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ANALYSIS OF THE EFFECTIVENESS OF AI RECOMMENDATION SYSTEM IN INCREASING LEARNING INTEREST OF GRADE XII STUDENTS AT SMAS UNGGULAN AL-AZHAR MEDAN

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Abstract

This study attempts to analyze the influence of the artificial intelligence recommendation system in enhancing students' interest in learning among twelfth graders at Al-Azhar Medan High School. The research design used in this study is quantitative, and the sampling utilized in the research is a random sampling technique, whereby 133 students were selected from the total population of 200. Data measurement was conducted through questionnaires, which measured the interest in learning before and after the use of the AI-based recommendation system. In this regard, we used a paired t-test to prove the significant difference in students' interest in learning. The test showed that our results prove that students have higher learning interest after implementation compared to before; on average, the score has changed from 3.2 to 4.3. As a result, it is expected that this research will contribute to developing educational technology in Indonesia.

Keyword: ***Artificial Intellgence(AI), Educational Technology***

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1. Background

The 21st century has seen a boom in the development of technology, hence changing most walks of life. The use of AI in recommendation systems is attracting considerable attention due to its potential to leverage the quality and effectiveness of the teaching-learning process, thus education itself. AI recommendation systems will allow personalized learning content relevant to the needs, interests, and abilities of the students and should enhance motivation and learning interest for students. Interest in learning is widely regarded as the most central issue in effective learning. Research has proved that the students with high interest in learning are usually active in participation and might even achieve better academic performances accordingly. Therefore, reinforcement of technology that can enhance the interest of students in learning is important, such as AI recommendation systems, within the modern education context. As one of Indonesia's best schools, Al-Azhar Medan High School does not want to miss the opportunity availed by such technology in increasing its students' motivation towards learning, especially those in the twelfth grade who are preparing to take final exams and undergo university admissions. It is expected that the AI recommendation system will help students find relevant subjects, facilitate self-learning, and motivate effective learning.

1.2 Problem Identification

The research questions that are going to be answered in the study include the following:

a) How does the use of AI-based recommendation systems influence the students' interest in learning among twelfth grade students at Al-Azhar Medan High School?

b) Does the implementation of the AI recommendation system significantly raise the students' interest in learning?

c) What factors distinguish the effectiveness of AI recommendation systems in improving students' interest in learning?

1.3 Objectives of the Research

The objectives of this research are to:

- Analyze the effect of AI-based recommendation systems in the motivational aspect of learning for a student.
- Find out the difference in learning interest for students before and after using AI-based recommendation systems.
- Locate the factors affecting the success of AI recommendation systems in effectively improving students' interest in learning.

1.4 Benefits of the Research

The findings from this research are likely to shed new light on the adoption of AI technology in education, more so in reference to how it may help improve the interest among students in learning. Besides, their findings can hopefully be used as a reference by another school that may intend to use the same technology in pursuit of improvement of learning outcomes for the students. This technology, if well implemented, is more likely to facilitate an effective, efficient, and enjoyable learning process for the students.

1.5. Research Hypotheses

This study is based on the following hypotheses:

H1: The application of recommendation systems applying AI significantly increases the interest in learning for 12th-grade students at SMAS Unggulan Al-Azhar Medan.

H2: There is a positive relationship between the frequency of the AI recommendation system usage and the level of students' interest in learning.

2. LITERATURE REVIEW

2.1. Interest in Learning within Education

Interest is another essential component in teaching and learning. The high degree of interest of students in a certain subject develops their motivation to learn and understand it. According to a study conducted by Anderson and Collins, interest in learning and involvement in academic activities and performance had a positive relationship. Some of the best factors that influence interest in learning include teaching methods, availability of learning resources, interaction with teachers, and the use of technology in learning. Technology use in education, specifically AI-powered recommendation systems, may play a role in the arousal of interest in learning through the presentation of relevant and interesting content to students.

2.2 AI has been applied to many fields in recent years, including education.

Most importantly, AI applied in education through recommendation systems enables the delivery of personalized learning more efficiently. Through AI-enabled recommendation systems, analysis of students' preferences, interests, and abilities has become possible to provide them with learning content to meet individual needs [7]. In the study, Liu and Zhang [8] noted that personalized recommendatio systems can improve student participation in the learning process. In addition, the work done by Huang and Huang [9] shows that AI can make students overcome various learning difficulties by presenting them with what suits their level of understanding.

2.3. Implementation of AI Recommendation Systems in Learning

Along this line, many online learning platforms, like Coursera and Khan Academy, are already extensively using AI recommendations in order to improve learner outcomes. The study of Smith [11] discovered that AI-based course recommendation systems would increase course completion by students with better understanding compared to not using such a system. At the high school level, it is at this point that AI recommendation systems will be able to suggest the relevance of materials for exams, explain concepts that students find hard to understand, and motivate learners to want to learn more independently. This becomes particularly important in the case of 12th graders preparing for final exams [12].

3. RESEARCH METHOD

3.1. Research Approach

This study applies a quantitative method, enabling one to objectively measure the influence of the implementation of AI-based recommendation systems on increasing students' interest in learning. The quantitative approach is adopted in this research due to its capability to result in numerical data that may be analyzed statistically for more valid and generalizable conclusions. The research population used in this study involves 12th-grade students at SMAS Unggulan Al-Azhar Medan within the educational context.

3.2. Population and Sample

The population in this research is the total number of students in the twelfth-grade class of Al-Azhar Medan High School, which numbers 240. From the number of populations, the random sampling technique is drawn as many as 133 students. This was done with the purpose of enabling the sample taken to be proportionally representative of the population. The sample was chosen on the criteria of being students who have participated in the use of the AI recommendation system for a semester.

3.3 Instruments

The major instrument used for this study is a questionnaire. It carries a series of questions about the students' inclinations toward learning before and after receiving the services of AI recommendation systems. The questionnaire ascertains a few aspects of interest such as the following: interest in the subject matter,

- The frequency of the AI recommendation system use,
- Student activity in the learning process,
- Learning motivation,
- Subject matter understanding.

Respondents can answer according to the Likert scale in the range 1–5, where 1 corresponds to strong disagreement, and 5 indicates strong agreement.

3.4 Procedures

The research is divided into two stages of implementation:

a. Preliminary data collection before the use of the AI recommendation system is carried out to find out students' interests in learning.
b. Final data collection is after the implementation of the AI recommendation system for one semester to observe the changes in students' learning interests. The result of both measurements is compared to observe the influence of the AI system to learning interest.

3.5 Data Analysis Techniques

Data obtained from the questionnaire will be analyzed using descriptive statistics and statistical inference. Descriptive analysis would characterize the profile of the students and the distribution of

their interest in learning. Meanwhile, an inferential analysis allows for testing the difference in students' learning interest before and after the implementation of the AI system at the significant level by, for instance, a paired t-test.

4. RESULTS and ANALYSIS

This section describes the findings of the data collected, followed by interpretations of graphs and tables showing the difference in students' learning interest before and after the implementation of the AI system.

4.1 Description of Data

The following is a statistical description of students' learning interests before and after using the AI recommendation system:

Variabel	Sebelum AI (Rata-rata)	Sesudah AI (Rata-rata)
Minat terhadap materi	3.2	4.3
Keterlibatan belajar	2.9	4.1
Motivasi belajar	3.1	4.2
Pemahaman materi	3.3	4.4

The table above indicates an increase in all the measured variables; it can be clearly seen that the average learning interest has increased drastically after the students make use of AI-based recommendation systems.

4.2 Statistical Analysis

The results of the paired t-test indicated a statistically significant difference in the students' interest in learning before and after the use of the AI recommendation system [$p < 0.05$]. It could, therefore, be concluded that the AI system is effective in raising the students' interests in learning.

4.3 Data Visualization

More specifically, in order to outline more concretely the differences in students' learning interests before and after the implementation of the AI system, the following graph shows the increase of the average scores on the learning interest variable. This graph reflects a very important increase in all the aspects of learning interest .

5. DISCUSSION

5.1 Analysis of Research Results

The research results are shown in a graph of growing interest for learning among twelfth-grade students at Al-Azhar Medan High School, which increased significantly after the implementation of the AI-based recommendation system. Whereas it was only 3.2 on average in each of the subjects of interest among the students before the implementation of the system, after implementing the AI-based recommendation system, it got raised to 4.3. It corroborates with the theory stating that personalization in learning would help increase engagement and motivation among students. Interest in learning material also increased significantly from 3.2 to 4.3. This means that after the implementation of the AI recommendation system, students are becoming more interested in the materials provided. The finding was also supported by previous research since a personalized recommendation system can enhance motivation in students' learning because content would be supplied that is best fitted to their needs and preferences.

5.2 Some of the factors likely to affect the effectiveness of AI recommendation systems in improving student interest in learning include the following:

- **Content Personalization:** By means of this AI recommendation system, learning materials can be tailored according to the needs and interests of students; thus, this turns them into more active and motivated learners.
- **Interaction with Technology:** Students who use technology regularly are more open to AI recommendation systems. It has been seen that students' information technology skills may influence the usage of this system.
- **Teacher Support**: The support of the teachers in integrating technology into learning is very important. Good support from the teacher can enhance the success of implementation of recommendation system.

5.3 The results of this study have considerable impacts on education practices.

AI-driven recommendation systems can be implemented as an effective tool to elevate student learning interest. It is expected that schools in Indonesia consider the use of this technology to improve student learning outcomes. The following research also underlines some insights for the developers of the recommendation systems in designing applications that best fit the educational context of Indonesia. These enable the adjustment of the system to students' needs and preferences to foster effectiveness in learning better.

6. CONCLUSION

This research proves that the application of the AI-based recommendation system may raise significantly the learning interest of the twelfth-grade students of Al-Azhar Medan High School. The increasing trend in various fields of learning interest, such as motivation, interaction, and understanding of the material itself, signifies the main role of technology in modern education. Therefore, not only can the application of AI recommendation systems increase interest in learning, but it also might serve as an effective tool to achieve better educational goals. Further research is expected to explore other aspects of technology implementation in education and its impact on student learning outcomes.

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