The Impact of ChatGPT Use on the Quality of Academic Support for Students

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ABSTRACT

The development of technology has had a significant impact on the education sector. The use of technology, including ChatGPT, as a tool in providing academic support for students is becoming increasingly common. This study aims to analyze the impact of using ChatGPT on the quality of academic support for students. This research is a literature review using a qualitative approach, which means that it will analyze and interpret data using information and text from a variety of different sources. The study results show that the use of ChatGPT in student academic support has a significant impact on accessibility and learning efficiency. Although it provides easy access to information, it should be noted that irreplaceable human interaction remains important. The development of this technology requires wise integration, focusing on training education-specific models and involving teachers in continuous monitoring and development.

1. INTRODUCTION

The rapid development of technology has had a significant impact on the education sector. The use of various technologies, including ChatGPT, as tools in providing academic support to students has become increasingly common and pervasive across the educational landscape. The integration of these technologies not only facilitates access to information, but also opens up new opportunities for innovative and interactive teaching methods, changing the traditional paradigm of learning to be more dynamic and responsive to the times (Fauzi et al., 2023).

Academic support plays a very important role in supporting students to succeed in their study journey. By receiving appropriate academic support, students are not only able to overcome various learning barriers, but can also improve their in-depth understanding of learning materials. Moreover, this support provides them with the necessary tools to achieve better results overall, forming a solid foundation for their academic growth and personal development. As such, academic support is a key pillar in ensuring students can optimise their potential and succeed in education (Grassini, 2023).

ChatGPT, as an innovative generative language model, opens the door to new potential in providing more in-depth academic support (Lund et al., 2023). Through its ability to generate human-style text,
ChatGPT is not only a tool to clearly explain concepts, but can also provide detailed answers to complex questions, guiding students through the subject matter with in-depth explanations. As such, ChatGPT’s role as a virtual assistant is emerging, bringing a new dimension to interactive learning and giving students access to richer and more personalised educational resources. Despite its positive potential, it is important to continue further research to evaluate the impact that the use of ChatGPT has on the quality of academic support for students. A number of essential questions, such as the true effectiveness of implementing this technology, the level of satisfaction of students who use it, and potential challenges or barriers that may arise need detailed answers. With a holistic research approach, we can better understand the extent to which ChatGPT can enhance students' academic experience, while identifying potential areas for further development and improved efficiency in the provision of educational support.

In the process of integrating ChatGPT into the academic environment, it is necessary to consider the ethical and security aspects. Ethical aspects include the clarity of the source of the information generated by ChatGPT, ensuring the reliability of any answers or explanations provided (Dwivedi et al., 2023). In addition, the need to maintain student privacy is a must, by setting the highest standards in the management of personal data and information. Furthermore, in the application of this technology, the right balance must be maintained so that the use of ChatGPT does not replace the human interaction that has important value in the learning process (Ray, 2023). Therefore, concrete steps need to be taken to ensure that the presence of ChatGPT in academic contexts continues to support and complement the learning experience without compromising crucial ethical and security values.

Therefore, it is hoped that the research on "The Impact of ChatGPT Use on the Quality of Academic Support for Students" can provide a deep and comprehensive insight into the potentials and limitations of using language technologies, such as ChatGPT, in supporting students' academic development. Through this research, it is hoped that we can gain a deeper understanding of the true effectiveness of implementing ChatGPT in providing academic support, covering aspects such as improved learning outcomes, student satisfaction levels, and possible challenges that may arise. As such, this research will provide a solid foundation for designing better guidelines and strategies for integrating language technology into educational settings.

2. THEORETICAL FRAMEWORK AND HYPOTHESES

ChatGPT
ChatGPT is a generative language model developed by OpenAI, designed to generate natural language text based on given input (Harahap, Junianto, et al., 2023; Sudirjo, Ausat, et al., 2023). It is an evolution of the previous model, GPT-3, and is specifically designed for interaction in the form of conversation or chat. Using a deep learning approach, ChatGPT is able to understand the context and generate responses that match the given question or statement (Jusman et al., 2023; Sudirjo, Diantoro, et al., 2023). Its ability to compose text with fluency makes it useful in a variety of applications, including providing academic support, answering user questions, and interacting in various conversational situations. Despite its impressive capabilities, ChatGPT also raises ethical questions regarding the potential for misuse and the clarity of the sources of the information it generates (Ausat et al., 2023; Subagja et al., 2023).

Academic
Academic refers to anything related to education, particularly in the context of an academic environment such as a school, college or other educational institution. The term encompasses the activities, knowledge and norms associated with learning and teaching (Septianti et al., 2023; Zen et al., 2023). In an academic context, the main focus is on the development of knowledge, skills and conceptual understanding. It involves activities such as teaching, research, writing scientific papers, and evaluating academic performance. Academia covers a wide range of disciplines, and this approach aims to facilitate intellectual growth and individual development through learning and contributing to the development of knowledge more broadly (Darling-Hammond et al., 2020).

Students
Students refer to individuals enrolled in an institution of higher education, such as a university or college.
They are active participants in an educational programme that aims to acquire knowledge, skills and understanding in a particular field. Students engage in various academic activities, including attending lectures, doing assignments, and participating in class discussions (Cavinato et al., 2021). In addition, students are also often involved in extracurricular activities, research, or internships according to their field of study (Satriadi et al., 2022). The period of being a student is also often identified with self-exploration, personal growth, and preparation for future careers. Students are an integral part of the academic community and play a role in building a dynamic learning environment within higher education institutions.

3. RESEARCH METHOD
This study entails a qualitative literature analysis that will scrutinize and elucidate data collected from many sources, with a specific emphasis on examining the influence of ChatGPT utilization on the caliber of academic assistance provided to students. The data will be obtained from scholarly publications, books, research papers, and articles published between 2020 and 2023. The utilization of qualitative technique enables a more profound investigation of intricate themes, by incorporating many sources of information and unique perspectives to augment the research and boost the credibility of the conclusions. The process of data collection entails analyzing textual content, identifying pertinent information, and classifying data for analysis. The ultimate goal is to offer a comprehensive overview of the subject’s development and potential suggestions for future research, taking into account the credibility of sources and any limitations in the methodology.

4. DATA ANALYSIS AND DISCUSSION
The utilization of ChatGPT in delivering academic assistance to students has significantly enhanced the quality of support provided. Beyond mere information dissemination, ChatGPT excels in offering detailed responses and profound guidance, facilitating a comprehensive understanding of course concepts (Basir et al., 2023; Harahap, Ausat, et al., 2023). Serving as a valuable educational tool, the presence of ChatGPT introduces a transformative element into the learning experience, empowering students to actively engage in their educational journey. Through the alignment of advanced linguistic technology with individualized learning needs, ChatGPT emerges as an indispensable ally, contributing to the increased efficiency and depth of students’ comprehension of subject matter. This symbiotic integration of technology and education marks a pivotal advancement in fostering a more enriched and interactive learning environment.

The paradigm shift in students’ access to academic support is increasingly conspicuous, ushering in an era where students possess the unprecedented capability to effortlessly avail themselves of academic assistance at any time and from any location, thereby surmounting erstwhile geographical barriers and temporal constraints. The commendable attributes of ChatGPT, including its rapid response speed and perpetual availability, validate its status as a resource that not only expedites problem resolution but also proves highly efficacious for students in need of prompt assistance (Montenegro-Rueda et al., 2023). This transformative trajectory in educational support delineates a new epoch where the exchange of knowledge and the learning process itself are liberated from the shackles of temporal or spatial restrictions. Consequently, students find themselves empowered to optimize their learning experiences with unparalleled flexibility, exemplifying the symbiosis between technological innovation and educational advancement in the contemporary academic landscape.

While ChatGPT undeniably excels in the swift provision of assistance, it is imperative to acknowledge that the role of human interaction in facilitating the learning process retains an irreplaceable value. While ChatGPT can furnish fundamental understanding, it is essential to recognize a potential deficit in emotional nuance and personalization, aspects inherent in interactions with human mentors or tutors (Michel-Villarreal et al., 2023). The more holistic human experience encompasses elements such as empathy, contextual understanding, and personalized responses, constituting indispensable components in delivering deep and sustained learning support. Striking the right balance between technological solutions and human interaction becomes crucial in cultivating a comprehensive educational ecosystem. This equilibrium ensures that students receive not only efficient and quick assistance from technology but also the nuanced and personalized support necessary for their integral development. Thus, fostering a harmonious coexistence between technology and human involvement is key to creating a more balanced and effective educational environment.

Moreover, when incorporating ChatGPT into an educational setting, it becomes imperative to give
meticulous attention to security considerations and privacy policies to guarantee the meticulous safeguarding of student data and information. The utilization of ChatGPT should consistently align with the ethical standards governing education and adhere to the institutional policies (Mhlanga, 2023). Establishing a robust framework for data security is pivotal, instilling trust among all stakeholders and cultivating an overarching environment that is both safe and secure for learning (Huda et al., 2023). This steadfast commitment to these facets not only fortifies the integration of ChatGPT but also ensures that the positive benefits derived from such integration are achieved without compromising the integrity and privacy of students. Consequently, by conscientiously addressing these critical considerations, the incorporation of ChatGPT unfolds as a catalyst for positive transformation in education, underpinned by a commitment to both technological advancement and the protection of students’ fundamental rights.

The implementation of ChatGPT in support of students signifies the opening of doors to greater accessibility, simultaneously prompting contemplation about the irreplaceable value of human interaction. The evolution and deployment of this technology necessitate a nuanced and balanced approach, wherein the primary objective is to enhance the quality of academic support without compromising crucial facets of the human learning experience (Haleem et al., 2022). Amid the dichotomy between the swiftness and precision of technology and the warmth and adaptability inherent in human interaction, there emerges a need to strike an optimal harmony. This balance ensures that students not only receive information efficiently but also encounter holistic and emotionally satisfying support. Consequently, the integration of ChatGPT has the potential to act as a catalyst for positive transformation in education, aligning with the fundamental values and needs inherent in the human learning process (Foroughi et al., 2023). By navigating this delicate equilibrium, education can harness the benefits of technological advancement while preserving the essential aspects of human connection, thereby fostering a learning environment that is both technologically advanced and deeply attuned to the multifaceted needs of students.

In the strategic optimization of ChatGPT for academic support, it becomes paramount to advance the integration of artificial intelligence by meticulously weighing the advantages and disadvantages of each approach (Arman & Lamiya, 2023). Elevating the efficacy of these systems involves the cultivation of a higher echelon of excellence achieved through the refinement of more specialized models, expressly tailored to cater to the distinctive needs inherent in educational contexts. Embracing this specificity engenders the creation of more contextualized and pertinent responses, transforming ChatGPT from a mere provider of information into a discerning entity capable of responding sagaciously to nuances and variances in queries or learning scenarios. With a more focused and customized approach, the integration of artificial intelligence evolves into an increasingly potent tool adept at navigating the dynamic complexities inherent in educational environments (Kamalov et al., 2023). This nuanced and tailored utilization of ChatGPT not only enhances its utility but also propels its capacity to be a transformative force in the educational landscape, attuned to the intricacies and diversity of learning needs.

Furthermore, enhancing the quality of interaction and delivering more personalized guidance to students necessitates the indispensable participation of teachers and tutors in the training of ChatGPT. The involvement of these educators serves as a pivotal catalyst in orienting ChatGPT to better comprehend the intricacies of complex and diverse educational contexts. The ongoing monitoring of the quality of generated responses and the feedback garnered from users, especially educators, not only yields invaluable insights but also establishes a robust foundation for perpetual development (Cavalcanti et al., 2021). Through the active engagement of seasoned educationists, ChatGPT undergoes a continuous refinement process, enabling it to evolve and be tailored for more effective and personalized academic support. This collaborative integration of human expertise with artificial intelligence contributes to the creation of a symbiotic relationship that optimizes the capabilities of ChatGPT, ensuring its alignment with the dynamic and nuanced requirements of diverse educational settings.

Maintaining a harmonious equilibrium between the realms of technology and human interaction within the educational sphere is of paramount importance. Within this carefully orchestrated framework, educators can devote their attention to the intricate and contextual facets of the subject matter, leveraging the artificial intelligence capabilities of ChatGPT to handle rudimentary queries and facilitate initial understanding. This collaborative fusion of artificial intelligence and human expertise begets a learning experience that is not only comprehensive but also deeply immersive. Such an interactive dynamic creates a conducive space for students to actively participate in profound discussions, fostering a climate that encourages critical un-
understanding, with technology concurrently expediting the dissemination of fundamental information (Almu-saed et al., 2023). Sustaining this equilibrium enables education to harness the distinctive strengths of each element, thereby cultivating a learning environment that is not only more enriched but also more responsive and supportive of the holistic development of students. This delicate integration ensures that the educational landscape is not only technologically advanced but also inherently attuned to the multifaceted needs of learners.

Furthermore, it is imperative to underscore the necessity for additional research aimed at intricately detailing and quantifying the enduring impact of integrating ChatGPT on students' academic performance over an extended period. This comprehensive evaluative process not only facilitates a profound comprehension of the nuanced contributions of this technology to enhancing material understanding but also endeavors to gauge the extent to which its influence can mold and augment students' enduring skills. Consequently, this research plays a pivotal role in providing a holistic understanding of the multifaceted role ChatGPT plays in supporting academic development, thereby opening up a broader vista of knowledge pertaining to the transformative potential of technology in higher education. Through such meticulous and nuanced evaluations, we can devise more targeted strategies aimed at maximizing the benefits derived from this technology, ensuring sustained enhancements in the overall quality of education. This approach ensures that the integration of ChatGPT is not only optimized for immediate gains but is also aligned with the overarching goal of fostering continual improvements in the educational landscape.

Through a meticulous and strategically planned approach, the integration of ChatGPT into academic support emerges as a pivotal catalyst for elevating the overall quality of education. The expansive potential inherent in ChatGPT lies not only in its capacity to swiftly address fundamental queries but also in its adeptness at fostering a deep understanding of concepts and stimulating critical thinking activities. Effectively leveraging this technological tool can dynamically engage students in interactive learning experiences, laying the groundwork for optimal preparation to confront the myriad challenges of the digital age on a global scale. Thus, the discerning integration of ChatGPT within an educational context holds the promise of making a positive and transformative contribution, shaping a generation of students characterized by reliability, creativity, and adeptness in navigating the complex dynamics of an increasingly interconnected global society. This nuanced approach ensures that ChatGPT becomes a cornerstone in the educational landscape, fostering a learning environment that not only embraces technological advancements but also equips students with the skills and mindset necessary to thrive in a rapidly evolving world.

**5. CONCLUSION, IMPLICATION, SUGGESTION, AND LIMITATIONS**

Holistically, the use of ChatGPT in supporting students' academics has a significant impact on accessibility and efficiency in the learning process. By introducing speed and affordability of information, ChatGPT makes it easier for students to get answers to questions and understand concepts instantly. However, in appreciating its benefits, it is important to maintain awareness of the irreplaceable value of human interaction. While technology provides convenience in accessing information, the warmth, empathy and adaptability dimensions of human interaction remain essential in providing holistic guidance and support. Therefore, it is necessary to implement technology integration wisely, emphasising training on models specific to educational contexts, involving teachers in continuous monitoring, and encouraging technology development with a sustainable approach to ensure that the positive impact of ChatGPT can be optimised in supporting students' overall learning experience.

The positive implications of using ChatGPT in supporting student academics include increased accessibility and efficiency in the learning process. Nonetheless, it is necessary to raise awareness of the potential lack of emotional nuance and personalisation in interactions with technology. Finding the right balance between artificial intelligence and human interaction is essential to creating a holistic learning experience. While technology provides speed and accuracy in conveying information, the emotional and personal dimension provided by human interaction forms an integral foundation in shaping students' understanding and personal development. Therefore, it is necessary to make continuous efforts to ensure that the use of technologies such as ChatGPT occurs with a balanced approach, maintaining the advantages of technology without compromising the essence and added value of human interaction.

Suggestions for further development involve a series of steps that can increase the effectiveness and relevance of implementing ChatGPT in an educational context. Firstly, increasing the specificity of the ChatGPT model to meet the unique needs of education is imperative. By aligning the model more specifically
with the demands and complexities of learning, we can ensure that the resulting responses become more contextualised and relevant. Furthermore, actively involving educators in the model training process is crucial. The involvement of these educators can provide valuable perspectives and in-depth understanding of learning dynamics, shaping a model that is more sensitive to the nuances of education. Finally, the implementation of long-term impact evaluation on students’ academic performance is a step that cannot be ignored. By looking at the long-term effects of implementing ChatGPT, we can understand the extent to which this technology contributes to shaping students’ understanding and skills over a broader period of time, helping to detail more targeted strategies and development.

Limitations arising from the use of ChatGPT could focus on the potential lack of contextuality in the responses generated, where a possible lack of in-depth understanding of the specific context could arise. In addition, it is necessary to be mindful of the potential for over-expansion of use without considering critical aspects such as privacy and ethics. The continued and effective use of ChatGPT requires careful steps in its implementation, establishing clear guidelines and protocols. Constant evaluation of the response and its impact is crucial to ensure that the technology remains within ethical boundaries and fulfils expectations in providing academic support. As such, awareness of these limitations not only opens up opportunities for improvement and enhancement of the technology, but also demonstrates the importance of a cautious approach in utilising the potential of ChatGPT.

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