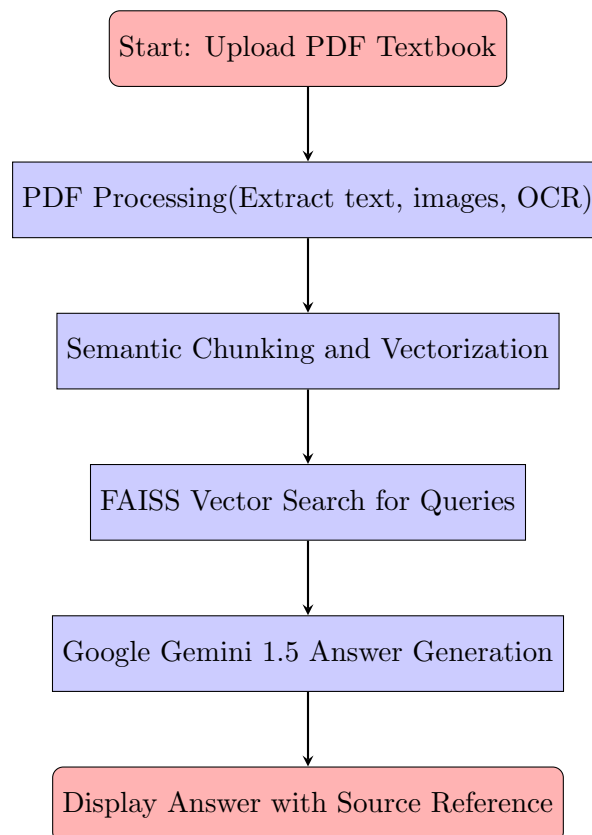
2 Problem Statement

- Students spend excessive time searching textbooks manually.

- Diagrams, charts, and math content are difficult to interpret without expert help.

- Generic AI assistants provide generic answers with no textbook grounding.

- Private tutoring is expensive and inaccessible to many.

3 Proposed Solution

AI Textbook Tutor enables users to upload PDFs and engage in chat-based Q&A that understands text, images, and formulas, leveraging Retrieval-Augmented Generation powered by Google Gemini 1.5.

4 System Workflow

Start: Upload PDF Textbook

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PDF Processing(Extract text, images, OCR)

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Semantic Chunking and Vectorization

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FAISS Vector Search for Queries

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Google Gemini 1.5 Answer Generation

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Display Answer with Source Reference

5 Key Features

- Multimodal understanding: text, diagrams, mathematical formulas

- OCR support for scanned documents

- Context-aware semantic search with vector embeddings

- Streamlit UI for easy upload and interactive chat

- Grounded answers with page and source references

6 Technology Stack

Component	Technology
Frontend	Streamlit
PDF & Image Processing	PyMuPDF, Pillow, OpenCV
OCR	Tesseract
Embeddings & Search	sentence-transformers, FAISS
Language Model (LLM)	Google Gemini 1.5 (Vision + Text)
Environment	Python 3.8+, dotenv

7 Installation & Usage

1. Clone the repository: `git clone <repository-url>`

2. Navigate to the project directory: `cd ai-textbook-tutor`

3. Install dependencies: `pip install -r requirements.txt`

4. Create a `.env` file and add your API key: `GEMINI_API_KEY=your_api_key_here`

5. Run the app: `streamlit run app.py`

Upload a PDF, wait for processing, then ask questions via chat.

8 Limitations

- Retrieval less accurate on very large or complex books.

- Initial processing time for large PDFs can be several minutes.

- Free-tier API limits constrain usage.

9 Planned Improvements

- Smarter chunking and retrieval strategies.

- UI improvements: chat history, page previews.

- Support for books larger than 500 pages.

- Multi-agent extensions: Teaching Assistant, Progress Tracker, Quiz Generator.
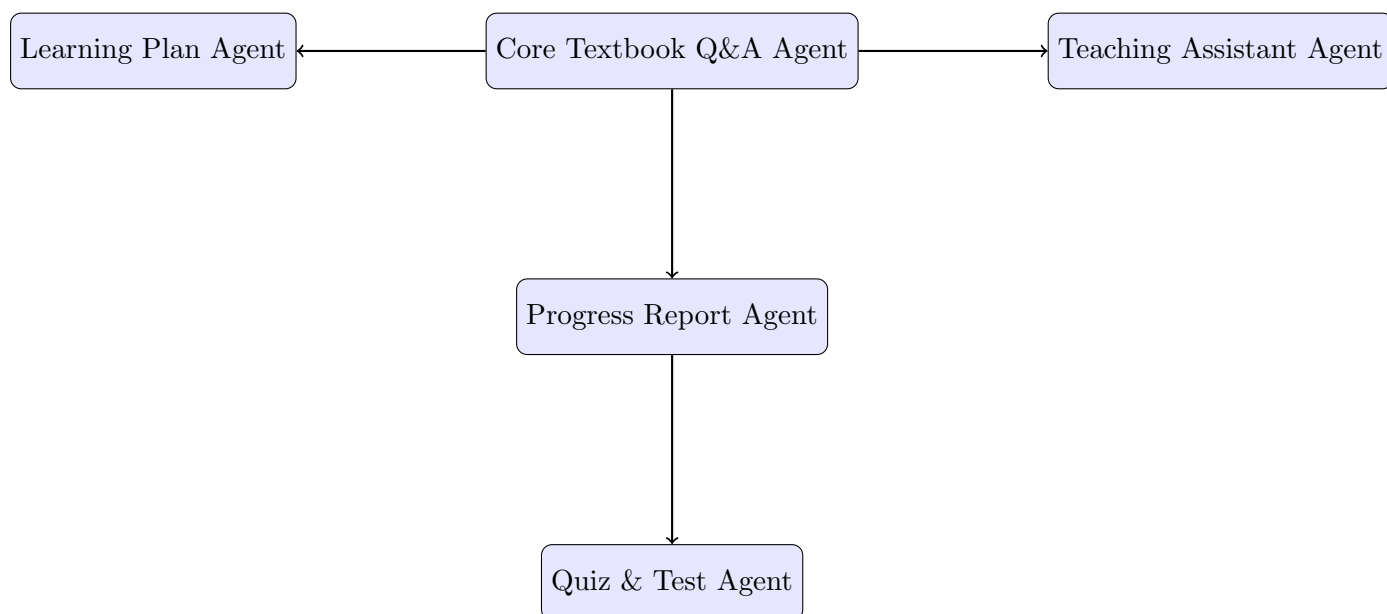
10 Market Opportunity and Customers

Primary customers include students, educators, lifelong learners, institutions, and edtech companies.

11 Revenue Model

Freemium tiers, institutional licensing, API access, and enterprise custom solutions.

12 Additional Flowchart: Multi-Agent Future Vision

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Learning Plan Agent  <---  Core Textbook Q&A Agent  --->  Teaching Assistant Agent
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                                    v
                            Progress Report Agent
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                             Quiz & Test Agent
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13 Conclusion

AI Textbook Tutor leverages cutting-edge multimodal AI and retrieval-augmented generation to revolutionize how learners interact with textbooks. It enables personalized, source-grounded academic support accessible to students and educators worldwide.