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Abstract

Education technology has revolutionized the way we learn, work, and live. This research paper delves into the role of technology in education, with a focus on personalized literacy, accessible technologies, interactive learning, and its positive impact on student outcomes. It highlights how adaptive software and educational programs cater to individual needs, providing a more engaging and interactive learning experience. Technology improves accessibility for students with disabilities and those in remote areas through tools like educational software and satellite Internet. The paper discusses how modern technologies like VR, AI, and IoT can be used to train medical professionals, especially in diagnostics. It also discusses how IoT and AI can be leveraged in medical education for simulations, diagnostics training, and real-time data analysis

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1. Introduction

Education is acquiring knowledge, skills, and values [1]. It is a journey that begins at birth and continues throughout life with us [2]. Learning can occur in formal settings such as schools and universities or informal settings such as family, friends, and social experience [3]. Education is essential for individual and societal progress. It helps in building a better world for ourselves and future generations. It can teach us how to think about complex problems and to make the best decision [4]. Education is a fundamental human right and is a significant investment for the future [5]. Through education, we can build a better world for us.

Technology has provided a different medium to communicate information in new and innovative ideas. It provides many options and systems to solve our problems quickly and improve our lives [6]. Technology can be used to create new products and services, automate tasks and improve efficiency. It can collaborate with others, learn new things and explore the whole world [7]. For Example, Facebook and Twitter are the social platforms that are used to get real-time news and updates. Emails are used to send messages to a person or a group. Technology made it easier for people to connect with others worldwide and access information and education. However, Technology improves our lives but we should use it responsibly as it has both negative and positive impact on life.

Technology in education enhances classroom experience through interactive learning tools and multimedia presentations [8]. Online platforms provide access to wide

range of educational materials. Distance learning and online courses made education available for everyone. Collaboration tools allows student to work together on projects and homework remotely also [9]. Education technology helps the student track their progress report and identify improvement areas. Students, teachers, and parents can easily connect and communicate with each other using educational technology. In this 21st century, AI tools were introduced like ChatGPT, Google Bard etc. that benefit the students in providing solutions to their problems in a fraction of seconds. Coding and programming languages used to teach students to think logically and creatively [10]. They can design their own apps, games and websites using coding languages [11].

2. Educational Technology

Educational technology (EdTech) is all about using different technologies to enhance the learning experience. It's something like using of computers, software and tablets into classroom to make education and learning more exciting and interactive.

Educational apps are used on mobile devices to learn through games and quizzes. These apps act as personal tutors, providing immediate feedback and progress reports based on individual needs, as shown in figure 1.

Various online learning platforms in educational technology offer a diverse range of courses. With the internet, students can access these platforms from anywhere and at any time. They can comfortably learn from home, watch educational videos, and take quizzes and assessments at their own pace.

EdTech enhances students' logical and problem-solving skills, promotes communication and collaboration, and provides convenient learning opportunities.



Figure1: Role of Technology in Education

3. Types of Educational Technology

Educational Technology (EdTech) uses digital tools to improve learning. EdTech includes variety of tools such as virtual reality (VR), operating systems etc. Types of educational technology has been described in Table 1.

3.1 Interactive Whiteboards

Interactive Whiteboards (IWBs) are also known as smart whiteboards. They are large touchscreen displays that are commonly used for teaching and learning [13]. IWBs can either be mounted on walls or kept on stands to display websites, videos, images, and other forms of content. One of the key features of IWBs is that users can interact with the content using various input devices such as stylus, pen or fingers [14]. This means that we can draw and write on the whiteboard as well. Teachers often use IWBs to conduct quizzes or assessments for students, who receive immediate feedback on their responses. This helps teachers explain topics practically.

3.2 Educational Apps

Educational apps are the mobile application that are designed for students to make their concept clear in variety of subjects [15]. They are used for homework support or better learning. Educational apps make the learning easier and more interesting. Students can learn from the educational apps anytime, anywhere. Students can learn from their own difficulty level. These apps provide images, videos, handwritten notes and online tutors to solve the doubt of students and teacher also.

3.3 Online Learning platforms

Online learning platforms uses the internet to allow the student to access the education resources and activities through website and apps [16]. Online learning platforms provide personalized learning experiences and connect the student with tutors around the world. It has large number of advantages over traditional teaching [17]. Due to its flexibility, the user gets high quality education experience anywhere in the world. Every online platform has its own benefits some online platforms are: coursera, LinkedIn learning, NPTEL etc...

3.4 Virtual Reality

Virtual Reality (VR) is a computer technology which is used to create a real-world scenario or a 3D environment for interaction and learning. Student experience a different way of life in the concept of virtual reality. VR is used to take a student in different historical periods or scientific reaction in a second [18]. It improves the thinking and problem-solving skills of the student and provides the ideas to design new product or thoughts. Here are some examples: -

Here are some examples of how virtual reality (VR) can be used in education:

- A history teacher can use VR to transport their students to ancient times.
- A science teacher can utilize VR to help students better understand chemical reactions.
- A language teacher can use VR to immerse students in a different country and culture.
- Students can work in groups using VR to develop new products and ideas. Virtual Reality makes the learning interesting.

3.5 Gamification

Gamification is a technique or an educational technology that is used in learning process to motivate and increase the engagement of the students. It is a medium in which student plays the game and earn the points for their progress and improve themselves to achieve the goals. It helps the teacher to use the game and teach the complex concepts easily. It increases the communication and collaboration between the student [19]. Gamification helps in understanding the concept of fraction in math, solar system in science, new vocabulary and Grammar in language and project progress in social studies. Gamification improves the learning experience of student and maintain the positive environment of the class.

Table 1: Types of EdTech

S.no.	Type of EdTech	Purpose	Technology	Popular service provider
1.	Interactive Whiteboards [20]	Helps to reduce misunderstanding.	Resistive touch	BenQ, Hitachi
2.	Educational apps [21]	Helps disabilities and underserved communities to take education at their own pace and time.	Web technology, Mobile operating systems	Coursera, Udemy
3.	Online Learning Platforms [22]	Important for the students of rural areas who are not having high quality schools.	Learning management tools, collaboration tools	LinkedIn Learning, Swayam
4.	Virtual Reality [23]	Provides 3D environment for study.	High mounted display technology	Sony, HTC, Samsung
5.	Gamification [24]	It motivates the students to learn the lesson with more fun.	AI, Big data, IoT, Cloud technology	Classcraft, Minecraft

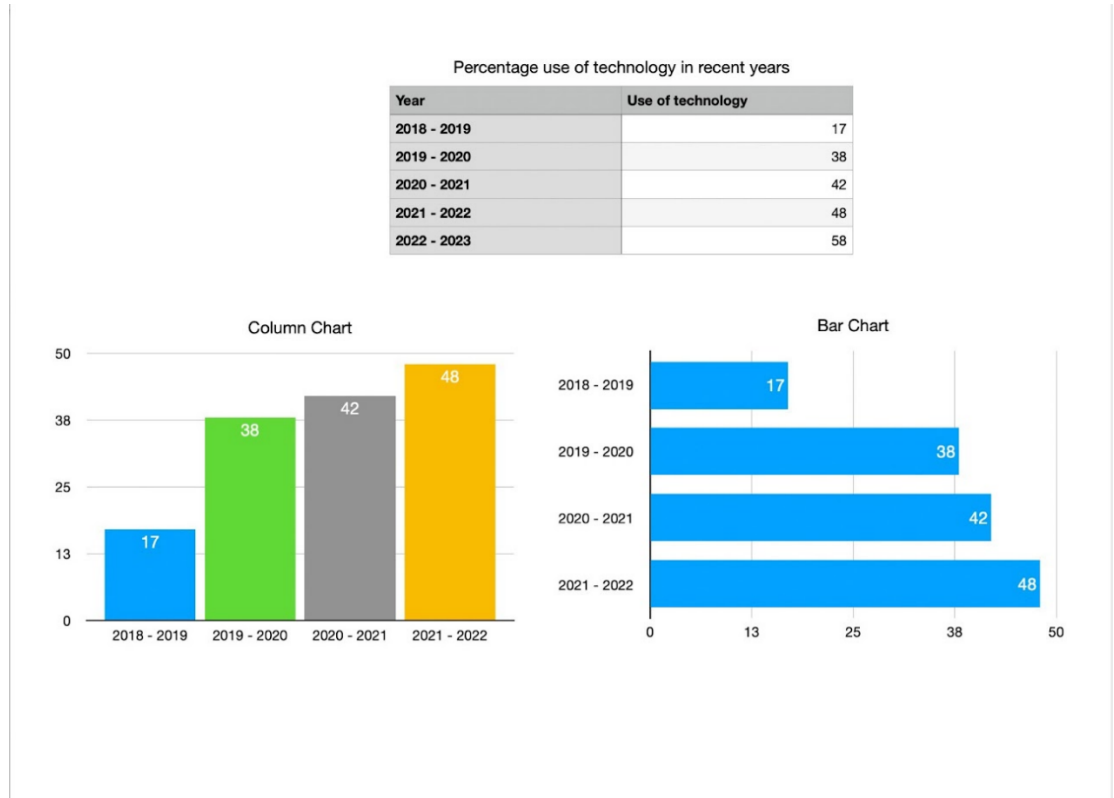


Fig 2. Technology use Increased in Recent years

In the above figure 2, we have done an experimental analysis on the percentage increase in the use of technology in recent years. In 2018 – 2019 the use of technology is very less and somehow 17% as students, teachers and parents are not aware of as much technology as they know recently. As per the analysis, 21 million students registered on the coursera online learning platforms in 2016 and in 2018 it Increased up to 7 million annually. After that, in 2019-2020, the percentage increased up to 38% because of covid-19 pandemic that affect our economy and global issues. Covid-19 in 2019 shift the working remotely, peoples start looking the digital learning platforms to improve their skills. It is recorded that 44 million people are the registered learners on the online learning and 76 million people have enrolled in online learning in 2019, having 13.6 million from India. In 2020-2021, the technology is increased by 42% that is 4% from previous year. In 2020, the registered learners get doubled around 71 million. In 2021-2022, the use increase by 6% that is 48%. In 2021, the 3rd year of pandemic, technology increases continuously and from the report of online learning platform coursera the 20 million new learners enrolled in their coursera. In 2022-2023, the use of technology has increased by 10% that is 58%. In this year, the new technology has introduced named ChatGPT the artificial intelligence technology which provide the solutions in the fraction of seconds. AI is capable the solutions of all type of questions.

The integration of modern technologies such as Virtual Reality (VR), Artificial Intelligence (AI), and the Internet of Things (IoT) can significantly enhance the training of medical professionals, particularly in the field of diagnostics as shown in table 2.

Table 2- Integration of Modern Technologies in Medical Diagnosis

Technology	Application	Benefits
Virtual Reality (VR)	- Immersive Surgical Training	- Realistic simulations for surgical practice
	- Patient Interaction Simulations	- Practice in various patient scenarios
Artificial Intelligence (AI)	- Diagnostic Decision Support	- Faster and more accurate diagnostics
	- Personalized Learning Paths	- Adaptive training based on individual needs
Internet of Things (IoT)	- Remote Monitoring and Telemetry	- Continuous monitoring of patients' vital signs
	- Simulation-Based Learning with IoT Sensors	- Realistic simulations with physiological responses
Combined Technologies	- Virtual Patient Case Simulations	- Comprehensive scenarios for diagnostic training
	- Collaborative Training Environments	- Real-time interaction for teamwork and decision-making

4. IoT and AI in Medical Education

IoT and AI can be leveraged in medical education, specifically focusing on simulations, diagnostics training, and real-time data analysis:

Simulations in Medical Education:

AI-driven virtual patient cases have revolutionized the way medical students are trained. With the help of AI, it is now possible to generate highly realistic virtual patient cases that simulate exposing students can accurately mimic a diverse range of medical conditions, providing students with exposure to a wide array of clinical situations. IoT sensors can also be integrated to simulate physiological responses, creating a dynamic and lifelike training environment. This technology has greatly enhanced medical education, making it more immersive, engaging, and effective than ever before.

IoT devices provide a platform for real-time interaction and decision-making in medical education. By measuring vital signs through IoT sensors, students can receive accurate data of simulated patients in real-time. This enables students to make informed diagnostic decisions based on the dynamically changing patient conditions. Additionally, AI algorithms can adapt the simulation based on the students' actions, creating a personalized and engaging learning experience.

Diagnostics Training:

AI-powered technologies are transforming the way medical professionals train and learn. For instance, AI can help diagnose medical images, such as X-rays, MRIs, and CT scans, by analyzing them and identifying patterns and abnormalities. This technology not only enhances the skill of accurate and efficient image interpretation but also provides instant feedback on the diagnostic accuracy of students, allowing them to learn from AI-generated insights.

Moreover, IoT devices can be integrated into clinical skills training to monitor and evaluate students' performance. For instance, IoT sensors in medical equipment can track the appropriate usage of diagnostic tools, ensuring that students develop proficiency in handling essential instruments.

Real-Time Data Analysis:

Continuous Monitoring with IoT: Internet of Things (IoT) devices can be used to continuously monitor patients' health in AI algorithms and then analyze this data by AI algorithms to detect any anomalies or changes that may require diagnostic attention. This approach can help students learn to interpret real-time data streams, thereby enhancing their ability to make informed decisions based on dynamic patient conditions.

Case-Based Learning with AI Insights: AI can generate insights and recommendations based on the data collected during simulations and real-time monitoring. This information can enrich case-based learning, providing students with additional context, alternative diagnoses, and evidence-based treatment options. This approach can enhance critical thinking and decision-making skills.

Adaptive Learning Paths:

Artificial Intelligence (AI) can be used to offer personalized learning experiences to students. AI algorithms can evaluate the strengths and weaknesses of students during diagnostic training. Based on this analysis, customized learning paths can be generated, which provide targeted exercises and simulations to address specific areas that require improvement. This adaptive learning approach enhances the educational experience for each student.

5. Conclusion

EdTech improves learning by enhancing literacy markers and preparing students for the 21st century. Challenges include access, teacher training, inclusivity, and student privacy. To address these, we need unfettered access to technology, training for teachers, inclusive and accessible tools, and measures to protect student privacy. The government should invest in technology access, workshops, and internet courses. Teachers should be trained to use EdTech effectively and assess student literacy. EdTech tools should be inclusive, accessible, and compatible with assistive technology. Student privacy should be protected through proper data collection and usage. We can create a more inclusive and effective education system by addressing these.

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