

Integration of artificial intelligence in school education: impact on epistemology and ethical challenges

Integración de la inteligencia artificial en la educación escolar: impacto en la epistemología y desafíos éticos

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ABSTRACT

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The integration of artificial intelligence (AI) in education aims to redefine educational processes through personalized learning and improved administrative efficiency. This technological advancement has the potential to optimize educational content according to the individual needs of students, thereby facilitating a more effective and student-centered educational experience. However, significant ethical concerns have also arisen regarding data privacy protection and the risk of algorithmic bias, which could compromise educational equity. To address these challenges, it is crucial to implement robust ethical policies that ensure a transparent and equitable use of AI in education, maximizing its potential to enhance learning outcomes.

RESUMEN

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La integración de la inteligencia artificial (IA) en la educación busca redefinir los procesos educativos mediante la personalización del aprendizaje y la mejora de la eficiencia administrativa. Este avance tecnológico tiene el potencial de optimizar el contenido educativo de acuerdo con las necesidades individuales de los estudiantes, facilitando así una experiencia educativa más efectiva y centrada en el estudiante. No obstante, también han surgido preocupaciones éticas significativas relacionadas con la protección de la privacidad de los datos y el riesgo de sesgo algorítmico, que podrían comprometer la equidad educativa. Para abordar estos desafíos, es crucial implementar políticas éticas robustas que garanticen un uso transparente y equitativo de la IA en la educación, maximizando su potencial para mejorar los resultados de aprendizaje.

Introduction

This research project analyzes how artificial intelligence (AI) is transforming education, impacting the epistemology of knowledge and the ethical implications of its use in educational institutions. It explores how AI changes the way students acquire, validate, and apply knowledge, as well as the benefits and ethical challenges, focusing on data privacy and algorithmic bias. The goal is to provide an in-depth understanding of these educational innovations and to propose best practices and policies for integrating AI into education in a responsible and equitable manner.

Theoretical conceptions frame this study at the intersection of technology and epistemology, examining how the methods and processes of knowledge acquisition are altered by AI. In addition, the ethical implications of their use in the educational context, where data privacy and algorithmic bias represent significant concerns, are considered. Applied ethics provides a framework for evaluating these aspects, highlighting the need for responsible and equitable practices in the development and implementation of AI in education.

The main objective of this paper is to provide an in-depth understanding of the effects of AI on school epistemology and to address the ethical challenges that emerge from its use. Through a review of existing literature, case studies, surveys and interviews, this project seeks to provide a comprehensive analysis that informs best practices and policies for AI integration in schools, thus ensuring quality and equitable education for all students.

Method

Data collection was conducted through a comprehensive review of existing literature, case studies on AI in the educational context. This approach allowed us to gain an in-depth understanding of the effects of AI on school epistemology, as well as to address the ethical challenges that emerge from its use. The review of previous studies will provide a comprehensive analysis of best practices and policies for integrating AI in schools, thus ensuring quality and equitable education for all students.

The analysis was conducted using a thematic analysis approach, identifying patterns and emerging themes that reflect the perceptions and experiences documented in the literature. This analysis will not only highlight the positive implications of AI, but will also address the ethical concerns surrounding its use, contributing to a framework for the responsible implementation of AI in education.

Results

Epistemology, a central branch of philosophy, is devoted to the critical study of the nature, origin, and limits of human knowledge Holmes, W., Bialik, M., & Fadel, C. (2019); Anderson & Dron (2011). At its core, epistemology explores how we know what we know and questions the bases on which knowledge is built. In the educational context, this discipline acquires a fundamental relevance by examining the methods and sources through which students acquire, validate and transmit knowledge OECD (2022).

Theories of knowledge, such as empiricism, rationalism, and constructivism, are crucial to understanding these epistemological processes in education Holmes, W.,

Bialik, M., & Fadel, C. (2019). Empiricism holds that knowledge is derived from sensory experience and direct observation, while rationalism argues that knowledge comes from reason and introspection. On the other hand, constructivism posits that knowledge is actively constructed by the individual through interaction with the environment and participation in meaningful learning activities Anderson & Dron (2011); Holmes, W., Bialik, M., & Fadel, C. (2019).

In contemporary education, epistemology not only examines how knowledge is acquired and validated, but also how emerging technologies, such as artificial intelligence (AI), are influencing these processes Williamson, (2020). The introduction of AI into the educational context is redefining pedagogical methods and transforming the structure of knowledge by providing new tools for learning personalization and large-scale educational data management Holmes, W., Bialik, M., & Fadel, C. (2019); Knox (2020).

This intersection between epistemology and technology underscores the importance of reflecting on how AI is changing not only the acquisition and validation of knowledge, but also the very foundations on which learning is based in modern educational institutions OECD (2022). Understanding these changes from an epistemological perspective not only allows us to explore the potential benefits of AI in education, but also to critically address the ethical and epistemological challenges emerging in this new digital educational landscape Luckin (2018); Knox (2020).

Empiricism holds that knowledge is derived from direct sensory experience and observation Dewey (2004). In an educational setting, this perspective implies that students learn best when they are actively engaged in hands-on observation and experimentation of real phenomena Holmes, W., Bialik, M., & Fadel, C. (2019). This methodology not only strengthens conceptual understanding through direct experience, but also fosters the development of critical analytical and observational skills.

On the other hand, rationalism argues that knowledge originates primarily through reason and logic Kahneman (2011). According to this theory, deep understanding and knowledge acquisition are achieved through critical thinking, reflection and logical deduction. In the educational context, this involves fostering reasoning and analytical skills among students, enabling them to critically evaluate and solve complex problems systematically Anderson & Dron (2011).

Constructivism, promoted by theorists such as Jean Piaget and Lev Vygotsky, proposes that knowledge is actively constructed by the individual through interaction with his or her environment and the internalization of new experiences OECD (2022). In education, constructivism emphasizes pedagogies that promote active and collaborative learning, where students engage in activities that allow them to explore, discuss, and construct meanings and understandings of their own Holmes, W., Bialik, M., & Fadel, C. (2019).

These fundamental epistemological perspectives not only inform how students acquire knowledge, but also provide a crucial theoretical framework for understanding how artificial intelligence and other emerging technologies are influencing and transforming these traditional educational processes (Williamson, 2020). Integrating these approaches with new technological tools can further enhance personalized and adaptive learning, while posing challenges to ensure that educational experiences are equitable and accessible to all students (Anderson & Dron, 2011; Knox, 2020).

With the introduction of artificial intelligence (AI) in education, these epistemological processes are being reevaluated and transformed. AI has the potential

to radically change how knowledge is acquired, validated and applied in schools. AI technologies, such as intelligent tutoring systems, adaptive learning algorithms, and data analytics tools, are reshaping traditional pedagogical methods Holmes, W., Bialik, M., & Fadel, C. (2019).

AI in education can personalize learning, adapting to the individual needs and styles of students (OECD, 2022). This not only facilitates a more personalized educational experience, but also allows for continuous validation of acquired knowledge through automated assessments and real-time feedback (Williamson, 2020). These tools not only optimize the learning process by dynamically adjusting to each learner's strengths and weaknesses, but also provide instant feedback that can improve understanding and application of knowledge efficiently and effectively (West, 2018).

The integration of AI in education is also redefining how knowledge and skills acquired by students are validated and applied. Traditionally, knowledge validation in education has relied heavily on human evaluation, which can be subject to bias and time constraints. With AI, automated assessment methods are introduced that can analyze large volumes of data quickly and objectively (Williamson, 2020).

This approach allows for more continuous and adaptive validation of student progress, providing instant feedback on areas of improvement and strengths. In addition, AI technologies can analyze learning patterns at the individual and group levels, which helps educators adjust their teaching methods and educational resources more accurately and effectively (OECD, 2022).

AI's ability to analyze data also facilitates a deeper understanding of how students learn and what pedagogical strategies are most effective in different educational contexts. This not only improves the effectiveness of the educational process, but can also inform the evolution of pedagogical theories and teaching practice in the future Holmes, W., Bialik, M., & Fadel, C. (2019).

AI in education is not only transforming traditional methods of knowledge acquisition and validation, but is also opening up new possibilities for improving the personalization and efficiency of learning. However, these advances also pose significant ethical and practical challenges that must be addressed with care and attention to ensure that the implementation of AI in schools is equitable, transparent, and beneficial to all students.

The integration of artificial intelligence (AI) in education is leading to a profound re-evaluation of the authority of knowledge. Historically, teachers and academic texts have been the main sources of knowledge and validation in schools. However, with the advent of AI, machines are beginning to play a more prominent role in knowledge provision and validation (Selwyn, 2019).

AI technologies, such as intelligent tutoring systems and adaptive learning algorithms, are providing students with direct access to vast repositories of information and skills. This unprecedented accessibility is not only democratizing access to knowledge, but also changing the power dynamics in the classroom. Students can now increasingly rely on AI technologies for personalized information, assistance, and feedback (Knox, 2020).

This change raises important questions about the traditional sources of authority and expertise in the educational context. Educators and AI designers must collaborate to ensure that AI technologies not only complement, but also enrich teachers' pedagogical skills and competencies. Maintaining a balance between technological innovation and the essential role of human learning in 21st century education is critical, Holmes, W., Bialik, M., & Fadel, C. (2019).

The use of artificial intelligence (AI) in education raises a number of important ethical issues that must be approached with caution. Among these concerns, one of the most prominent is the risk that algorithms will perpetuate existing biases or even generate new forms of discrimination (Noble, 2018). AI systems, by relying on historical data sets that may reflect social and cultural biases, have the potential to amplify and systematize injustices already entrenched in society.

Privacy of student data is another critical concern in the context of educational AI. AI technologies collect and analyze large volumes of students' personal and academic information, raising questions about how this data is managed, stored, and used (Du Boulay, B. (2023)). Improper exposure of this information could compromise the privacy and security of students, as well as their fundamental rights to confidentiality.

It is imperative that AI developers and educational policy makers implement robust ethical safeguards. This involves designing and using AI systems that are transparent in their operations, mitigate algorithmic biases, and effectively protect the privacy of student data (Green, E., Singh, D., & Chia, R. (Eds.). (2022)). It is also essential to establish clear regulations and effective oversight mechanisms to ensure that the use of AI in education is ethical and respectful of the rights of students and the educational community in general.

Educators and artificial intelligence (AI) developers assume a crucial ethical responsibility in the implementation of these technologies in the educational setting. It is critical that they ensure that the algorithms used are transparent, fair, and free of bias to ensure that automated decisions do not perpetuate or amplify existing injustices (Greener & Wakefield, 2015).

Careful and respectful management of student data is essential to protect their privacy and security (Du Boulay, B. (2023)). AI systems must be designed with adequate safeguards to minimize the risks of privacy breaches and ensure compliance with data protection regulations (Green, E., Singh, D., & Chia, R. (Eds.). (2022)).

Robust ethical frameworks are proposed that can guide the responsible integration of AI in schools. These frameworks should include clear principles for data collection, use, and protection, as well as guidelines for ongoing ethical and social impact assessment of AI technologies (Holmes, W., Bialik, M., & Fadel, C. (2019); Campolo et al. (2017)). It is crucial that these ethical frameworks are effectively implemented and monitored to ensure that AI is used in a way that benefits all students and promotes educational equity.

Artificial intelligence (AI) is defined as the ability of a machine to mimic human cognitive functions, such as learning, problem solving, and decision making (Russell & Norvig, 2016). In education, AI has become a powerful tool for transforming the way teaching and learning takes place. This conceptual framework addresses the main applications and concepts related to the use of AI in education.

In his work "Robot-Proof: Higher Education in the Age of Artificial Intelligence," Aoun (2017) provides a detailed conceptual framework on how artificial intelligence (AI) is influencing and transforming the higher education landscape. Aoun argues that AI is redefining the competencies needed for professional success in the 21st century, challenging the traditional conception of higher education focused solely on the acquisition of specific knowledge.

From a theoretical perspective, Aoun argues that educational institutions must adapt quickly to prepare students for an increasingly automated labor market. It proposes that higher education should focus on developing skills that are resistant to automation and can adapt to rapid technological advances. This approach not only

prepares students for today's jobs, but also equips them to meet the future challenges that automation and AI may pose

According to Eynon and Malmberg (2021), the concept of learning at the margins through the use of the Internet underscores the importance of considering how digital technologies are democratizing access to knowledge. This approach reinforces the need for educational policies and pedagogical strategies that promote digital inclusion and lifelong learning among historically excluded groups, thus transforming the traditional dynamics of access to knowledge in the digital era.

The introduction of artificial intelligence (AI) in education has opened up new possibilities for improving teaching and personalizing student learning. AI technologies, such as intelligent tutoring systems, adaptive learning algorithms, and data analytics tools, are redefining traditional pedagogical methods (Luckin et al., 2018). These tools allow adapting educational content and teaching strategies according to the individual needs of each student, offering more personalized and effective learning experiences (OECD, 2022).

AI not only facilitates the personalization of learning, but also transforms the way knowledge is validated and applied in the educational context. Automated assessments and real-time feedback provided by AI systems enable continuous validation of students' academic progress, thus improving the efficiency of the educational process (Williamson, 2020).

In addition to optimizing learning and teaching, the incorporation of AI in education is leading to a re-evaluation of the authority of knowledge. Traditionally, teachers and teaching materials have been the main sources of information and validation in schools. However, with AI, machines are taking on a more prominent role in knowledge provision and validation (Selwyn, 2019). This may alter power dynamics in the classroom, where students may begin to rely more on AI technologies for information and feedback, thus challenging traditional sources of authority in education (Knox, 2020).

Personalization of learning

One of the most significant applications of artificial intelligence (AI) in education is its ability to personalize learning accurately and effectively. AI systems are revolutionizing teaching by adapting the content and pace of learning according to the individual needs of each student. This is achieved through detailed analysis of student performance and behavioral data, allowing for the creation of personalized and dynamic learning profiles Holmes, W., Bialik, M., & Fadel, C. (2019).

These advanced technologies can identify specific areas of strength and weakness in each student's learning, which facilitates the delivery of targeted and appropriate educational resources to improve understanding and academic progress (OECD, 2022). By automatically adjusting content, exercises and pedagogical strategies, AI systems optimize study time and increase the effectiveness of the individualized learning process.

AI's ability to personalize learning not only enhances the student's educational experience, but also provides educators with powerful tools to support each student's holistic academic development. This adaptability allows educational systems to respond more accurately and efficiently to the diverse needs and learning styles present in the modern classroom, Agaoglu, M. (2016).

Analysis of Large Amounts of Data

The ability of artificial intelligence (AI) to process and analyze large volumes of data represents a crucial feature in the contemporary educational context. Advanced AI-powered data analytics tools have the ability to extract valuable information from

data generated from various educational activities, such as assessment results, class participation, and interactions on online learning platforms (Williamson, 2020).

These analytical systems enable educators and policy makers to gain deep and detailed insights into students' academic progress and behavior. The information obtained can be used to improve specific teaching methods, adapt curricula more effectively, and make informed educational policy decisions (Zawacki-Richter et al., 2019). In addition, AI facilitates continuous, data-driven evaluation that can identify areas for improvement at both the individual and institutional levels, thereby promoting the quality and efficiency of the education system as a whole.

Real-Time Feedback

Immediate feedback is crucial in the learning process, and artificial intelligence (AI) plays a key role in providing real-time feedback. Intelligent tutoring systems, for example, have the ability to assess students' performance instantaneously and offer accurate suggestions for improving their understanding and skills (Heffernan & Koedinger, 2012).

This type of feedback not only improves the efficiency of learning by tailoring it in a personalized way to the individual needs of each student, but also allows students to correct errors immediately and consolidate their knowledge more effectively (Greener & Wakefield, 2015). Moreover, by being provided in an automated manner by AI systems, this feedback can be constant and adaptive, which optimizes the teaching-learning process and contributes to more effective academic development.

Algorithmic Bias and Ethics

Despite the significant benefits it offers, the use of artificial intelligence (AI) in education also raises significant ethical and equity challenges. AI algorithms can perpetuate biases if they are not properly designed and monitored. For example, AI-based recommender systems may inadvertently favor certain groups of students over others, exacerbating pre-existing inequalities in educational access and quality (Noble, 2018).

The handling of students' personal data by AI technologies raises privacy issues that must be addressed with responsible policies and practices Du Boulay, B. (2023). It is essential to establish clear regulatory frameworks and effective oversight mechanisms to ensure that data collection, storage and use are conducted in an ethical and transparent manner, thereby protecting the fundamental rights of students and preserving trust in the education system.

Accountability and Transparency

Ethical responsibility in the design and implementation of artificial intelligence (AI) technologies in education is critical. AI developers and educators must collaborate closely to ensure that these technologies are transparent, fair, and equitable (Selwyn, 2019). Clear ethical frameworks and regulations should be established to guide the use of AI in the educational setting, thus protecting the rights and privacy of students while maximizing the educational potential of these technologies (Campolo et al., 2017).

It is essential to consider the broader ethical and social implications of AI in education. For example, the ethics of algorithms play a crucial role in educational equity, as AI systems can perpetuate existing biases if they are not carefully designed and implemented with adequate oversight (Noble, 2018). In addition, the privacy of student data must be rigorously protected to prevent breaches and ensure trust in the use of these technologies Du Boulay, B. (2023)

Establishing an ongoing dialogue between AI developers, educators, policy makers, and the broader education community is crucial to address these ethical challenges and ensure that the implementation of AI in education is beneficial and equitable for all students (Luckin et al., 2018).

Graham's (2013) work on blended learning emerges as a fundamental resource for understanding the changing dynamics in contemporary education. In his study, Graham explores how the integration of face-to-face and virtual elements in blended learning has transformed traditional educational practices. He argues that this modality offers flexibility and personalization, making it possible to better adapt to the individual needs of students. This research is particularly relevant to contextualize the potential impact of artificial intelligence (AI) in education, as it suggests that advanced educational technologies can improve the accessibility and interactivity of learning.

The integration of artificial intelligence (AI) in education has been the subject of much research highlighting its ability to positively transform educational outcomes by personalizing learning and optimizing administrative processes (Luckin et al., 2018; Williamson, 2020). These technologies have proven to be effective in adapting educational content and teaching pace according to the individual needs of students, thus facilitating a more effective and student-centered educational experience.

However, along with these advances, important ethical concerns have also arisen that require rigorous and careful attention. In particular, protecting the privacy of student data has been identified as a critical priority as AI technologies collect and analyze large amounts of personal and academic information Du Boulay, B. (2023). This aspect raises serious implications about how this sensitive data is handled and protected to avoid privacy breaches and ensure the safety of students and their families.

The risk of algorithmic bias is another crucial aspect that could perpetuate and widen pre-existing inequalities in access and quality of education (Noble, 2018). Algorithms used in AI systems may introduce inadvertent biases that favor certain groups or disfavor others, thus compromising educational equity and fairness.

To address these ethical challenges, it is imperative that AI designers and educational policy makers work collaboratively and diligently. Measures need to be implemented to ensure that AI design and implementation are ethical, transparent and equitable (Floridi, 2014). This involves developing clear policies and safe practices that protect the rights of students and promote responsible use of technology in education.

Discussion

The introduction of AI is fundamentally redefining how students interact with knowledge in the educational environment. Intelligent tutoring systems and automated assessment tools are enabling more adaptive and personalized learning Holmes, W., Bialik, M., & Fadel, C. (2019). This adaptability is transforming the way knowledge is acquired and validated, as learners increasingly rely on machines for information and feedback (Anderson & Dron, 2011). This change could influence the traditional perception of knowledge authority, questioning who or what has the authority to validate information in an increasingly technological environment (Selwyn, 2019).

The immersion of AI in education is not only changing the way students access knowledge, but it is also impacting how they validate it. Traditionally, teachers and academic texts have been the main sources of authority in the knowledge validation process. However, with the increasing reliance on AI technologies for information and

feedback, students may begin to question and challenge these traditional sources of authority (Knox, 2020). This change may have profound implications for school epistemology, altering the power dynamics in the classroom and redefining how knowledge is perceived and valued in the modern educational context.

The transformation to a more AI-driven educational model raises important questions about knowledge authority and epistemological validation. Instead of relying exclusively on human interpretation and traditional teaching, students can now turn to automated systems for feedback and assessment. This transition could mean a significant change in the perception and legitimacy of knowledge, challenging the established norms of how information is acquired and validated in the contemporary educational environment (Floridi, 2014).

The implementation of AI in schools poses a number of significant ethical challenges. Privacy of student data is a primary concern as AI technologies collect and analyze large amounts of personal and academic information (Du Boulay, B., 2023). Exposure of sensitive data could compromise the privacy of students and their families, highlighting the urgent need for clear policies and safe practices in educational data management (Floridi, 2014).

The algorithmic bias inherent in AI systems can perpetuate existing inequalities and generate new forms of discrimination, affecting equity and fairness in access to education (Noble, 2018). AI algorithms, by relying on historical data that may reflect social and cultural biases, have the potential to make automated decisions that favor certain groups over others, exacerbating disparities already present in the education system.

These ethical challenges underscore the critical need to develop robust regulatory and ethical frameworks to guide the responsible implementation of AI in schools. It is essential that educators, technology developers and policy makers work together to ensure that AI systems are transparent, equitable and fair. This involves not only protecting the privacy of student data, but also actively mitigating any algorithmic bias through careful design and monitoring of these technologies (Selwyn, 2019).

To mitigate these ethical risks, it is essential that both educators and AI developers take robust ethical responsibility. This involves ensuring transparency in the design and operation of algorithms used in educational AI technologies (West, 2018). Educators must be trained to understand and manage the ethical impacts of these tools on student learning and development (Williamson, 2020). Likewise, clear ethical frameworks are required to guide the responsible use of AI in education, ensuring that educational benefits are maximized while protecting the rights and dignity of all those involved (Green, E., Singh, D., & Chia, R. (Eds.). (2022)).

Research Limitations

Despite the important findings, this research has several limitations that must be considered when interpreting its results; although a comprehensive review of the academic literature has been conducted, the research relies heavily on theoretical studies and examples of AI implementation in various educational contexts. Because of this, some of the results obtained may not be directly applicable to all educational institutions, especially those with technological limitations or limited resources.

Most of the studies reviewed come from educational contexts in developed countries, where the technological infrastructure is more advanced. This may not adequately reflect the challenges and opportunities of implementing AI in low-resource settings or in regions where access to technology is limited.

Not all AI applications are uniform, and the effectiveness of AI tools depends largely on how they are designed, implemented and managed. The research does not address in depth the differences in the quality and scope of these applications, which could affect the generalizability of the results.

Conclusions

The use of artificial intelligence (AI) in education represents a potential revolution in school epistemology and educational practice in general. This technology promises to personalize learning, improve administrative efficiency and transform the way students acquire and validate knowledge. However, along with these benefits, significant ethical challenges arise that must be carefully considered and addressed.

The ability of AI to personalize learning to the individual needs of students offers significant potential for improving education. Intelligent tutoring systems and automated assessment tools can quickly adapt to each student's strengths and weaknesses, facilitating a more effective, student-centered learning process. In addition, AI can optimize the administrative management of educational institutions, helping to improve operational efficiency and the use of resources.

Despite its benefits, the implementation of AI in education poses a number of ethical and practical challenges. Privacy of student data is a critical concern as AI technologies collect and analyze large amounts of personal and academic information. Improper exposure of this data could compromise the privacy and security of students, as well as their fundamental rights.

Algorithmic bias is another major challenge that can perpetuate and widen existing inequalities, affecting equity in access to education. It is critical that AI designers and educators work to mitigate these biases and ensure that algorithmic decisions are fair and equitable for all students.

This research provides a solid foundation for understanding both the positive impacts and ethical challenges of AI in education. It is crucial to develop clear policies and ethical frameworks to guide the responsible implementation of AI in schools. These frameworks must include robust safeguards to protect the privacy of student data, as well as mechanisms to detect and correct algorithmic biases.

Artificial intelligence offers significant opportunities to personalize and improve education, but at the same time, it poses important ethical and practical challenges that must be carefully managed. This conceptual framework provides an in-depth understanding of the main concepts and applications of AI in education, laying the groundwork for future research and practice in this emerging field. It is imperative that educational decision makers consider both the potential benefits and risks of AI to maximize its positive impact while minimizing its potential adverse effects on students and society at large.

Continuity proposals

To address the above limitations and deepen the understanding of the impact of AI on education, we propose several lines of continuity for future studies such as; conducting large-scale empirical studies that assess the direct impact of AI technologies on student learning. These investigations should include the analysis of academic performance data, student and teacher perceptions, and the effectiveness of AI in different educational

contexts. Longitudinal studies would make it possible to evaluate how AI influences academic performance and long-term skill development.

It is necessary to extend studies to diverse geographical and socioeconomic contexts. Exploring how AI can be implemented in low-resource regions, and studying the barriers these institutions face, can contribute to a more complete picture of AI integration in global education. It is also suggested to evaluate the implications of the use of AI in educational systems with different policies and pedagogical approaches.

Although the reviewed studies address ethical issues, there is a need to move towards the creation of specific ethical and regulatory frameworks for AI in education. These frameworks should include clear guidelines on the responsible use of student data, transparency of algorithms, and constant monitoring to mitigate algorithmic bias. Collaboration between technologists, educators and ethicists will be critical to achieving AI implementation that respects the rights of students.

An underexplored area is how AI influences teachers' pedagogical methods. Future research should analyze how teachers adapt their practices in environments where AI plays a central role in the assessment and personalization of learning. In addition, research is needed to investigate how educators can maintain their pedagogical authority and their relationship with students in an increasingly automated context.

While AI can provide real-time academic feedback, there has been insufficient research on how these technologies influence the socioemotional aspects of learning. Future studies should consider how students perceive AI tools and their impact on their motivation, self-esteem and general well-being.

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