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Exploring the Parameters of VR in Education: Clustering Analysis of VR Learning Patterns and Student Profiles

Abstract - This study explores the integration of Virtual Reality (VR) in educational settings, focusing on clustering analysis of VR learning patterns and student profiles to optimize educational outcomes. VR technology provides immersive and interactive learning experiences, offering potential to enhance student engagement and knowledge retention. Using a dataset of 5,000 observations, this research investigates key distinguishing features between high-performing and low-performing clusters, variations in cluster characteristics across different regional and support system contexts, correlations between VR engagement levels and academic outcomes, and the impact of instructor VR proficiency on student performance. Initial findings reveal no significant differences across student profiles, no notable improvements in academic outcomes, engagement, or creativity, and minimal influence of instructor VR proficiency. These results suggest that while VR holds promise, its current impact in educational contexts remains limited.

1. Introduction:

Virtual Reality (VR) is transforming education by offering immersive and interactive learning experiences. As VR technology becomes more accessible, there is a growing need to understand how it can be effectively integrated into classrooms. Clustering analysis of VR learning patterns and student profiles is emerging as a powerful approach to identify how students engage with VR content and optimize these interactions for better educational outcomes.

Recent studies highlight the diverse applications and benefits of VR in education. Radianti et al. (2020) demonstrated VR's potential to enhance understanding of complex scientific concepts in STEM education. Makransky et al. (2019) found that VR reduces cognitive load and increases emotional engagement, making learning more effective and enjoyable. Similarly, Parong and Mayer (2018) emphasized the importance of designing VR experiences that are immersive yet pedagogically sound.

This research bridges technology and traditional education, offering a fresh perspective on enhancing learning experiences. By analyzing VR learning patterns and student profiles, educators can develop personalized and effective teaching strategies, ultimately making education more engaging and inclusive while evaluating its actual impact on learning outcomes.

2. Virtual Reality:

Virtual Reality (VR) is a technology that creates simulated environments, immersing users in a digital world. By wearing a VR headset, users can feel as though they are exploring diverse settings, from the surface of Mars to the intricate structures of a human cell. This immersive experience is enabled by hardware, such as headsets and controllers, that track movements and adjust visuals in real-time to provide a 360-degree perspective.

Beyond gaming, VR has applications in education, healthcare, real estate, and design. In education, it enables interactive learning experiences, making complex topics more accessible and engaging. The combination of immersion and interactivity makes VR a transformative tool for various industries, including architecture and engineering, where professionals can visualize projects in three-dimensional spaces before implementation.

3. Prior Research on the Effectiveness and Integration of VR in Education:

Extensive research has explored the potential of VR to enhance educational experiences by improving engagement, motivation, and knowledge retention. Merchant et al. (2020) conducted a systematic review highlighting the importance of personalized VR experiences tailored to diverse learning styles.

Jensen and Konradsen (2018) found that VR significantly enhances student interest and information retention, though they also noted challenges in integrating VR into traditional frameworks. Similarly, Checa and Bustillo (2019) used clustering algorithms to analyze student profiles in VR-based education. Their findings suggested that students with similar profiles demonstrated comparable learning outcomes, emphasizing VR's adaptability to diverse needs.

These studies establish a strong foundation for understanding VR's educational benefits and challenges, while highlighting the need for further research to refine VR's application. This includes making VR more effective, accessible, and inclusive as a tool for modern education.

4. Description of Data:

We got the relevant dataset from Kaggle(https://www.kaggle.com/datasets/waqi786/impact-of-virtual-reality-on-education/data). It contains some relevant parameters which help to analyze the impact of virtual reality (VR) on education, highlighting its potential to enhance learning experiences across various subjects.

Total Observations: 5000

Total Variables: 20(Categorical: 18, Numeric: 2)

A snap of the variables and few rows from the dataframe is shared below:

	Student_ID	Age	Gender	Grade_Level	Field_of_Study	Usage_of_VR_in_Education	Hours_of_VR_Usage_Per_Week	Engagement_Level	Improvement_in_Learning_Outcomes	Subject
0	STUD0001	13	Non-binary	Postgraduate	Science	No	6	1	Yes	Computer Science
1	STUD0002	16	Non-binary	Undergraduate	Medicine	No	6	1	Yes	Math
2	STUD0003	15	Prefer not to say	High School	Science	No	4	5	Yes	Art
3	STUD0004	24	Female	Postgraduate	Engineering	Yes	2	4	No	Economics
4	STUD0005	22	Non-binary	Undergraduate	Arts	Yes	10	3	No	Art
5	STUD0006	28	Male	High School	Science	Yes	10	5	No	Economics
6	STUD0007	19	Male	Undergraduate	Business	Yes	9	4	Yes	History
7	STUD0008	19	Male	High School	Education	No	1	5	No	Physics
8	STUD0009	29	Non-binary	Undergraduate	Law	Yes	0	2	Yes	Computer Science
9	STUD0010	16	Prefer not to say	Postgraduate	Engineering	Yes	10	5	Yes	Art

5. Data Preprocessing:

To avoid getting inaccurate results due to inconsistencies, errors or irrelevant information in the raw data, we followed the following crucial steps to pre-process data:

- Missing Values: The dataset has 0 missing values.

- Noise: There were only 2 numerical data which we checked and didn't get any outlier that can alter the actual insights.
- Inconsistencies: No error found due to wrong formatting or data entry which could create mismatches.
- Data Suitability: Few of the columns contain numerical values, which are basically ordinal variables. We ensured proper variable transformation where necessary.

The overview of the data set:

	Age	Hours_of_VR_Usage_Per_Week
count	5000.000000	5000.000000
mean	21.182200	5.025400
std	5.461957	3.140816
min	12.000000	0.000000
25%	16.000000	2.000000
50%	21.000000	5.000000
75%	26.000000	8.000000
max	30.000000	10.000000

Student_ID	object
Age	int64
Gender	object
Grade_Level	object
Field_of_Study	object
Usage_of_VR_in_Education	object
Hours_of_VR_Usage_Per_Week	int64
Engagement_Level	object
Improvement_in_Learning_Outcomes	object
Subject	object
Instructor_VR_Proficiency	object
Perceived_Effectiveness_of_VR	object
Access_to_VR_Equipment	object
Impact_on_Creativity	object
Stress_Level_with_VR_Usage	object
Collaboration_with_Peers_via_VR	object
Feedback_from_Educators_on_VR	object
Interest_in_Continuing_VR_Based_Learning	object
Region	object
School_Support_for_VR_in_Curriculum	object

Image 5.1: Data set overview

6. Exploratory Data Analysis:

We started with EDA to understand the structure, patterns, and anomalies in our dataset.

At first, our goal was to identify what percentage of the total students are using VR for their educational purposes. We discovered that the segment is quite good with more than 50% of the students.

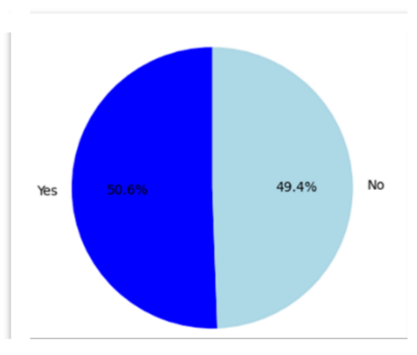

Image 6.1: VR Usage Percentages

Then, we wanted to understand the underlying distribution of VR usage hours. And, we got this,

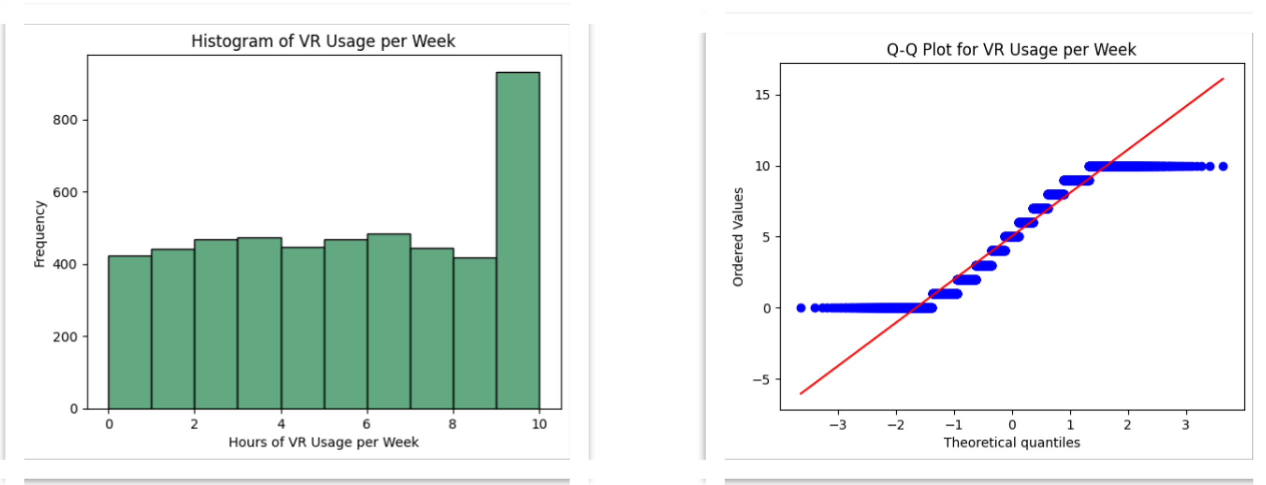

Image 6.2: Distribution of VR Usage Hours (histogram and Q-Q Plot)

The histogram shows a non-symmetric distribution, suggesting potential skewness or that a large number of users have very high VR usage. The Q-Q plot further supports this, as points significantly deviate from the red diagonal line, particularly in the tails, indicating that the data does not follow a normal distribution.

6.1: VR Usage Patterns by Subject:

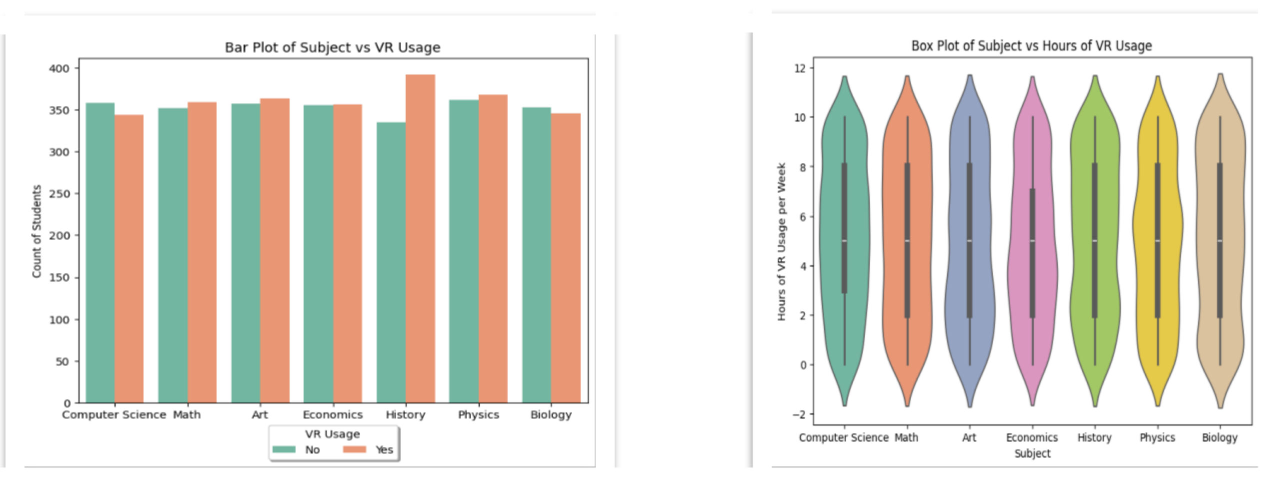

Image 6.3: VR Usage Patterns by Subject (Bar and Violin Plot)

The bar plot shows that the count of students using VR is consistent across subjects, with a slight preference for non-VR usage in most subjects. The violin plot reveals that the distribution of hours of VR usage per week is fairly similar across subjects, with a median usage of around 4-5 hours. Some variability exists in usage patterns, as indicated by the spread of the distributions, but no significant outliers or extreme values are visible.

6.2: VR Usage Patterns by Field of Study:

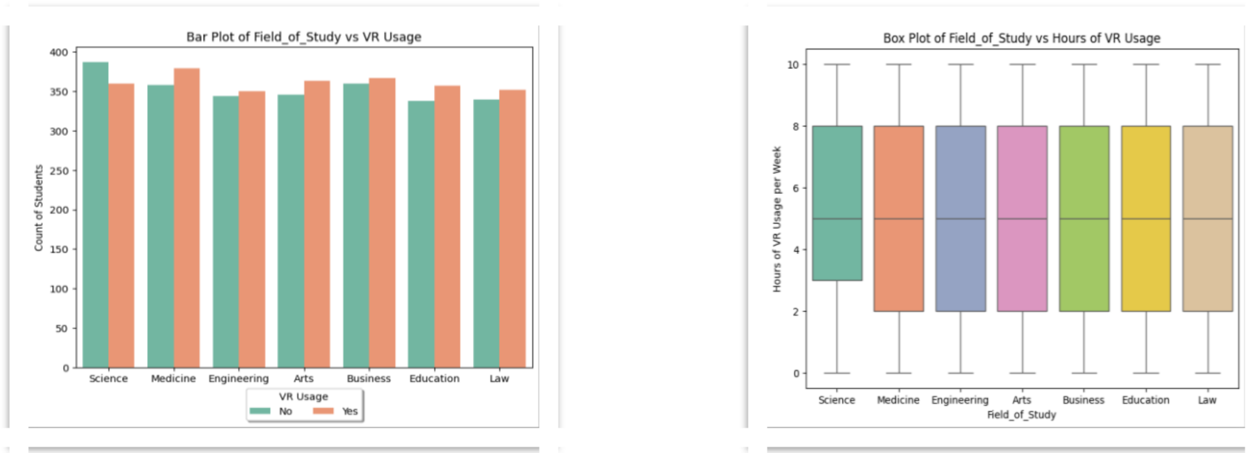

Image 6.4: VR Usage Patterns by Field of Study (Bar and Box Plot)

The bar plot shows that VR usage is evenly distributed across fields of study, with slightly more users in fields like Medicine and Law. The box plot reveals that the hours of VR usage per week are consistent across all fields, with medians around 4-6 hours. There is a similar spread of VR usage across all fields, with no significant outliers or extreme variations.

<u>6.3: VR Usage Patterns by Grade level:</u>

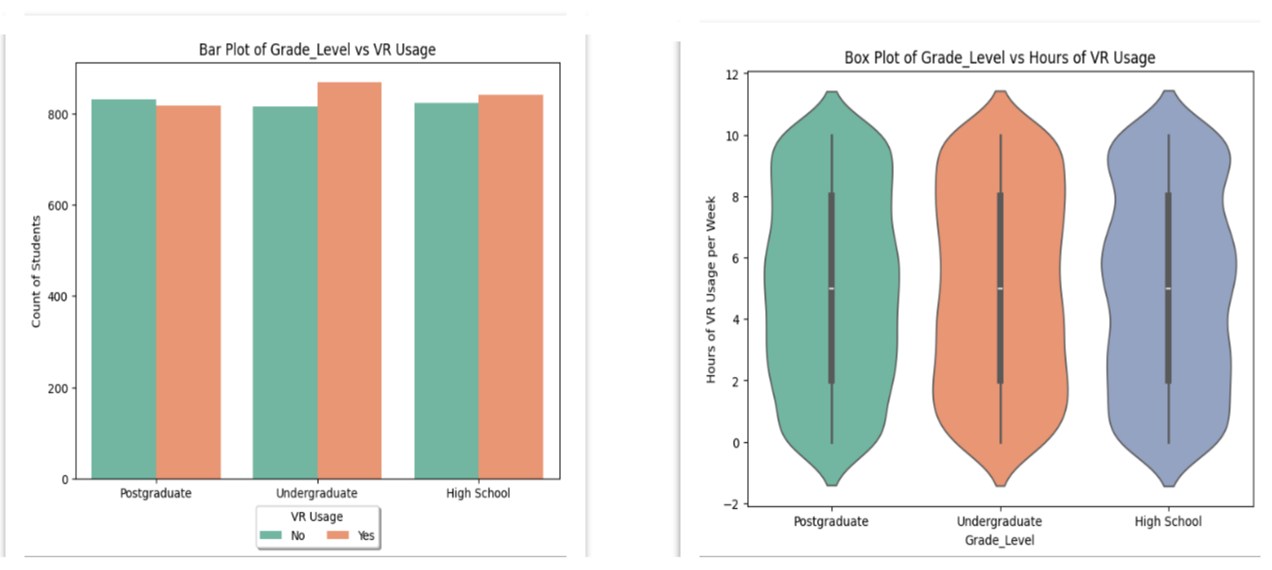

Image 6.5: VR Usage Patterns by Grade Level (Bar and Violin Plot)

From the bar plot on the left, we observe that the count of VR users ("Yes") and non-users ("No") is relatively balanced across all grade levels (Postgraduate, Undergraduate, and High School). However, the undergraduate group has slightly higher VR usage compared to other grade levels.

The violin plot on the right shows the distribution of hours of VR usage per week for each grade level. Across all groups, the median usage is close to zero, suggesting most students spend minimal time on VR weekly. However, the distribution is wider for undergraduates, indicating a more diverse usage pattern, including students who spend significant time using VR.

7. Hypothesis Testing to Analyze Relationships Among Variables and Assess Their Statistical Significance

We performed hypothesis testing is to explore and validate the relationships between different variable pairs in the dataset to determine whether these relationships are statistically significant and to evaluate patterns or associations, ensuring they are not due to random chance.

7.1: Relationship between VR Usage and Gender

To determine whether VR usage is associated with gender, we conducted a Chi-Square test. The analysis resulted in a p-value of 0.39, which is greater than the significance level of 0.05. Based on this result, we concluded that there is no statistically significant association between VR usage and gender.

To examine whether there is a significant difference in the mean VR usage hours across genders, we performed an ANOVA test. The test yielded a p-value of 0.23, which is greater than the significance level of 0.05. Thus, we concluded that there is no statistically significant difference in VR usage hours across genders.

7.2: Relationship between VR Usage and Subject

A Chi-Square test was conducted to determine if VR usage is associated with the subject of study. The test resulted in a p-value of 0.63, which is greater than the significance level of 0.05. This indicates that there is no statistically significant association between VR usage and the subject of study.

An ANOVA test was performed to examine whether there is a significant difference in the mean VR usage hours across subjects. The test produced a p-value of 0.395, which is greater than the significance level of 0.05. This suggests that there is no statistically significant difference in VR usage hours across subjects.

7.3: Relationship between VR Usage and Academic Outcome

A Chi-Square test was conducted to assess whether academic outcome is associated with VR usage. The test yielded a p-value of 0.84, which is greater than the significance level of 0.05. Therefore, we conclude that there is no statistically significant association between academic outcome and VR usage.

A logistic regression analysis was conducted to determine whether VR usage hours significantly predict academic outcomes. The resulting p-value of 0.856, which is greater than the significance level of 0.05, indicates that the number of hours of VR usage per week does not significantly predict academic outcomes in this dataset.

7.4: Relationship between VR Usage and Engagement Level

A Chi-Square test was performed to evaluate whether engagement level is associated with VR usage. The test resulted in a p-value of 0.75, which is greater than the significance level of 0.05. Thus, we conclude that there is no statistically significant association between engagement level and VR usage.

A linear regression analysis was conducted to determine if VR usage hours significantly influence engagement levels. The resulting p-value of 0.679, which is greater than the significance level of 0.05, indicates that VR usage hours do not have a statistically significant influence on engagement levels.

7.5: Relationship between Instructor VR Efficiency and VR Usage

A Chi-Square test was conducted to assess whether instructor VR efficiency is associated with the perceived effectiveness of VR. The test produced a p-value of 0.41, which is greater than the significance level of 0.05. Therefore, we conclude that there is no statistically significant association between instructor VR efficiency and perceived effectiveness of VR.

A Chi-Square test was conducted to determine if instructor VR efficiency is associated with students' interest in continuing VR-based learning. The test yielded a p-value of 0.54, which is greater than the significance level of 0.05. Therefore, we conclude that there is no statistically significant association between instructor VR efficiency and students' interest in continuing VR-based learning.

8. SMART Questions:

SMART questions help uncover underlying patterns and insights by providing clear, focused objectives that guide data exploration and analysis. We designed four SMART questions to examine relationships among different parameters, their statistical significance, and to determine whether using VR has had any significant impact from various perspectives.

Question-1:

How does the instructor's VR proficiency affect students' improvement in learning outcomes?

Answer:

With the objective of examining the relationship between instructor's VR proficiency and students' improvement in learning outcomes, a one-way ANOVA test was performed. The data was first grouped by instructor VR proficiency, and the improvement in learning outcomes was analyzed across these groups.

The ANOVA test resulted in a p-value of 0.972 and an F-statistic of 0.280. Since the p-value is much greater than the significance level of 0.05, we conclude that there is no statistically significant relationship between instructor's VR proficiency and students' improvement in learning outcomes. Therefore, instructor VR proficiency does not appear to significantly influence students' improvement in learning outcomes in this dataset.

Question-2:

What are the key distinguishing features between high-performing and low-performing clusters?

Answer:

In an educational system, high-performing clusters consist of students who achieve consistently superior outcomes compared to others. These clusters often set benchmarks for academic excellence and demonstrate strong critical thinking, problem-solving, and collaborative skills.

Low-performing clusters, on the other hand, are characterized by consistently below-average outcomes. These groups often struggle with issues like lower student engagement, higher dropout rates, and poor performance on standardized tests.

Our objective was to investigate whether there are disparities in features between high-performing and low-performing clusters across various VR-related parameters such as VR usage (whether the student uses VR or not), hours spent using VR, and interest in continuing VR-based learning. This is an unsupervised learning method, as there are no predefined labels for high or low performance. So, these clusters were created based on patterns identified in the data. To assess performance, it is essential to define performance indicators. When we look at our dataset, we identified 3 parameters that we can consider:

- Engagement_Level
- Improvement_in_Learning_Outcomes
- Impact_on_Creativity

As the dataset is relatively small and the number of clusters is predetermined, we used the computationally efficient K-means clustering method, which is particularly suitable for such scenarios because it quickly partitions the data into distinct groups based on predefined cluster counts. Two clusters were created, and the quality of clustering was evaluated using the silhouette score, a metric that assesses how well each data point lies within its assigned cluster. The *silhouette score* was 0.35, indicating moderate separation with some overlap between clusters, meaning the clustering is better than random but not strongly distinct.

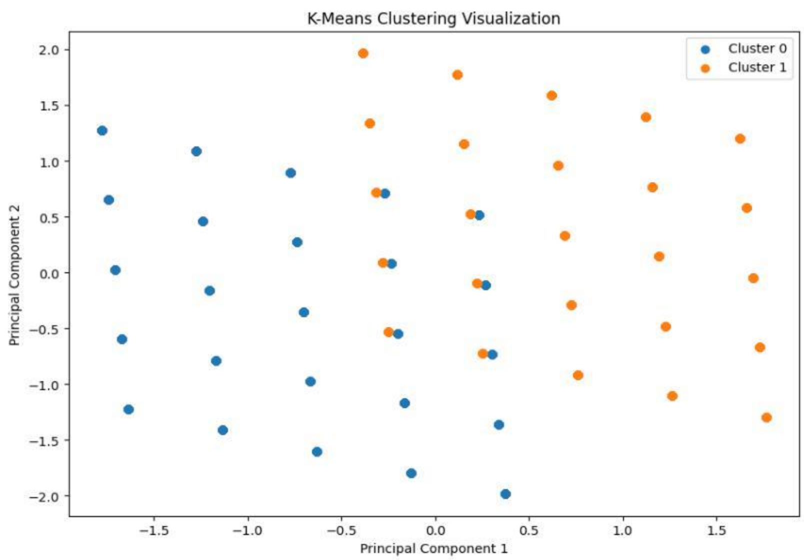

Image 8.1: High and Low Performing Clusters using K-Means

We then performed statistical t-tests on selected features to determine if there were significant differences between the high- and low-performing clusters. The resulting p-values were as follows:

Feature Name	p-value
Usage_of_VR_in_Education	0.82
Hours_of_VR_Usage_Per_Week	0.86
Instructor_VR_Proficiency	0.97
Access_to_VR_Equipment	0.57
Collaboration_with_Peers_via_VR	0.01
Stress_Level_with_VR_Usage	0.62
Feedback_from_Educators_on_VR	0.51
Interest_in_Continuing_VR_Based_Learning	0.99
Perceived_Effectiveness_of_VR	0.26

Table 8.1: Resulting p-values for high- and low-performing clusters

From the p-values, we are observing that "Collaboration with Peers via VR" is the only feature that significantly distinguishes the high-performing and low-performing clusters. Other features showed no significant differences.

Next, we conducted an in-depth analysis and statistical testing on various student attributes, such as gender, grade level, field of study, region, and school support systems, to determine if there were any significant differences between the high- and low-performing clusters.

From the resulting p-values, we observed a significant difference in VR usage for education based on gender. No significant differences were found in grade level. However, for field of study, school support systems, and region, VR usage significantly differed between the high- and low-performing clusters, similar to gender. Additionally, in the regional context, collaboration with peers via VR also showed a significant difference.

Although we expected there to be differences in features between high and low-performing clusters, the detailed analysis showed that no visual or statistical differences exist between them.

<u>Question-3:</u>

How do cluster characteristics vary across different regional and support system contexts?

Answer:

The objective was to analyze how cluster characteristics vary across different regional and support system contexts.

In our dataset, there are 6 regions representing 6 continents. Comparing from a regional context in statistical testing is important because regional factors, such as access to resources, cultural differences, and varying educational support systems, can significantly influence student performance and behavior. Regional disparities can uncover trends or patterns that might be masked in a broader analysis, helping to identify specific needs or opportunities for targeted interventions. Additionally, understanding regional context ensures that findings are more applicable and relevant to different areas, allowing for more effective policy decisions and resource allocation.

From the ANOVA test for regional context, we found that "Collaboration with Peers via VR" significantly varies across regions. Other variables showed no significant regional variation. This we can consider a good one because all the students of the region are getting similar opportunities and responding the same way. If the dataset had more granular breakdown, like sub-continents or countries of the regional data, we might have observed in-depth insights here.

Feature Name	**p-value**
Usage_of_VR_in_Education	0.81
Hours_of_VR_Usage_Per_Week	0.31
Instructor_VR_Proficiency	0.61
Access_to_VR_Equipment	0.77
Collaboration_with_Peers_via_VR	0.01
Stress_Level_with_VR_Usage	0.26
Feedback_from_Educators_on_VR	0.78
Interest_in_Continuing_VR_Based_Learning	0.72
Perceived_Effectiveness_of_VR	0.08

Table 8.2: Resulting p-values for Regional Context

We also performed a t-test for the support system-based context and found that none of the variables exhibited significant variation, suggesting that support systems may not strongly differentiate the characteristics of VR usage in education.

Feature Name	p-value
Usage_of_VR_in_Education	0.74
Hours_of_VR_Usage_Per_Week	0.76
Instructor_VR_Proficiency	0.2
Access_to_VR_Equipment	0.5
Collaboration_with_Peers_via_VR	0.29
Stress_Level_with_VR_Usage	0.78
Feedback_from_Educators_on_VR	0.27
Interest_in_Continuing_VR_Based_Learning	0.82
Perceived_Effectiveness_of_VR	0.68

Table 8.2: Resulting p-values for Support System Context

<u>Question-4:</u>

How do engagement levels in VR correlate with academic outcomes within each identified cluster?

Answer:

The objective of this study is to investigate how engagement levels in Virtual Reality (VR) correlate with academic outcomes within each identified cluster. By analyzing the relationship between VR engagement and academic performance, we aim to understand the effectiveness of VR as an educational tool and identify strategies to enhance learning experiences across different student profiles. To investigate the correlation between engagement levels in virtual reality (VR) and academic outcomes, the dataset was first preprocessed by encoding categorical variables and handling missing values.

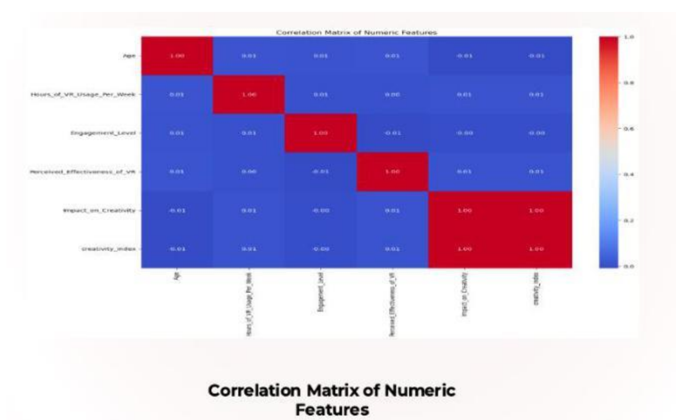

Image8.2: Correlation Matrix of Numeric Features

Using KMeans clustering, students were segmented into five distinct clusters based on their VR usage, engagement levels, and other key features. Each cluster represents students with varying patterns of VR interaction and demographic profiles.

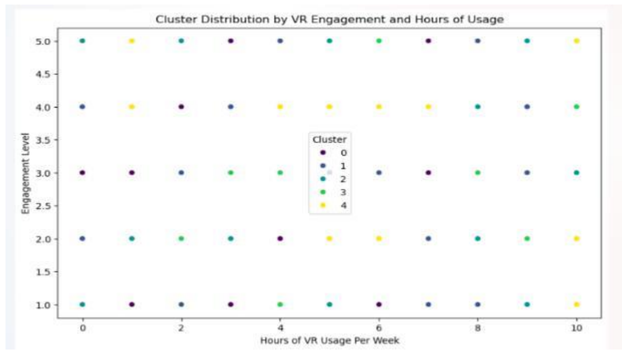

Image 8.3: Clusters based on Engagement Levels

For each cluster, a linear regression model was trained to predict academic improvement outcomes based on VR engagement and other variables. The metrics mean squared error (MSE) and R-squared (R^2) were calculated for each model to evaluate prediction accuracy and the explanatory power of the features within each cluster.

Cluster 0 - Correlation between Engagement Level and Academic Outcomes:
Engagement_Level = 1.000000
Improvement_in_Learning_Outcomes = -0.037576

Cluster 1 - Correlation between Engagement Level and Academic Outcomes:
Engagement_Level = 1.000000
Improvement_in_Learning_Outcomes = 0.021024

Cluster 2 - Correlation between Engagement Level and Academic Outcomes:
Engagement_Level = 1.000000
Improvement_in_Learning_Outcomes = 0.028056

Cluster 3 - Correlation between Engagement Level and Academic Outcomes:
Engagement_Level = 1.00000
Improvement_in_Learning_Outcomes = -0.01695

Cluster 4 - Correlation between Engagement Level and Academic Outcomes:
Engagement_Level = 1.000000
Improvement_in_Learning_Outcomes = -0.051333

Correlation results per cluster using Random Forest

Image 8.4: Correlation Results using Random Forest

The analysis found the following:

Cluster-wise R^2 values indicated low explanatory power, suggesting limited predictive strength of the regression model for academic outcomes based on engagement levels alone.

MSE values were consistent across clusters but highlighted variability in prediction error.

<u>Correlation findings:</u> The analysis of cluster-specific data suggested that engagement in VR had weak or negligible direct correlations with academic outcomes. Additional variables, such as field of study,

instructor support, and access to VR equipment, likely play a significant role in determining academic outcomes.

The results suggest that engagement levels alone may not significantly influence academic improvement. Future work could focus on incorporating additional contextual variables, such as curriculum integration or personalized learning strategies, to better explain academic outcomes across clusters.

9. Limitations :

Our analysis of the dataset revealed several challenges and constraints, which may have influenced the outcomes. These limitations provide opportunities for further in-depth research and improvement:

1. Small Sample Size: The dataset consists of only 5,000 observations, which is insufficient to draw robust and generalizable conclusions about the impact of this emerging technology in education. A larger, more diverse data set would allow for deeper insights and more reliable statistical analyses.

2. Computational Constraints: Due to the computational limitations of using a local laptop, advanced analytical methods, such as deep learning models or computationally intensive simulations, could not be performed. Access to high-performance computing resources would enable more sophisticated analyses in future studies.

3. Granularity of Data: The dataset provided regional-level information, which lacks the granularity needed to explore local variations or specific subpopulations. Granular data, such as subcontinent-level or country-level observations, would allow for a more detailed understanding of variations and trends.

4. Contextual Data Limitations: The dataset lacks additional contextual variables that could enhance the analysis, such as socio-economic indicators, student demographics, or teacher readiness to adopt new technologies. Including such variables could provide a more holistic view of the factors influencing outcomes.

5. Biases in the Data: Potential biases in data collection or sampling were not explicitly addressed. For instance, regional-level data might overrepresent certain areas or exclude marginalized populations, skewing the results.

By addressing these limitations in future research, it will be possible to overcome the current challenges and generate more reliable, detailed, and actionable insights.

10. Future Scope of Research:

The findings from this study provide a foundational understanding of the integration of Virtual Reality (VR) in educational settings and its impact on student engagement and academic outcomes. However, the results also highlight several areas where further research is needed to fully realize the potential of VR in education. Below are some key directions for future research:

1. Enhancing VR Content and Design:

One of the primary areas for future research is the enhancement of VR content and design. While current VR experiences are immersive, they often lack the pedagogical depth required to significantly impact academic outcomes. Future studies should focus on developing VR content that is not only engaging but also aligned with educational standards and learning objectives. This could involve collaborations between educators, instructional designers, and VR developers to create more effective and educationally sound VR experiences.

2. Personalized Learning Experiences:

The study suggests that personalized VR experiences tailored to individual learning styles can enhance educational outcomes. Future research should explore the use of adaptive learning algorithms within VR environments. These algorithms can dynamically adjust the content and difficulty level based on the student's performance and engagement, providing a more personalized and effective learning experience. This approach could be particularly beneficial for students with diverse learning needs, including those with learning disabilities or special educational requirements.

3. Longitudinal Studies:

Most current research on VR in education is based on short-term studies, which may not fully capture the long-term effects of VR on academic outcomes. Longitudinal studies that track student performance and engagement over extended periods can provide more comprehensive insights into the sustained impact of VR. These studies could also explore how VR integration affects student motivation, retention, and long-term knowledge retention.

4. Integration with Traditional Teaching Methods:

While VR offers unique benefits, it should not replace traditional teaching methods entirely. Future research should focus on integrating VR with existing educational practices to create a blended learning environment. This could involve using VR for specific topics or skills that benefit from immersive learning, while traditional methods are used for other aspects of the curriculum. Studies could explore the optimal balance between VR and traditional teaching to maximize educational outcomes.

5. Instructor Training and Support:

The study found that instructor VR proficiency did not significantly impact student performance. However, this could be due to the limited training and support provided to instructors. Future research should investigate the effectiveness of comprehensive training programs for educators, focusing on how to effectively integrate VR into their teaching practices. This could include workshops, online courses, and ongoing support to help instructors become more proficient in using VR tools.

6. Contextual Factors and Diversity:

The study highlighted the importance of contextual factors, such as regional differences and support systems, in influencing VR usage and academic outcomes. Future research should delve deeper into these contextual factors, exploring how cultural, socioeconomic, and institutional differences affect the integration and effectiveness of VR in education. This could involve comparative studies across different regions, schools, and student populations to identify best practices and challenges in diverse educational contexts.

7. Advanced Analytics and Machine Learning:

The use of advanced analytics and machine learning techniques can provide deeper insights into the relationship between VR engagement and academic outcomes. Future research should explore the application of machine learning algorithms to predict student performance based on VR engagement patterns. This could involve using clustering algorithms to identify more nuanced student profiles and regression models to predict academic outcomes based on a broader range of variables.

8. Ethical and Accessibility Considerations:

As VR technology becomes more integrated into education, it is crucial to address ethical and accessibility considerations. Future research should focus on ensuring that VR tools are accessible to all students, including those with disabilities. This could involve developing VR experiences that are compatible with assistive technologies and exploring the ethical implications of data collection and privacy in VR-based learning environments.

9. Student and Instructor Feedback:

Future research should place a greater emphasis on gathering and analyzing feedback from both students and instructors. Qualitative studies that involve interviews, surveys, and focus groups can provide valuable insights into the user experience and perceived effectiveness of VR in education. This feedback can be used to refine VR content and integration strategies, ensuring that they meet the needs and expectations of both students and educators.

10. Interdisciplinary Collaboration:

The successful integration of VR in education requires interdisciplinary collaboration between educators, technologists, psychologists, and other stakeholders. Future research should foster collaborations across disciplines to develop comprehensive and effective VR-based educational strategies. This could involve joint research projects, conferences, and workshops that bring together experts from different fields to share knowledge and best practices.

11. Conclusion:

The study started with the expectation that it would reveal interesting insights into how VR is significantly impacting education with its huge potential. However, it ultimately revealed that VR does not have a significant impact on education, and further studies are required to understand both its potential and its current limitations. VR technology offers immersive and interactive learning experiences, which can enhance student engagement, motivation, and knowledge retention. Recent studies have highlighted the diverse applications and benefits of VR in various educational contexts, from STEM education to emotional engagement and pedagogically sound design.

Clustering analysis of VR learning patterns and student profiles has shown promise in identifying how different students engage with VR content and optimizing these interactions for better educational outcomes. The study utilized a dataset of 5,000 observations to investigate key distinguishing features between high-performing and low-performing clusters, variations in cluster characteristics across different regional and support system contexts, correlations between VR engagement levels and academic outcomes, and the impact of instructor VR proficiency on student performance.

Initial findings revealed no significant differences across student profiles, no notable improvements in academic outcomes, engagement, or creativity, and minimal influence of instructor VR proficiency. These results suggest that while VR holds promise, its current impact in educational contexts remains limited. The lack of significant differences indicates that VR, as currently implemented, may not be fully leveraging its potential to transform educational experiences.

The study also highlighted the importance of contextual factors, such as regional differences and support systems, in influencing VR usage and academic outcomes. Future research should delve deeper into these contextual factors, exploring how cultural, socioeconomic, and institutional differences affect the integration and effectiveness of VR in education. This could involve comparative studies across different regions, schools, and student populations to identify best practices and challenges in diverse educational contexts. Additionally, future research should focus on developing more personalized and adaptive VR experiences that cater to individual learning needs and preferences, ensuring that VR technology can be effectively integrated into various educational settings.

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