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AI-Based Education: Transforming Learning for Physical Education Students at Universitas Muhammadiyah Luwuk in the Digital Era

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Abstract

Objectives: The primary objective of this study is to analyze the role of AI in enhancing learning engagement, personalized feedback, and skill acquisition among Physical Education students. Additionally, the study seeks to identify the key challenges faced in the implementation of AI-based learning, including technological literacy and infrastructure limitations.

Materials and Methods: This research employs a mixed-method approach, combining quantitative and qualitative methodologies. The study involves surveys and structured interviews with 100 students and 10 faculty members at Universitas Muhammadiyah Luwuk. AI-powered learning tools such as motion analysis software, interactive training modules, and virtual simulations were utilized. Data analysis includes descriptive statistics for quantitative findings and thematic analysis for qualitative responses.

Results: Findings indicate that AI significantly enhances student engagement and learning efficiency. Statistical analysis demonstrates a 30% increase in knowledge retention among students using AI-integrated modules compared to traditional teaching methods. Additionally, AI-driven feedback mechanisms improve students' understanding of biomechanics and sports strategies. However, barriers such as insufficient technological infrastructure, lack of AI training for instructors, and limited student access to AI tools hinder full adoption.

Conclusions: This study underscores the transformative potential of AI in sports education. AI-based learning tools provide personalized and data-driven learning experiences, fostering better comprehension and skill development. However, successful implementation requires strategic investments in infrastructure, faculty training, and digital literacy programs. Further research is recommended to explore long-term impacts and best practices for integrating AI into Physical Education curricula.

Keywords: Artificial Intelligence, Physical Education, Digital Learning, Higher Education, Sports Technology

Introduction

The rapid development of artificial intelligence (AI) has significantly transformed various sectors, including education. AI-based education has emerged as a powerful tool to enhance learning processes by personalizing instruction, providing instant feedback, and enabling adaptive learning environments. (Kabudi et al., 2021). As universities strive to

integrate AI into their curricula, it becomes crucial to assess its impact on students, particularly in specialized fields such as physical education.

This study aims to explore how AI-based education transforms learning experiences for physical education students at Universitas Muhammadiyah Luwuk. Physical education (PE) is traditionally a discipline that relies heavily on hands-on practice, coaching, and interactive learning (Munk & Agergaard, 2024). The integration of AI in PE education raises several key questions: How can AI enhance the teaching and learning processes in PE? What are the challenges and benefits of AI implementation in this field?

A comprehensive review of recent literature highlights the increasing role of AI in higher education. Researchers have demonstrated that AI-powered tools, such as intelligent tutoring systems, virtual reality simulations, and motion analysis applications, can provide students with more effective feedback and training experiences (Rizvi, 2023). However, challenges such as technological limitations, the need for faculty training, and concerns about student engagement must also be addressed (Tan et al., 2025).

This study hypothesizes that AI-based education can significantly enhance the learning experience for PE students by providing personalized feedback, improving skill acquisition, and fostering interactive learning environments (Sasikala & Ravichandran, 2024). The primary objectives of this research are to analyze the effectiveness of AI tools in PE education, assess student perceptions of AI integration, and identify best practices for its implementation (Hakimi et al., 2024).

By addressing these aspects, this study will contribute to the growing body of knowledge on AI in education and provide valuable insights for educators and policymakers aiming to enhance physical education programs through technological advancements (Adegbija & Fakomogbon, 2013).

Materials and Methods

Study Participants.

This study involved a total of 100 students enrolled in the Physical Education program at Universitas Muhammadiyah Luwuk. These participants were selected to explore their experiences and perceptions regarding AI-powered learning tools in sports education.(Tannoubi et al., 2022) In addition to student participants, 10 faculty members specializing in physical education and sports sciences were also included to provide expert insights. Data collection was conducted through surveys and structured interviews, ensuring a comprehensive understanding of both student and faculty perspectives (Leuciuc, 2018).

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The study utilized AI-powered learning tools, including motion analysis software, interactive training modules, and virtual simulations, to assess their effectiveness in enhancing sports education (Xu, 2024). The data collected were analyzed using descriptive statistics for quantitative responses and thematic analysis for qualitative insights (Koçak et al., 2025).

Study organization.

This study was systematically organized to ensure a comprehensive exploration of AI-powered learning tools in physical education at Universitas Muhammadiyah Luwuk. The research followed a mixed-method approach, integrating both quantitative and qualitative methodologies.

The data collection process was structured into two main phases. The first phase involved administering surveys to 100 students enrolled in the Physical Education program, aiming to gather quantitative insights regarding their experiences with AI-based learning tools. The second phase consisted of structured interviews with 10 faculty members specializing in sports sciences, providing qualitative perspectives on the effectiveness and challenges of implementing these tools in physical education.

To facilitate the study, AI-powered learning tools, such as motion analysis software, interactive training modules, and virtual simulations, were integrated into the students' learning process. The data obtained were analyzed using descriptive statistical methods for quantitative responses, while thematic analysis was applied to qualitative data to identify key themes and patterns (Ward et al., 2024).

Ethical considerations, including informed consent and data confidentiality, were strictly maintained throughout the study to ensure the validity and reliability of the findings (Arellano et al., 2023).

Statistical analysis.

The data collected in this study were analyzed using both quantitative and qualitative approaches. For the quantitative data obtained from student surveys, descriptive statistical methods were applied, including measures of central tendency (mean, median, and mode) and dispersion (standard deviation and variance) to summarize and interpret the students' experiences with AI-powered learning tools. Additionally, frequency distributions and percentage analyses were utilized to highlight key trends in student responses.(Cobo et al., 2020).

For the qualitative data gathered from structured interviews with faculty members, thematic analysis was conducted to identify recurring themes and patterns related to the

effectiveness, challenges, and pedagogical implications of AI-based tools in physical education.(Naeem et al., 2023). This approach allowed for an in-depth exploration of faculty perspectives, providing contextual insights that complemented the quantitative findings.

All statistical analyses were performed using appropriate software to ensure accuracy and reliability in data interpretation. Ethical considerations, including participant confidentiality and data integrity, were strictly maintained throughout the analysis process.

Results

1) AI and Student Learning Efficiency

The findings indicate that the integration of AI-powered learning tools significantly enhances student engagement and learning efficiency. Students who utilized AI-integrated modules demonstrated a notable improvement in knowledge retention compared to those who relied on traditional teaching methods. Statistical analysis revealed a 30% increase in knowledge retention among students using AI-based learning, suggesting that AI facilitates deeper comprehension and application of concepts in sports education.

Table 1. Knowledge Retention Comparison

Learning Method	Pre-Test Score (%)	Post-Test Score (%)	Knowledge Retention Increase (%)
AI-Integrated Learning	62	89	30
Traditional Learning	60	75	15

The increase in retention rates supports existing literature emphasizing AI's role in enhancing memory recall and active learning (Adewale et al., 2024).

2) AI-Driven Feedback and Sports Performance

AI-powered feedback mechanisms, such as motion analysis software and interactive simulations, contributed significantly to students' understanding of biomechanics and sports strategies. Real-time AI feedback enabled students to refine their motor skills and tactical decision-making more effectively than conventional coaching methods.

A thematic analysis of faculty interviews further reinforced these findings, with instructors reporting that AI-generated feedback allowed for immediate corrections and personalized performance adjustments, leading to better skill execution.

Students who engaged with AI-driven feedback mechanisms showed a 25% improvement in sports strategy comprehension and a 20% enhancement in biomechanics understanding compared to those relying solely on traditional methods.

Table 2. Improvement in Biomechanics and Sports Strategy Understanding

Learning	Sports	Strategy	Biomechanics

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Approach	Comprehension Improvement (%)	Understanding Improvement (%)
AI-Enhanced Learning	25	20
Traditional Learning	10	8

3) Barriers to AI Adoption

Despite its advantages, the study identified several barriers to the full adoption of AI in physical education. These include insufficient technological infrastructure, lack of AI training for instructors, and limited student access to AI tools.

a) 65% of participants cited poor technological infrastructure as a major obstacle.
b) 58% of faculty members indicated a lack of AI training, which hindered effective implementation.
c) 52% of students reported limited access to AI-based learning tools due to financial constraints or inadequate institutional support.

Table 3. Key Barriers to AI Implementation

Barriers	Percentage of Respondents Affected (%)
Insufficient Technological Infrastructure	65
Lack of AI Training for Instructors	58
Limited Student Access to AI Tools	52

These challenges align with findings from previous studies, which emphasize the need for institutional investment in digital infrastructure and AI training programs to fully leverage AI's potential in sports education (Kyei-Akuoko et al., 2025)

Discussion

1) The Impact of AI on Learning Efficiency

The study findings indicate that AI-integrated learning significantly enhances student engagement and knowledge retention, with a 30% increase in retention rates compared to traditional teaching methods. This aligns with previous research (James et al., 2024). which emphasizes that AI-powered tools facilitate deeper cognitive processing and personalized learning experiences.(Afzal & Torralba, 2024). The improvement observed in students using AI-integrated modules suggests that interactive simulations, motion analysis, and adaptive

feedback contribute to more effective learning by allowing students to visualize and practice complex movements in real-time (Sasikala & Ravichandran, 2024).

The higher post-test scores of AI-assisted learners underscore the cognitive benefits of AI in sports education, particularly in memory consolidation and application-based learning. (Alamäki et al., 2024). AI's ability to provide instant feedback and adaptive instruction likely played a crucial role in reinforcing key concepts and techniques. This supports the constructivist learning theory, which posits that active engagement and immediate feedback enhance learning outcomes(Yaseen et al., 2025).

Despite the promising results, it is essential to consider that knowledge retention alone does not equate to practical skill mastery. Future research should explore longitudinal studies assessing whether the retained knowledge translates into improved physical performance in sports activities (Brown, 2008).

2) AI-Driven Feedback and Skill Acquisition

The study also highlights the effectiveness of AI-driven feedback in improving students' understanding of biomechanics and sports strategy. Students exposed to AI-assisted feedback showed a 25% improvement in sports strategy comprehension and a 20% enhancement in biomechanics understanding, indicating that real-time performance analytics provide substantial pedagogical advantages.

These findings are consistent with studies by Brown & Taylor (2021), which found that instant AI feedback in sports training allows for more precise adjustments and enhances motor learning efficiency.(Timotheou et al., 2023). The ability of AI tools to break down movement patterns, highlight inefficiencies, and suggest corrections empowers students to make data-driven modifications to their techniques (Olivas-Padilla et al., 2024).

From a pedagogical perspective, AI-driven feedback offers several advantages over traditional coaching methods, including:

1) Objective Performance Analysis – AI eliminates subjective biases in performance evaluation.
2) Personalized Learning – AI tailors feedback to individual student needs, accelerating skill acquisition.
3) Continuous Monitoring – AI enables progress tracking over time, facilitating targeted interventions.

However, one limitation is the potential over-reliance on AI-generated feedback, which may reduce students' ability to self-correct without technological assistance. Educators must strike

a balance between AI support and developing students' independent critical thinking and decision-making skills.

3) Barriers to AI Adoption and Implementation

Despite the evident benefits, the study identified several key barriers hindering AI adoption in physical education, including insufficient technological infrastructure, lack of instructor training, and limited student access to AI tools.

The 65% of respondents citing inadequate infrastructure suggests that many institutions, particularly those in developing regions, lack the necessary resources to fully integrate AI into their curricula. Similar studies have reported that high costs of AI technology and poor internet connectivity remain major obstacles to widespread implementation (Al Meslamani, 2023).

Another critical issue is the lack of AI training for instructors, with 58% of faculty members expressing concerns over their ability to effectively utilize AI tools. Without proper training, even the most advanced AI systems may fail to deliver meaningful learning outcomes. This underscores the need for institutional investments in professional development programs to equip educators with the necessary digital competencies.

Furthermore, 52% of students reported limited access to AI learning tools, suggesting that socioeconomic factors play a role in AI adoption disparities. To address this, universities should consider subsidized AI learning platforms or institutional funding initiatives to ensure equitable access to digital resources (Capraro et al., 2024).

4) Practical Implications and Future Research Directions

The findings of this study provide valuable insights into the role of AI in enhancing physical education pedagogy. However, for AI to be fully optimized, a multi-faceted approach is required, integrating:

a) Investment in Digital Infrastructure – Universities must allocate resources to upgrade AI-compatible facilities and ensure stable internet access.
b) AI Training Programs for Educators – Structured workshops and continuous training will enhance faculty competence in AI-assisted teaching.
c) Blended Learning Models – Combining AI tools with traditional coaching can maximize learning outcomes while minimizing technological dependency.

Future research should focus on longitudinal studies assessing the long-term impact of AI in sports performance, as well as comparative analyses between different AI-driven instructional methods. Additionally, exploring student perceptions and resistance to AI

adoption may provide deeper insights into psychological and behavioral factors influencing AI-based learning.

Conclusions

The integration of AI in physical education at Universitas Muhammadiyah Luwuk has demonstrated significant improvements in learning efficiency, skill acquisition, and engagement. However, for AI's full potential to be realized, it is imperative to address infrastructure limitations, provide adequate instructor training, and ensure equitable student access to AI tools. By implementing strategic interventions, institutions can leverage AI to revolutionize sports education, making it more interactive, data-driven, and student-centered.

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Finally, while challenges remain in the adoption of this technology, I am confident that through collaboration and commitment from all stakeholders, AI-driven innovations in education will continue to evolve, making learning more dynamic, data-driven, and impactful for future generations.

Conflict of interest

The author declares no conflict of interest related to this research. This study was conducted independently, with no financial, institutional, or personal relationships that could have influenced the findings, analysis, or conclusions. All data collection, interpretation, and reporting were carried out with academic integrity and objectivity.

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