

IMPROVING TEACHING USING ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE AND AUGMENTED REALITY

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Abstract:

With the rapid advancements in technology, the educational landscape is witnessing significant transformations in pedagogy and classroom dynamics. Two prominent technologies, Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Augmented Reality (AR), are gaining prominence in the field of education, promising to revolutionize the way teaching and learning take place. This article explores the potential benefits, challenges, and practical applications of integrating AI and AR into the teaching process to enhance student engagement and learning outcomes.

The integration of AI in education brings forth personalized learning experiences. AI-powered algorithms analyze vast amounts of student data, including learning patterns, strengths, and weaknesses, to create tailored learning paths. This individualized approach helps educators identify students' unique needs and provide targeted support, ensuring that no student is left behind. Moreover, AI-based chatbots and virtual teaching assistants are increasingly being used to address student queries promptly, providing real-time support and fostering a more interactive learning environment.

AR, on the other hand, enables the overlay of virtual objects and information in the real-world environment. Students can explore complex concepts through visualizations, simulations, and interactive demonstrations, facilitating a deeper understanding of abstract topics. AR also fosters collaboration and teamwork among students, promoting active learning and peer-to-peer knowledge sharing.

Combining AI and AR technologies offers a powerful synergy in the educational realm. AI can analyze AR-generated data and adapt instructional strategies in real time, responding to individual students' progress. This synergy not only enhances learning outcomes but also empowers teachers with data-driven insights, enabling them to make informed decisions about their teaching methodologies.

However, successfully implementing AI and AR in education comes with its challenges. Issues related to data privacy, ethical considerations, and the need for effective teacher training in utilizing these technologies require careful attention. Additionally, the digital divide can exacerbate educational inequalities, as not all students have equal access to technology outside the classroom.

Collaboration between educators, researchers, and technology developers is crucial to overcome these challenges. The development of user-friendly, accessible, and ethically sound AI and AR tools can ensure inclusivity and

maximize the potential benefits of these technologies in education. The aim is to investigate whether the use of AR technology can enhance students' understanding and mastery of physics concepts through visualizations and simulations. Spatial intelligence plays a crucial role in various subjects, including physics, as it enables students to create mental models and representations of objects and expressions. While spatial intelligence is not an innate skill, it can be developed through interactions with real and virtual objects. AR as a cutting-edge technology, has the potential to illustrate physical applications and significantly aid students in visualizing and comprehending complex physics concepts.

Keywords: educational transformation, improving teaching, artificial intelligence, augmented reality, education technology

1. Introduction

In recent years, there has been growing interest in exploring the integration of AR technology in physics education to enhance students' academic performance and spatial skills. AR provides a unique opportunity to bridge the gap between theoretical concepts and real-world applications, offering interactive and immersive learning experiences. This introduction provides an overview of the potential impact of integrating AR into physics education and highlights relevant research studies supporting this approach. AR has gained significant attention in the field of education, offering opportunities to enhance learning experiences and address the challenges associated with traditional instructional methods. Researchers such as Klopfer et al. [1] have proposed the development of an AR platform for environmental simulations, highlighting the potential of AR technology in creating immersive learning environments. Wu [2] has explored the opportunities and challenges of integrating AR in education, shedding light on the transformative potential of this technology. Akçayır and Akçayır [3] have provided empirical evidence on the advantages and challenges associated with AR for education, emphasizing its impact on student learning outcomes. In the domain of physics education, Kucuk and Sener [4] conducted a meta-analysis examining the effects of AR applications on learning physics.

Their findings shed light on the positive influence of AR in enhancing conceptual understanding and engagement. Mustafa serkan and Abdüsselam Hasan [5] suggested that AR can enhance physics students' comprehension of complex concepts, exemplified by the effect of a magnetic field on a current-carrying wire. Moreover, Wang, Lei, and Sun [6] investigated the effects of AR on student engagement, achievement, and immersion in science education. Their study demonstrated the potential of AR to create interactive and immersive learning experiences that foster deeper student engagement and improved academic performance. In specific physics contexts, Iulian Radu and Xiaomeng Huang [7] developed AR simulations for motion graphs, showcasing the effectiveness of AR in enhancing physics learning experiences. Zaharias and Michael [8] explored the effects of AR on student achievement and self-efficacy in a STEM education course, demonstrating positive outcomes associated with AR integration. Furthermore, Sirakaya [9] conducted an empirical study highlighting the potential of AR as a tool to improve students' spatial ability, a critical skill in physics education. Julio Cabero-Almenara [10] focused on enhancing physics education through AR, emphasizing the benefits of AR technology in visualizing and understanding physics concepts. These studies collectively emphasize the potential impact of integrating AR in physics education, ranging from enhancing conceptual understanding and engagement to improving spatial abilities and overall academic performance. By leveraging AR technology, educators can create dynamic and interactive learning environments that bridge the gap between theory and practice, fostering deeper comprehension and engagement among physics students.

In the domain of physics education, Yupeng Lin and Zhonggen Yu [11] conducted a meta-analysis examining the effects of AR applications on learning physics. Their findings indicated that AR can enhance conceptual understanding and engagement among physics students. Özeren and Top [12] investigated the effects of AR on student engagement, achievement, and immersion in science education. Their study demonstrated that AR can create interactive and

immersive learning experiences that foster deeper student engagement and improved academic performance [15–20].

Vidak Movre Šapić and Mešić [13] developed AR simulations for motion graphs, showcasing the effectiveness of AR in enhancing physics learning experiences. Ismail and Festiana [14] focused on enhancing physics education through AR, emphasizing the benefits of using this technology in visualizing and understanding physics concepts. These studies collectively highlight the potential impact of integrating AR in physics education, ranging from enhancing conceptual understanding and engagement to improving academic performance and visualization of physics concepts. By leveraging AR technology, educators can create dynamic and interactive learning environments that bridge the gap between theory and practice, fostering deeper comprehension and engagement among physics students. The rest of this paper is organized as follows after the introduction: Section 2 represents the proposed method, such as AR for physical Learning and Data processing, and the discussion in Section 3 provides evidence of the effectiveness of integrating Geogebra AR.

2. Proposed Method

2.1. AR for Physical Learning

The use of AR for physical learning has been shown to be a promising approach for enhancing student learning and motivation. However, more research is needed to fully understand AR's impact on student learning and to determine the most effective methods for using AR in physics education.

The AR version of physical learning and teaching offers an innovative approach by allowing students to generate 3D objects and physical functions in a real-world environment. The user interface of the Geogebra AR application is straightforward and intuitive as Figure 1, providing students with a simple way to enter algebraic expressions and see immediate graphic representations of functions. This visual and interactive approach to physical learning has the

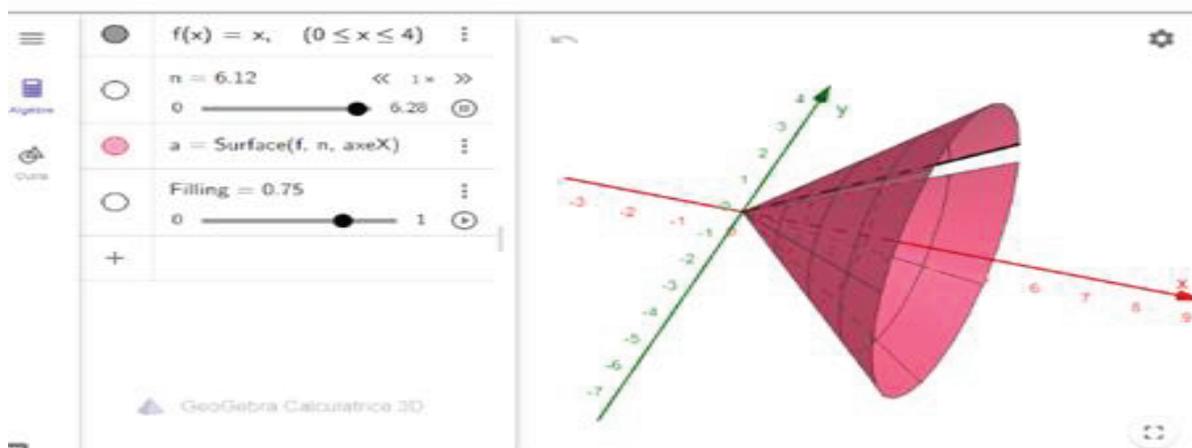


Figure 1. Interface of AR using Geogebra

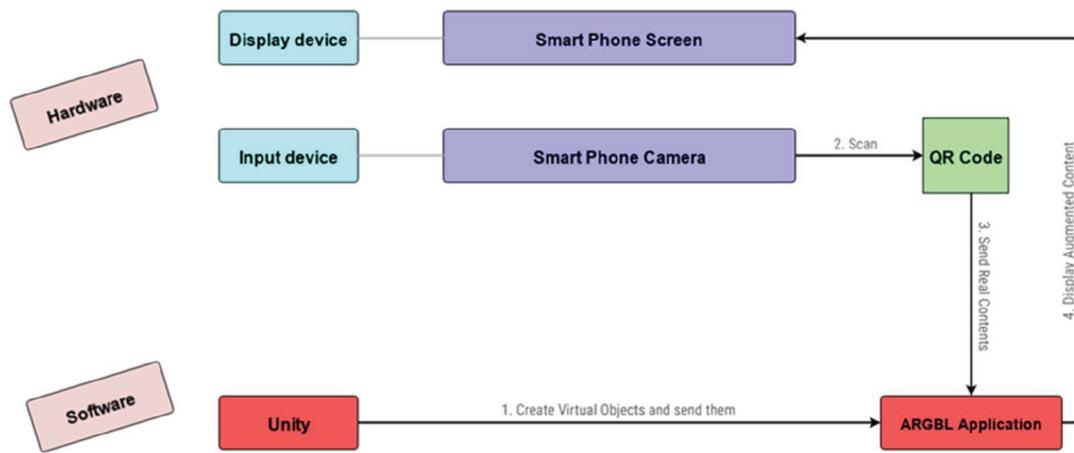


Figure 2. Proposition system

Table 1. Summary and interpretation of the questionnaire data through descriptive analysis

Items	Disagree (%)	Not interested (%)	Agree (%)
AR as a teaching and learning	20	30	50
AR as spatial visualization tool	30	30	40
Motivation in AR learning	5	10	85
Simple to employ	50	25	25

potential to improve students' understanding of physical concepts through manipulative learning.

2.2. Data Processing

The study utilized three different data collection methods to gather information. The first was a pre-test Purdue Spatial Visualization.

The second data collection method was a pre-test/post-test written assessment to detect prior knowledge. The third method was a questionnaire to assess the motivation levels of the experimental group. These three instruments were used to evaluate the learning standards of the functions block within the curriculum of the subject Academic Physics. Figure 2 shows the proposition system component with input device for this system is the camera of the smartphone, which is used to scan a QR code on a textbook. This QR code likely contains information that is used by the Geogebra application to identify the textbook and retrieve any relevant virtual content. Once the virtual and real content have been processed, the system displays the augmented content on the smartphone screen, which acts as the display device.

Table 1 presents the results of the Likert scale questionnaire, which provides insights into students' motivation, feasibility, and perception of their experience with AR technology. Among the total number of students surveyed, 60% expressed their agreement in using AR resources for content learning and developing skills. It is worth noting that a significant majority of students reported high levels of motivation and interest in working with AR, indicating its potential to engage students in the learning process. Additionally, a large majority of students affirmed the ease of use of the Geogebra AR application, indicating that it was accessible and user-friendly for them.

These findings suggest that integrating AR technology in physics education can positively influence students' motivation, interest, and perceived usability, potentially enhancing their overall learning experience and engagement with the subject matter.

3. Discussion

The study presented in the discussion provides evidence of the effectiveness of integrating Geogebra AR into classroom methodology to teach physical functions. The results show that the experimental group, which was exposed to the technology, outperformed the control group in terms of understanding the concept of function, identifying characteristics of functions, completing activities in a shorter time, and achieving higher scores in the final written test. The study also found that Geogebra AR is intuitive and simple to use, making it easy for students to learn and use effectively. The integration of Geogebra AR into teaching methodology can change the role of teachers, as they become more of a guide to students rather than just a transmitter of knowledge. This encourages critical and creative thinking, autonomy, and freedom for students. The use of technology should always be contextualized within a pedagogical framework to ensure its effectiveness and avoid potential negative impacts on learning. The study presents a compelling case for the use of Geogebra AR in teaching physical functions, and it provides important insights into the potential benefits and challenges of integrating educational technology into classroom methodology. It is recommended that teachers explore the use of Geogebra AR and other similar technologies to enhance student learning and engagement.

4. Conclusion

In conclusion, this study investigated the impact of integrating AR technology. The findings suggest that the use of AR technology has the potential to enhance students' understanding and mastery of physics concepts by providing visualizations and simulations. Spatial intelligence, a critical skill in physics and other subjects, allows students to create mental models and representations of objects and expressions. While spatial intelligence is not innate, it can be developed through interactions with real and virtual objects. AR, as an innovative technology, offers the ability to illustrate physical applications and significantly supports students in visualizing and comprehending complex physics concepts.

The outcomes of the Likert scale questionnaire shed light on students' motivation, feasibility, and perception regarding their experience with AR technology. Among the total number of students, a majority (60%) agreed to use AR resources for content learning and skill development. Importantly, nearly all students reported working with high motivation and interest, while a large majority expressed that the Geogebra AR application was easy to use. These findings highlight the positive reception of AR technology among students and its potential to engage and enhance their learning experiences. In summary, the integration of AR technology in physics education holds promise for improving students' academic performance and spatial skills. By leveraging AR's visualizations and simulations, educators can create immersive and interactive learning environments that foster students' understanding and engagement with physics concepts. Further research and exploration of AR's impact on physics education are warranted to continue advancing its effectiveness as a pedagogical tool.

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