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ABSTRACT

This project investigates how artificial intelligence (AI) is influencing the modern job market by analysing a comprehensive dataset of 30,000 job roles across industries, education levels, and countries. The objective is to identify roles most at risk of automation, understand sectoral differences, and explore whether factors such as salary, education, gender diversity, and remote adaptability contribute to vulnerability. Data was analysed using Python and R for statistical insight, while Tableau was used to create interactive dashboards. The findings reveal that over 30% of jobs are at high risk of automation, with industries like manufacturing and healthcare facing the greatest transformation. This project highlights critical trends that can inform workforce planning and reskilling strategies.

INTRODUCTION

Artificial Intelligence (AI) is rapidly transforming the global job market, reshaping demand for skills, redefining roles, and influencing employment trends across nearly every sector. While AI brings promises of increased efficiency and innovation, it also raises concerns around job displacement and the automation of routine tasks. In this context, understanding how AI is impacting various industries, job roles, and education requirements is critical for policymakers, job seekers, and organizations preparing for the future of work.

This project, titled “AI Impact on the Job Market,” explores how AI is influencing employment across different dimensions including automation risk, AI impact levels, projected job openings, salaries, experience requirements, and gender diversity. Using a dataset comprising 30,000 synthetic job records modelled on real-world trends and labour reports from reputable sources such as the World Economic Forum and McKinsey Global Institute, the project aims to deliver meaningful insights into which job profiles are at greater risk and which may see growth due to AI advancements.

The analysis was conducted using Python for data cleaning, feature engineering, and exploratory data analysis; R programming for statistical hypothesis testing; and Tableau for creating interactive dashboards and visualizations. This multi-tool approach allowed for a comprehensive understanding of the data, revealing patterns across industries, regions, education levels, and career stages. Through this study, we seek to uncover how factors such as salary, experience, and education correlate with automation risk and job stability in the age of AI, providing stakeholders with a clearer view of emerging trends and future workforce implications.

LITERATURE REVIEW

1. **Autor et al. (2003)** explored how computerization affects labour demand, noting that while routine jobs are increasingly automated, there is growing demand for non-routine cognitive and interpersonal skills. This introduced the concept of "task polarization," which has continued to shape workforce development and education policy over the past two decades.
2. **Autor and Dorn (2013)** provided further empirical evidence of labour market polarization in the United States. Their research highlighted how advances in computer technology were displacing middle-skill, routine-based jobs—particularly in sectors such as manufacturing and administration—while both high-skill analytical and low-skill service jobs were expanding in response to changes in labour demand.
3. **Frey and Osborne (2017)** estimated that 47% of total US employment was at risk of automation. Using a task-based modelling approach, they evaluated over 700 occupations and found that roles requiring perception, creativity, and social intelligence were more resistant to automation. Their study became foundational in automation risk modelling and has influenced both academic and policy discussions globally.
4. **World Economic Forum (2020)**, in its *Future of Jobs* report, suggested that while automation may displace up to 85 million jobs by 2025, it could simultaneously create 97 million new roles that are better aligned with the evolving division of labour between humans and machines. The report emphasized the urgency of large-scale reskilling and upskilling initiatives across economies.
5. **McKinsey Global Institute (2021)** projected that by 2030, up to 375 million workers globally might need to transition into new occupations due to automation. The study further noted that the impact of AI adoption will vary depending on industry structures and regional economic conditions, highlighting the need for targeted labour policies.
6. **Chui, Manyika, and Miremadi (2021)** conducted a task-level analysis across multiple industries and concluded that while very few jobs are fully automatable, roughly 60% of occupations contain at least 30% of tasks that could be automated using currently available technologies. Their findings provided a more nuanced understanding of partial automation risk.
7. **OECD (2022)** offered a global comparative perspective, observing that automation risk is significantly higher in economies with a greater share of low-skilled jobs. The report

also examined gender disparities, noting that female-dominated roles may face disproportionate automation exposure due to the nature of tasks involved.

8. **ILO (2023)** analysed how automation and AI could shape employment in developing countries, warning that without supportive policies, these technologies could intensify job insecurity and income inequality. The report advocated for coordinated responses including social protection systems, inclusive digital access, and workforce reskilling to promote equitable adaptation.
9. **Brynjolfsson and McAfee (2024)** revisited their earlier work on the “second machine age” to examine how generative AI is now affecting cognitive and creative occupations. They argue that while AI is not eliminating all jobs, it is changing the nature of work, and the emerging challenge lies in aligning the existing workforce's skills with newly evolving roles.

RESEARCH GAP

Despite extensive research on the impact of artificial intelligence and automation on the labour market, much of the existing literature remains either high-level or focused on specific regions or industries, often lacking a multidimensional view of the workforce. Studies by Frey and Osborne (2017), McKinsey Global Institute (2021), and the World Economic Forum (2020) have projected widespread job disruption but seldom integrate variables such as education level, gender diversity, remote work feasibility, and experience level within a unified analysis. Additionally, most analyses rely on task-level models or macroeconomic estimates and do not provide granular, data-driven insights that can inform practical decision-making. This project addresses that gap by incorporating feature engineering, hypothesis testing, and interactive visualizations to explore how AI influences job risk, salary trends, and future demand across industries and demographics, offering a more comprehensive and accessible approach to understanding AI's evolving role in the labour market.

DATA COLLECTION & PRE-PROCESSING

Data Source and Collection Methods

The dataset used in this project is `ai_job_trends_dataset.csv` sourced from Kaggle. It contains 30,000 job records across various industries and countries, with fields capturing details about AI impact, job growth, salary, automation risk, and job characteristics. The dataset simulates real-world labour trends based on global research from sources such as the World Economic Forum, OECD, and McKinsey. It was provided in CSV format and imported into Python for analysis. The data covers multiple dimensions including AI impact level (Low, Moderate, High), median salary, job status (increasing or decreasing), education level, gender diversity, and projected job openings for 2024 and 2030.

Data Quality Assessment and Cleaning Procedures

Initial inspection and cleaning were performed in Python using the `pandas` and `numpy` libraries. The following steps were taken:

- **Missing values:** Checked and confirmed that no null or missing entries were present in the dataset.
- **Duplicate entries:** Verified and removed any duplicate rows to ensure data integrity.

Feature Engineering and Selection Techniques

Several new features were created to support deeper analysis and testing:

- **Growth_Rate(%):**
Calculated as the percentage change between Projected Openings in 2030 and Openings in 2024 to assess demand trends.
- **Experience_Level:**
Groups years of experience into categories:
 - Entry-Level: 0–3 years
 - Mid-Level: 4–8 years
 - Senior-Level: 9+ years

- **High_Risk_Flag:**

Jobs with Automation Risk > 75% were labelled as “High Risk” for targeted filtering and analysis.

Columns Selected for Analysis

The following key columns were used in most of the analysis and visualization:

- Job_Title
- Industry
- AI_Impact_Level
- Job_Status
- Median_Salary
- Projected_Openings_2030
- Job_Openings_2024
- Automation_Risk
- Required_Education
- Experience_Required
- Remote_Work_Ratio
- Gender_Diversity

METHODOLOGY

This project uses a multi-tool analytical approach involving Python, R programming, and Tableau to study the impact of Artificial Intelligence (AI) on the job market. The methodology was designed to enable robust data cleaning, exploratory analysis, statistical validation, and intuitive presentation of insights. The combination of tools ensures both technical accuracy and accessibility for decision-makers.

Tools and Technologies Used

- Python was used for initial data exploration, cleaning, transformation, and feature engineering. Libraries such as pandas, numpy, matplotlib, seaborn and plotly supported tasks like missing value handling, trend identification, and outlier detection.
- R programming was utilized for conducting statistical hypothesis testing, confirming whether the trends observed in the exploratory analysis were statistically significant. Key functions used include `t.test()`, `chisq.test()`, `aov()`, `var.test()` and `z.test()`.
- Tableau served as the platform for dashboard creation and data visualization, allowing stakeholders to interact with the findings using filters and graphical summaries. Its user-friendly design helped communicate complex AI-related job market trends in a visual format.

Exploratory Data Analysis – Python

- Once the dataset was cleaned, exploratory data analysis (EDA) was carried out to reveal patterns and correlations. This step was essential in guiding the design of the Tableau dashboard and the choice of statistical tests in R.

Visualizations:

- **Pie Chart:** Used to find top 10 industries with high_risk jobs.
- **Bar Chart:** Help to find top 10 high_risk job title.
- **Vertical Bar Plot:** To understand how job growth trends differ based on the level of AI impact a job faces and To analyse whether career stage (Entry, Mid, Senior) affects the **risk of automation**.
- **Line Chart:** To understand how future job demand (growth from 2024 to 2030) varies across career stages (Entry, Mid, Senior).

- **Groupby:**

The groupby() function was used to analyse average automation risk, median salary, and job growth by industry and education level.

Statistical Testing – R Programming

To validate EDA insights, hypothesis testing was conducted using R. This step helped assess whether observed differences were statistically significant.

- **T-test:** Test whether Median Salary differs significantly between High vs Low Gender Diversity groups
- **Chi-square Test:** checks whether there is a significant association between the type of industry and the education level required.
- **ANOVA:** checks if the mean number of job openings (2024) differs significantly across different levels of required education.
- **Z-test:** Compare average Automation Risk (%) significantly different from 50
- **F-test:** Compare high-risk and low-risk job groups have different variance in salary

Dashboarding and Visualization – Tableau

After completing the data analysis, Tableau was used to create an **interactive dashboard** for exploring AI job market impacts. The dashboard was designed for usability, with clear layout, colour coding, and responsive filters.

Key Features:

Charts Included:

- **Projected Openings Over Time:** A line chart comparing job openings in 2024 and projected values in 2030.
- **Top 10 Declining Jobs:** A horizontal bar chart showing job roles with the steepest decrease in demand.
- **Job Status by Industry:** A grouped bar chart highlighting the count of jobs growing vs. shrinking by sector.

- **Automation Risk by Experience:** A bubble plot showing how automation risk varies by career stage.
- **Education Level Distribution:** A donut chart presenting the breakdown of required education across job types.

KPI Cards:

- **Average Salary:** Displays the average median salary across the dataset.
- **% High-Risk Jobs:** Indicates the proportion of jobs with automation risk above the threshold.
- **Total Jobs:** Shows the total number of job records analysed.

Interactive Filters:

- **Industry Filter:** Enables users to drill down into specific sectors.
- **AI Impact Level Filter:** Allows analysis based on AI exposure categories (Low, Moderate, High).

RESULTS AND ANALYSIS

This section presents the key findings of the project, focusing on how different job roles, industries, and educational backgrounds are affected by artificial intelligence (AI) and automation.

Python-Based Results

- Roles such as Fast Food Manager *and* Electrical Engineer *show near-100%* automation risk, making them most vulnerable to AI displacement.
- Several high-risk roles, including Mechanical Engineer and Oncologist, are also experiencing steep declines in job openings.
- Entertainment, healthcare, and manufacturing industries have the highest average automation risk and the largest number of high-risk jobs.
- Higher salaries do not protect jobs from automation, as high-risk roles earn nearly as much as lower-risk ones.
- All education levels— including PhDs—face significant automation risk, indicating no qualification guarantees immunity.
- Jobs like Sports Coach and Jewellery Designer show explosive growth potential, while roles such as Publishing Copy Editor are nearly vanishing.
- Automation risk remains consistent across entry-level to senior-level jobs, suggesting experience does not shield against AI disruption.
- There is no strong relationship between remote work availability and automation risk, making telework a neutral factor.
- The most affected sectors include entertainment, healthcare, and IT, each with about 12–13% of all high-risk jobs.
- Countries like the UK, USA, and Australia lead in the number of high-risk jobs, indicating global exposure to AI automation.
- Gender diversity does not significantly influence automation risk, with risk levels nearly equal across gender-balanced and imbalanced roles.

R-Based Statistical Results

Statistical testing was used to validate the patterns observed in the Python analysis:

- T-test shows a statistically significant difference in median salary between high and low gender diversity job groups, with higher diversity roles earning \$821.79 more on average.
- Chi-square Test Revealed that the level of education required for a job varies significantly by industry, suggesting industry-specific educational expectations.
- ANOVA Showed there is a statistically significant difference in the average number of job openings (2024) across different levels of required education.
- Z-test: Showed On average, jobs in the dataset face a moderate automation risk, with no significant deviation from the expected 50% risk level.
- F-test shows there is no statistically significant difference in salary variance between high-risk and low-risk job groups.

Tableau-Based Results

An interactive Tableau dashboard was created to visualize and communicate the findings:

- While some job roles are projected to grow steadily by 2030, others show a notable decline in future openings, reflecting AI-driven disruption.
- The largest declines are seen in specific roles, with some jobs expected to decrease by over 500 positions, highlighting areas most susceptible to AI replacement.
- Jobs are evenly spread across education levels, with Bachelor's and Master's degrees being slightly more dominant, suggesting AI impact spans all qualification tiers.
- Surprisingly, Senior-Level roles have the highest automation risk (50.28%), indicating that even experience doesn't guarantee protection from AI automation.
- Both growing and shrinking roles are evenly distributed across industries, implying that AI is transforming rather than uniformly eliminating industry-specific jobs.

CONCLUSION

This study presents an in-depth exploration of how artificial intelligence (AI) is transforming the dynamics of the global job market. Through rigorous analysis of job characteristics, risk assessments, and employment projections, it becomes evident that the risk of automation is no longer confined to routine or low-skilled roles. In fact, the findings show that even senior-level positions and jobs requiring advanced education, such as those with Master's or PhDs, are increasingly vulnerable to automation technologies. This signals a paradigm shift—experience and education alone no longer serve as safeguards against AI disruption.

Furthermore, the analysis of projected job growth and decline by 2030 reveals a dual reality: while certain roles are set to experience rapid expansion, others—particularly those with high automation risk—are expected to shrink dramatically. Some occupations show a predicted decrease of hundreds of job openings, underscoring how automation could lead to large-scale displacement in specific fields. Notably, these trends are not isolated to one sector; industries ranging from manufacturing and finance to healthcare and entertainment all exhibit varying degrees of exposure to AI-driven changes.

The study also highlights that automation risk is spread across different education levels and job statuses, challenging the traditional assumption that technological advancements primarily affect low-skilled labour. Even jobs with high median salaries and senior experience levels are at risk, indicating that AI is reshaping not only what jobs exist, but also who is most affected by these shifts.

These insights collectively emphasize the need for a strategic and forward-thinking response. Governments, industries, and educational institutions must collaborate to implement policies that encourage lifelong learning, re-skilling, and agile workforce development. Investing in human adaptability—through education reform, digital literacy programs, and targeted training—will be critical to equipping workers for the future of work.

In essence, the impact of AI on employment is not merely about replacement; it's about transformation. As technology continues to evolve, the nature of work will increasingly demand adaptability, creativity, and continuous learning. The future workforce must be prepared not just to survive—but to thrive—in an economy fundamentally reshaped by intelligent automation.

FUTURE WORK

- Use forecasting models to better predict job trends.
- Analyse skill gaps in high-risk job categories.
- Simulate government policies (like reskilling programs) to test their impact.
- Compare AI's impact across different countries and regions.
- Use real-time job data for more accurate insights.
- Study how AI changes tasks instead of just replacing jobs.
- Explore social and ethical issues like fairness, job access, and worker well-being.

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