

Navigating the Landscape of Artificial Intelligence in Research: Unveiling the Pros and Cons

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Artificial intelligence AI is one of the most recent, increasingly developing branches of scientific research that shapes our views on many complicated things and help to analyze tremendous amount of data. Integration of AI in research has opened new avenues and posed intriguing challenges.¹

This editorial delves into the dual nature of AI, exploring its far-reaching effects on research while addressing both benefits and potential draw backs at moderate depth.

Enhanced efficiency and pace are key features, AI algorithms can process and analyze massive data volumes much faster than human beings. This also speeds up the research process but allows identification of patterns and correlations which can go unnoticed. Precision and accuracy are other remarkable contributions of AI if data shared is not biased or tampered.² Researchers often have to deal with routine and repetitious work that usually takes a lot of their time. AI can do these tasks, allowing researchers to focus on other more creative and intellectually demanding aspects of their work.

AI is always innovative in problem solving and the fact that AI can learn from data and adjust to different circumstances encourages innovative problem solving. It can help in the creation of new hypothesis, directing researchers to innovative and pioneering discoveries.

Bias and Ethical concerns are the main issues when we consider the role of AI in research AI models are only as unbiased the data they have trained on. In cases where the training data includes societal biases, AI system may only further perpetuate such bias and make them even more extreme in research outcomes.³

Lack of explainability can be a problem as many AI algorithms work as "black boxes", so it is very difficult to know the reason for their decisions. This lack of transparency remains problematic, especially in fields where interpretability is necessary for validating the findings of research.

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Data privacy and security risks are huge concerns as AI algorithms depend on enormous collections of datasets. Researchers have to tread the narrow path between useful and confidential data with strict ethical standards. Last but not the least dependency on the technology is a real issue as with increasing use of AI by researchers handled, this is becoming the reliant on technology. This reliance may weaken the focus on normal research skills and could inhibit a deep appreciation of scientific principles.⁴

Role of AI in research has to be balanced in leveraging AI's power for better efficiency and addressing its ethical, technical challenges will be very important to ensure that we deal with an irreplaceable friend on our quest of knowledge. In this changing landscape, researchers have to promote an intelligent and conscientious application of AI in research where the advantages are optimized while risks are carefully handled.⁵

Currently there is general perspective is that making an AI application apparent to the readers could reduce their investment in the writing. Disclosure requirements often punish honest authors who actually claim that the use of AI help while fraudulent one makes no such statements where it should have been made. Contrastingly, it is highly likely to see AI used on paper writing mass scale and eventually may become an integral part of most if not all research work. In the former case, AI will not differ much from declaring author contributions in a study or conflict of interest and other declarations that are currently part of submissions. AI should no longer be viewed as deficiency but one of many tools to use in forming a manuscript.

Ethical considerations may constrain the application of these chatbots for scientific writing.

The learning and writing of new articles or reviews requires human beings to incorporate both what they have learned from others and their ideas. Naturally humans repeat the findings, statements, and written work of others as it comes close to plagiarizing when an idea is presented without acknowledging its source.

Distinctions under this definition include that AI or CHAT GPT systems may plagiarize even

though they can be programmed to avoid copying other by reword like human writer does. Nevertheless, programs for restructuring sentences and writing to reduce the proportion of plagiarism in it (for instance asking software not just to reproduce a section written by other authors with different word but instead reconvert it to new text) could never be considered acceptable approaches when conducting scientific research.⁶

In defining plagiarism as a mere act to copy someone else work, just rewording what they wrote regardless of the method used and without adding any personal touch or angle it is

surely academic dishonesty. Therefore, journal editors should utilize AI programs to detect written content designed for better plagiarism detection.

A data-driven approach of science removes the essence of it that is an expert and critical human mind (the basic premise for scientific method) behind each piece of work can eventually lead to problems whereby biases within existing statistics might be regardless of AI use, we consider the presence of an expert in conducting the scientific activity and writing as necessary foundation even to ensure the quality of work.

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