

**WRITING**



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The increase of generative AI improve the diversity of languages around the world. At the beginning, GenAI provide a platform for people to use different language to communicate and study other language. Also, it gives speakers to share their own nation and culture, artificial intelligence will reshape it in its own image. Moreover, a marketing director Marcus Wheeler also agreed that the AI version always sounds more professional. The texts that provided by GenAI are neither too formal or too casual, which was "just right". Therefore, GenAI also can transform to be a learning platform for student, it can give feedback for student writing, such as grammar, structure, etc. Moreover, GenAI is also a great learning tool for student to build their confidence through showing. On the other hand, teachers can use this tool to enhance the study.

environment, to provide a creative teaching model by using GenAI.

The rise of generative AI undermines language diverse. Although the writing is grammatical correct when using GenAI, it is bloodless, such as linguistic ~~for~~ fast food which is ~~with~~ lack of writers own voice. Hence, most people write a same topic by using GenAI, ~~as~~ these works like they were written by the same person. Moreover, ~~we~~ is ~~losing~~ linguistic diversity due to GenAI. Regional expression and cultural idioms are being smoothed away for ~~anyone~~ universally digestible text. Aftering using GenAI in our writing language, these words seems not belong to ~~anyone~~ anyone. Creators lacks their patterns as unique as fingerprints, replacing with statistically optimized expressions ~~with~~ by ~~the~~ AI-mediated communication. Importantly, GenAI lead ~~the~~ citizens lose our culture identity. Language is the basic part carries culture knowledge and community identity; if we use algorithms to outsource our ~~expressions~~ expression, we will lose connections to deeper layers of meaning.

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GenAI enhances language diversity in communication and education. Firstly, AI tools such as translator and grammar correction can assist in learning new language, preserving minority and endangered languages by enlarging database of these languages. Moreover, GenAI improves both learning and teaching efficacy. By providing personalized feedback on areas like sentence pattern, vocabulary, organization, students can keep their own pace to maximize learning outcomes. For teachers, GenAI can automate standard repetitive tasks, freeing teachers to brainstorm creative teaching materials and interactions.

Gen AI undermines language diversity by homogenizing writing style and cultural expressions. Given that "Great Language Flattening" had subtly reaching daily life, from professional writers suggesting use of AI to "optimize" their writing to university students submitting homogeneous works, richness and variety of ways humans express themselves significantly reduced. "the end of linguistic fingerprints" and "the emergence of AI-illegible writing styles" reveal the fear of human uniqueness. Therefore, balance between use of AI and human expression is needed, our own voice should not be omitted just to have a perfect sentence: (and beautiful inconsistencies)

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Supporters of AI often claim that AI-generated content can foster ~~language~~ language diversity by amplifying different people's voices. For example, AI databases include many nuances between various languages that make each language unique. Large language models promote cultural diversity by allowing dialect-speaking minorities spread their ideas ~~globally~~ globally. Users can make use of instant translation functions to make other people understand the differences between languages from different cultural backgrounds. Furthermore, large language models can assist students who are learning foreign languages

by providing personalized feedback and follow-up improvements, similar to what a private tutor can do. This ~~can~~ improves clarity and creativity in language-learning as students can speak in new languages more naturally.

Aside from directly fostering a diversified language world, AI indirectly promote diversity by optimizing grading processes. Take essay marking as an example: it only takes a short time for AI to grade and mark student essays compared to hours of marking by human teachers. AI can even provide tailored feedback for each student ~~and~~ and generate relevant grammar exercises very efficiently. This allows teachers to focus more on how to improve the learning environment and experience of students.

However, AI language models isn't without flaws. The greatest concern about AI-generated writing is AI homogenizing. If every student uses these language tools to generate contents without careful consideration and inspection, essays or papers will appear in a homogeneously soulless style. In other words, every article look similar. Also, AI generated content often lack idiom that represent a particular region. Instead, more neutral, widely-accepted

and more formal wordings are selected by these machines as content outputs. As such, students learning a particular language may not understand the actual cultural of a particular language. This limits users' experiences when compared to a human language tutor who will introduce ~~to~~ the ~~source~~ origin or story behind their idioms or regional expressions. User experience will be further hindered when the user realize ~~that~~ he is talking to a bot instead of a human. Limited emotional involvement can limit <sup>the</sup> engagement of a language learner. Besides, creativity ~~can~~ <sup>could</sup> be suppressed if people overly rely on machine-generated content. They may not express their innovative thoughts when they get used to soaking in ~~content~~ " blandness " contents generated by AI. Worse still, humans internalizing generated content has led to a rising trend ~~of~~ of great language flattening. All these reflect the <sup>adoption</sup> ~~emergence~~ of Gen AI is stifling language diversity ~~on~~ on a global scale.



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GenAI is a ~~is~~ double-edged sword in linguistic perspective.

Starting with the benefits the GenAI brings, it can preserve minor and endangered language, and also breakdown the cultural barriers. In perspective of cultural perservation, Gen AI plays an important role in standardizing and keep the language alive. For example, there are some declint declined languages, such as Latin and ancient Chinese, the language is seldomly used in daily situations or even academic. In sense of this, the language will be forgotten as the languages ~~to~~ lost their vitality and become dormant. With the tools, such as google translate, it expand its database to cover these languages, ~~to~~ perserve the correct usage and pronunciation, and make it ~~to~~ more easily accessible to the public, which helps maintain the chanue of usage.

of these languages, and thus foster the maximized exposure rate in order to avoid being dormant. Moreover, the GenAI also breakdown barriers language barriers, by supporting foreign language learners to apprehend the ~~standard~~ basic and correct usage of a ~~diff~~ language. For example, a language learner can receive personal assistance from AI, such as grammar and pronunciation correction, and give customized responses and reflections apart from traditional language school. This is the significance of GenAI of its ability to provide instant feedbacks and reduce the costs (such as time, money costs), to learn and excel in a new language. When the more the people excel in several languages, the cultural diversity will be much larger, as the language is the barrier of a certain culture. As a result, the ~~geo~~ cultural exchange between regions can be facilitated when more people have found their common language with the stimulation of AI as a learning tool.

Apart from the benefits of AI brings worldwide, there are some risks that GenAI may cause the language diversity to be subjected to. There are some risks that the GenAI may harm the language diversity. The most undermining factor is the standardization. As AI tools unified the different style of speaking into a simple, standardized language pattern, the cultural nuances may risk diminishing under the flattening effect of the Great Language. For example, there are some memes in particular regions and it was seen as a special expression to represent the region's unique style of language. However, under the unified 'common standard' of AI, these memes may be defined as wrong expressions and thus facing a rectifying process with the replacement of common tongue. The ~~individuality~~

internal diversity of a common language is thus lost. Also, the genAI tools may reflect bias. During the ~~dat~~ learning and training process of an AI tool, different ~~parts~~ database sets with various points of view are in option, while there may be vulnerable for the tool to choose the ~~datas~~ data with certain, hidden stereotypes as original source of generating prompts. This may lead to the exaggeration of cultural misunderstanding once people was misled by wrong information generated by GenAI.

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