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ABSTRACT

The quality and effectiveness of the academic research writing process could be enhanced by applying artificial intelligence (AI). Using AI algorithms, researchers can easily and quickly generate precise, well-written, high-quality text. The role of AI in academic writing has recently been the topic of discussion. Researchers have paid less attention to the importance of AI in academic research writing in developing countries, even though it is widely used in academic research writing. AI has become a more significant component of academic writing in recent years. Therefore, this study aimed to examine the use of AI in academic research writing. This study's data came from secondary sources, such as books, journals, and websites, that provided relevant information. Moreover, an exploratory research design was employed, and the collected data were analyzed using content analysis. This study showed that AI helps academic writers create excellent content quickly and effectively. AI provides writing assistance, improves grammar, optimizes structure, supports editing, and supports ethical compliance. The study concluded that AI profoundly impacts academic research and writing across various fields. Academic researchers must address the potential disadvantages of using AI in research writing through action and ethical compliance. The study has contributed to a better understanding of the benefits, challenges, and ethical considerations associated with the use of AI in academic research writing. The study recommended, among other measures, that AI be applied transparently and ethically. Researchers are obligated to use AI tools to maintain the authenticity and creativity of their work while refraining from any improper use that might jeopardize academic credibility.

1. Introduction

The modern era is frequently defined as the age of cutting-edge technologies; these technologies rule all domains and have supplanted humans even in areas where intellectual endeavors have always been valued highly, such as academic research writing. Will technology be something man can control, or will it make him more reliant on it until he is forced to submit to it? I think of three of Isaac Asimov's well-known rules. A robot cannot harm people or allow someone else to suffer harm through inaction. A robot must follow all commands from a human unless it goes against the first law, and as long as it does not infringe on the first or second laws, a robot is responsible for ensuring its safety (Asimov, 1991).

The real world, however, is far more nuanced. Modern technologies exist in an intangible virtual world. We might believe we are in charge of them, but we might fail to notice when they cease following human commands, and people unconsciously follow these intangible entities' judgments (Sehl *et al*., 2024). It has been accurately observed by Sherstoboev and Mikheeva (2024) that advances in technology are 'intangible', worldwide, and beyond territorial, and that it resides in the cloud rather than in tangible machines on our desks

This issue is particularly pertinent to academic research writing, as big data and AI are already commonly used tools. They not only work in this exclusively human endeavor frequently, but they also take up more space there.

An essential research component is academic writing, which calls for an organized approach to idea expression. Researchers frequently use academic works to convey logical reasoning and data-supported arguments. This type of writing aids readers in fully comprehending a subject. It enables writers to thoroughly examine ideas and produce a well-reasoned conclusion or theory. Academic writing is used in many fields for various objectives (Duymaz & Tekin, 2023). For instance, literary analysts use it to produce fact-based criticism, and scientists use it to clarify their studies and conclusions. Nevertheless, academic research writing is often resilient, with different writers and fields facing different challenges. Writing for academic purposes requires handling large volumes of data, intricate concepts, empirical evidence, and theories with comprehension and clarity. This calls for a thorough comprehension of the subject and the capacity to make difficult concepts understandable to the audience (Abd-Elsalam & Abdel-Momen, 2023). Academic research writing must adhere to strict guidelines for precision, supporting data, and coherence. Every claim needs to be supported by reliable data. Furthermore, learning the strict style and specialized vocabulary of academic writing may be challenging, especially for newbies. It is imperative to uphold academic research credibility by properly referencing and citing sources of information, but doing so can be difficult and time-consuming, particularly for English language learners (Storey, 2023).

The 'publish or perish' mentality, which pressures academics to publish, increases stress and can cause burnout. Informing readers while maintaining their interest is a delicate balance for writers; researchers must be creative and original in their work, which is frequently difficult when there are short deadlines. In academic research writing, fundamental coherence and ensuring that ideas proceed logically is crucial, particularly in lengthy works like dissertations and theses. Academic research writing frequently competes with other obligations, so the desire for consistency must be harmonious with time-efficient use (Abd-Elsalam & Abdel-Momen, 2023). Revisions are frequently made during the research paper writing in response to experts' and peers' criticism. This calls for a willingness to accept criticism and the capacity to incorporate it effectively. Writers must overcome the difficulty of integrating concepts, terminologies, and approaches from diverse fields when conducting research across disciplines, complicating their creative endeavors (Duymaz & Tekin, 2023). With these difficulties, AI has become a beneficial instrument for academic research writing. AI features assist with citations, grammar, structure, and following rules of conduct. AI tools are essential for raising the standard and efficacy of academic writing and being beneficial. AI tools allow authors to concentrate on their study's creative and critical elements. As a result, even though academic research writing may prove challenging, artificial intelligence devices support the procedure tremendously. Storey (2023) lists several important ways AI tools can help with academic research writing and how important they are to knowledge advancement and discourse in academia.

Saygın and Kabakçı (2023) assert that the swift advancement and widespread usage of AI technologies capable of producing content for various purposes are expected to produce noteworthy and extensive consequences across different fields. These tools can create text on any subject, offer pertinent citations, and perform tasks like summarizing, translating, and paraphrasing text. These features are helpful for academic research writing, and an increasing number of researchers are beginning to employ artificial intelligence instruments as writing aids. However, the application of AI devices presents many intriguing issues, such as the reliability of the generated text, which might contain false information and ethical concerns. As a result, it is important to carefully consider the effects of AI devices in research datasets as AI-generated content spreads and becomes utilized for academic research writing and publications. Consequently, there are a lot of variables to consider when analyzing the impact of AI tools on academic research writing. Against this backdrop, this study explored the role of artificial intelligence in academic research writing.

2. Research Methods

The process of looking for a thorough, intelligible, and comprehensive explanation of an issue in relation to the facts to advance understanding is known as research methodology. Multiple general categories of research methods may be required in any research endeavor. Consequently, this study collected data through a secondary method that involved gathering pertinent information from websites that house related information and textbooks and journals. On the other hand, this study employed an exploratory research design. This is because it stimulates the researchers' curiosity and drives them to gain a comprehensive grasp of the topic. This makes it possible for the researchers to gather background data regarding how AI can improve academic research writing in contemporary society.

3. Related Work and Discussion

Artificial intelligence (AI) is transforming scholarly writing and research methods in today's academic environment, changing how we carry out and share research. The prevalence of AI is increasing, and with it are concerns about authenticity, ethics, and the reliability of article publications. Large language models (LLMs) like 'Chat Generative Pre-Trained Transformer (ChatGPT), Google Bard, and Bing AI' are examples of AI devices used more in academic research writing. This has prompted debates and concerns in the academic environment and research communities. Although AI can be beneficial in ways like increased efficiency and game-changing solutions, it also comes with drawbacks like bias, ethical concerns, false media outlets, and fraudulent utilization (Deniz, 2023). AI can improve academic research and writing in several areas, such as task automation, data processing, and personalized experiences. Nevertheless, there are risks associated with employing AI in academic scholarly endeavors. These include the possibility of less intellectual curiosity due to excessive dependence, bias encouragement, worries about data security, and the continued existence of inaccurate data. Rules for using AI in investigation and academic writing must be created to ensure that AI devices are utilized ethically (Storey, 2023).

In order to ensure text originality across a range of apps, Open AI classifier tools have recently come to be depended upon for differentiating between writing generated by AI and writing done by humans. For example, ChatGPT's creator, Open AI, unveiled an AI content

classifier that helps users distinguish between human articles and those produced by AI. This classifier divides paperwork into five groups according to how likely they will be AI-generated: extremely unlikely, unlikely, unidentified, potentially, and likely. Although not all forms of human-written content are included in the training data, the Open AI classifier has been trained on various texts (Duymaz & Tekin, 2023). Kirchner *et al*. (2023) state that the classifier accurately labels 26% of AI-written material as "likely AI-generated," based on the designers' assessments, but incorrectly labels 9% of human-written content as AI-generated. Writer.com's AI text detector is one of the other AI writing classifier tools. It highlights the usefulness of AI-generated materials for content marketing and provides a restricted application software interface API-based solution to recognize them. With a 99 percent success rate, Copyleaks is an AI text identification solution integrated with numerous Learning Management Systems (LMS) and API-based. Open AI classifier tool, GPTZero, identifies AI-generated content in student homework to help schools and universities fight AI copyright infringement. 'Machine learning codes and linguistic processing techniques' are used by CrossPlag's AI content detector to accurately determine the content's starting point and features found in an extensive database of AI and human-generated materials (Kirchner *et al*., 2023).

The need for global regulations addressing candor, reliability, and integrity in AI-assisted academic research writing is growing as artificial intelligence solutions in academic research writing advance quickly. The advantages and difficulties of AI and LLMs in research writing and teaching should be considered in line with the regulations. Thus, there is a dire need for a global declaration that promotes the ethical utilization of AI technologies. Integrity and mitigation of risks should be the main focuses of the declaration, which should also include elements like tracking, assessment, instruction for users, and public awareness; when utilizing content generated by AI in research paper writing, openness and candor are essential (Buruk et al., 2020). In order to guarantee that human abilities direct the precision, cohesiveness, and reliability of content, researchers must declare when they employ AI tools. In order to properly develop the regulations, a coalition of various stakeholders, including higher education institutions, AI designers, publishers, legal professionals, and other participants from the legal and data security domains, should be formed. This cooperative strategy will guarantee thorough and useful standards. As AI tools frequently require accessibility to massive databases that may contain private details, the establishment of the regulations ought to deal with biases, foster impartiality in AI-generated text, and consider the security and confidentiality of data (Limongi, 2024).

Furthermore, to preserve research integrity and guarantee that the literature review remains a rigorous, precise, and cutting-edge source of knowledge, moral standards for using AI in academic research writing must be established. These standards must guarantee that AI contributes to academic research writing efficiency instead of replacing human labor. Various group viewpoints must be considered when developing the regulations. This consists of those with limited English language proficiency who could improve their writing using AI Language Models and people with special needs who might gain from AI support (Saygın & Kabakçı, 2023). Nevertheless, creating comprehensive rules will probably take time (Okolie & Egbon, 2023). Khalifa and Albadawy (2024) assert that AI is a crucial efficiency tool that significantly transforms academic writing and academic investigation in six domains that the

current investigation discovered. The aforementioned tasks encompass concept generation and study planning, content creation and organization, literature analysis and synthesis, data administration and interpretation, review, editing, and publication assistance, as well as publicity, communication, and ethical adherence.

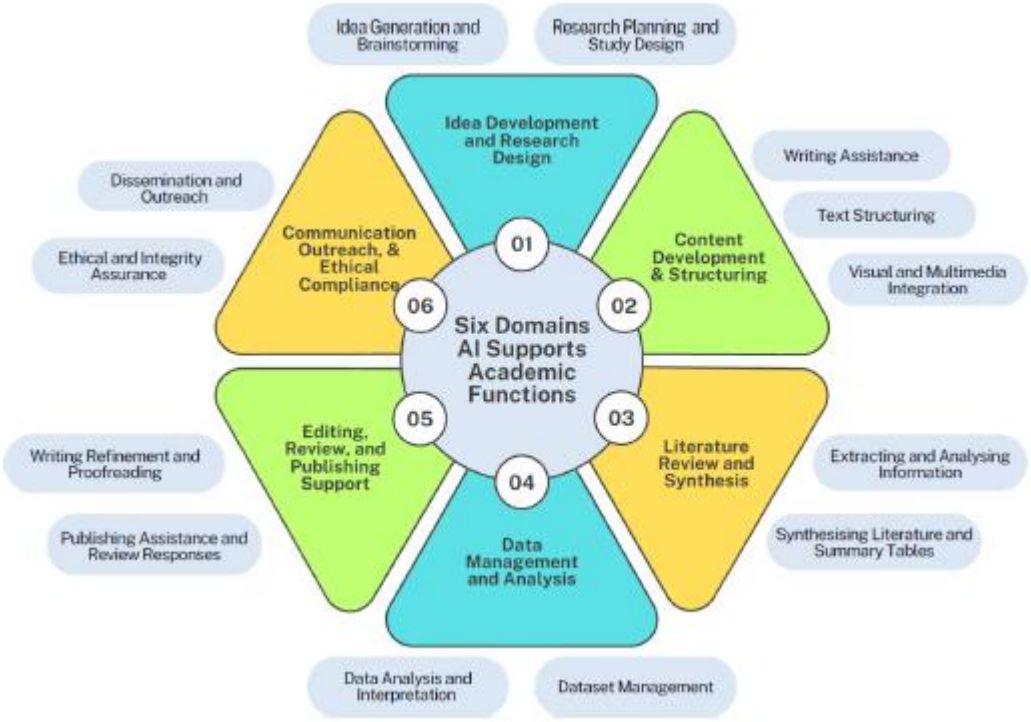

Figure 1: Six Domains where AI can improve Academic Writing and Investigation in Academia
Source: Khalifa and Albadawy (2024)

AI revolutionizes research planning and idea generation by optimizing methods and offering insightful information. It improves the quality of content by offering writing support and analyzing emotional tones. Artificial intelligence's capacity to handle massive data, guarantees thorough analysis and integrity in literature reviews and data management. Additionally, AI facilitates compliance with ethical standards in the distribution of research and speeds up the publication process (Kammer, 2023).

3.1. AI Tools for Academic Research Writing

A wide range of AI tools, each designed to fulfill particular needs, are increasingly supporting the fields of academic writing and research. For managing literature, effectively organizing materials for research, creating citations, and integrating with word processors programs like Mendeley, EndNote, and Zotero are essential. However, generating texts or writing aid are not supported by these apps (Huang & Tan, 2023). Grammarly and Open AI's ChatGPT are essential for improving writing quality because they provide automated grammar checks, AI-generated content features and plagiarism detection, that are necessary for producing unique and understandable academic research writing. However, they fall short in terms of features for reference handling or analysis of data. In the field of plagiarism detection, Turnitin along with Copyscape are unique because they use big databases to confirm that academic papers are distinctive. Nevertheless, their features are restricted to plagiarism detection and do not include statistical analysis or processing of language. Tableau has a big

impact on the data analysis by converting intricate data into formats that are easy to understand (Razack *et al*., 2021).

Tableau is great at visualizing data, but it lacks support for content produced by AI. Particularized AI tools like ArXiv and Semantic Scholar, which use AI-driven systems, are revolutionizing the way researchers obtain accessibility to and summarize relevant research reports. while maintaining them up to date with recent advances in their fields. MAXQDA, NVivo, Leximancer, Quirkos, Dedoose and ATLAS.ti are well-known tools for qualitative study; they provide functions like computerized coding, sentiment assessment, and pattern recognition in large amounts of written content (Duymaz & Tekin, 2023). Furthermore, RapidMiner and Provalis Research combine artificial intelligence with data analytics to enable advanced qualitative study. The various uses of AI in academic writing and research investigation are highlighted by the selection of each of these devices, each with its own AI connectivity and capabilities, based on the particular needs of the research undertaking (Abd-Elsalam & Abdel-Momen, 2023). In my discovering, using ChatGPT to write academic papers is dangerous. In a very short period of time, it can produce a content that a researcher might struggle to write for weeks or even months. This is definitely an appealing feature; however, it must be employed with prudence.

The database that serves as the foundation for ChatGPT is comprised of data collected from any internet site in addition to scholarly sources (Kammer, 2023). You can never be sure what data ChatGPT is utilizing to produce the text. It may generate fictitious DOI numbers or provide the DOI of an unconnected article in response to your request for references for the generated sentences. The authors must carefully fact-check the generated material if they want to ensure that it is accurate. Currently, ChatGPT is not accepted as a co-author in prestigious journal outfits like Science and Springer-Nature and Taylor & Francis journals. Yet, according to Balat and Bahşi (2023), ChatGPT has been previously introduced as a coauthor in multiple Elsevier journals. The fundamental problem that publication outfits have with this is figuring out who is accountable for the data in the articles. Furthermore, there may be issues with plagiarism arising from ChatGPT's use to generate data rather than having a fully autonomous mental process (Duymaz & Tekin, 2023).

According to Benichou and ChatGPT (2023), ChatGPT is a useful tool for grammar checks and translating the original content into other languages. Expert grammar editing services may cost from $100 to $500, but ChatGPT offers a quicker and free option. After utilizing the Chatbot, it Is crucial to read and review the translated or grammatically corrected written content. It occasionally produces sentences that have nothing to do with original text. We suggest the second option, which is to open another browser window and write what you desire from start to finish. Once you notify the Chatbot to this problem, it will make changes to its responses. The ability to generate abstracts with ChatGPT could be another helpful tool for writing articles. Word restricts and abstract layout requirements are common in journals, and ChatGPT can help with these issues. Whether it is ChatGPT or other AI tools, Balat and Bahşi (2023) came to the conclusion that they are currently not totally appropriate for drafting research papers from beginning to end or being included as co-authors. We must keep a careful

eye on advancements in this area. They are developed to rely only on research databases and provide real references for all the words they produce.

3.2. Benefits and Challenges of Artificial Intelligence

AI has the potential to significantly change education and research endeavours because of a number of important benefits. First of all, it can quickly and effectively process enormous volumes of data, enabling researchers to sift through complex data and extract insightful information. Furthermore, the automation capabilities of AI simplify repetitive duties like modifying and references, giving researchers a significant amount of energy and time that they can use to focus on more intricate and creative projects. Additionally, AI is capable of creating customized learning paths for students, adjusting the experience to suit their individual requirements and learning styles (Ahmed, 2023).

However, despite their potential, AI systems exhibit numerous shortcomings, particularly in the fields of medical and healthcare research. These systems have the capacity to magnify and maintain biases which can result in distorted assumptions and possibly detrimental effects on patient care. This raises concerns because biases in AI systems can appear at any point, from the collection of data to the evaluation of the system (Lovejoy *et al*., 2022). Recent research has highlighted these concerns, indicating that these biases may result in major disparities in healthcare. These biases can lead to erroneous findings that could affect professional standards or therapies (Ahmed, 2023). The use of AI by paper mills to fabricate scientific publications is another new problem. The misuse of AI models has resulted in a rise in fraudulent publications, thereby compromising the validity of scientific findings. The authenticity of literature review is seriously threatened by these paper mills, which use advanced AI technologies to produce written materials and pictures that are getting harder to discern from real research (Liverpool, 2023).

Furthermore, AI systems especially those built on deep learning are sometimes perceived as 'black boxes' because of their enigmatic, intricate inner workings, which make it difficult to understand the results, especially for non-experts. Another issue is the dependability of content produced by AI, particularly in scholarly settings. Sites such as ChatGPT have the potential to generate content that is inaccurate or plagiarized, endangering the validity of the work, particularly when it contains erroneous references or improper citations. Academic plagiarism is one of the most serious forms of misconduct because it compromises the process of collecting data and assessing abilities, which is against ethical principles (Qadir 2022). Therefore, putting policies in place to lessen copyright infringement is essential for maintaining the integrity of academia and stopping students and researchers from engaging in such dishonest behaviour in their professional and academic endeavours in the future. Additionally, ChatGPT has been fairly criticized for generating incompatible material and providing superficial conclusions (Frye, 2022) and ChatGPT has a limited knowledge base because it was dependent on data until September 2021 and lacked access to the web (Williams 2022). Moreover, while AI models can facilitate automation of tasks and speed up the process of creating content, it is critical to recognize that they cannot replace the distinct originality and wisdom that come from human experience. AI functions by examining pre-existing data and identifying trends;

however, in contrast to humans, it is incapable of creative thinking or creating novel connections (Elkhatat *et al*., 2023).

4. Conclusion and Recommendations

This study examined artificial intelligence's role in academic research writing and demonstrated how it helps writers generate excellent content quickly and effectively. AI helps with writing, enhances grammar, optimizes structure, supports editing, and helps with maintaining ethical standards. In conclusion, applying AI to academic research writing could enhance the effectiveness and quality of article writing by researchers. In order to guarantee that AI is utilized responsibly and ethically, researchers must carefully weigh the potential risks and difficulties of using the tool, such as the possibility of losing their jobs and the spread of fraudulent or deceptive content. A crucial part of research is academic writing, which is defined by rational thinking, data-driven claims, and organized idea expression. It does, however, present difficulties, such as managing enormous volumes of data and intricate concepts. AI has become a more significant component of academic research writing, providing answers to the above problems.

Future directions on AI study include creating sophisticated AI models for forecasting and hypothesis formulation and analysis, creating ethical guidelines for AI usage, figuring out the best models for human-AI cooperation and looking into the role of AI in interdisciplinary research, improving AI's effects on handling data, review, editing, analysis, and publishing procedures, and assessing AI's effects on outreach and communication. Sustained investigation is essential to tackle obstacles, enhance instruments, and guarantee moral AI implementation in academic research writing. In view of the study's conclusion, the following suggestions are put forth:

a. It is critical that AI be used in an ethical and open manner. In order to maintain the integrity and uniqueness of their work, researchers must pledge to use AI tools responsibly, avoiding any abuse that might jeopardize academic integrity.
b. Enough time for training and adaptation is essential. These are vital if researchers want to learn how to effectively employ AI models to their fullest academic advantage.
c. To fully reap the benefits of AI tools, institutions and researchers must incorporate them more thoroughly into their research workflows. In order to guarantee that AI's revolutionary power affects every aspect of academic work, this integration should be widespread.
d. The use of AI and human creativity must be carefully balanced, particularly in areas like creation of ideas and research layout. To guarantee that the intellectual and artistic abilities innate to human beings are not eclipsed by the speed and analytical capacity that AI generates, a delicate balance must be struck.
e. The field of artificial intelligence in academia is constantly changing, requiring more research and development. In order to ensure that AI stays a useful and dynamic force in academic research writing, it is imperative that the ongoing inquiry be continued in order to improve AI tools, address new challenges, and take ethical considerations into account.

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