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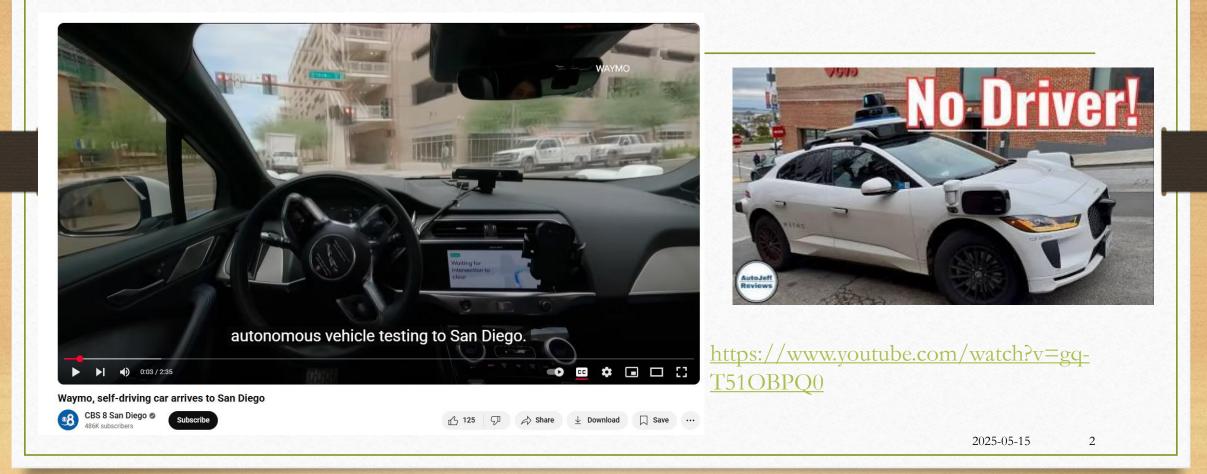
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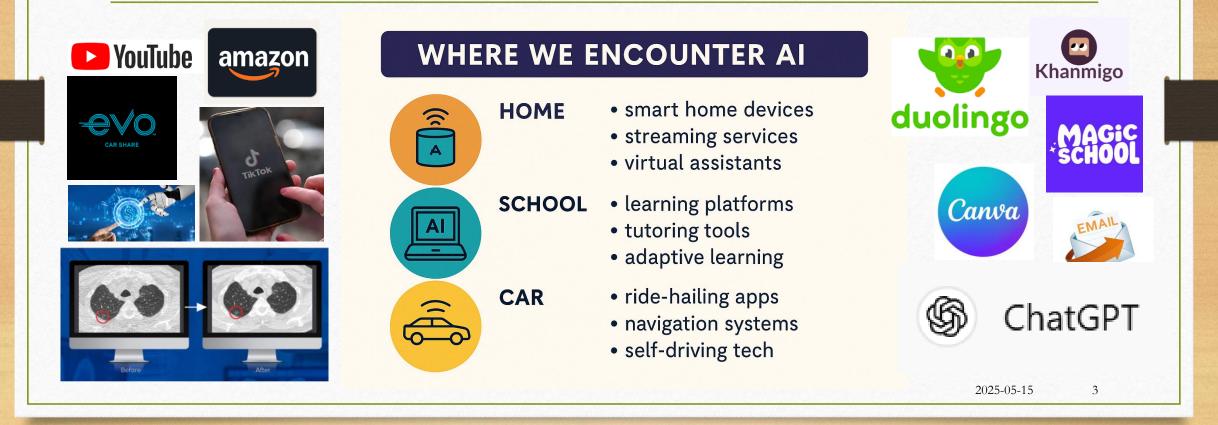
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We Encounter AI Daily



Time to Reach 1,000,000 Users



Online Service	Launch Year	Time Taken to Reach 1 Million Users
Threads	2023	1 hour
ChatGPT	2022	5 days
Instagram***	2010	2.5 months
Spotify	2008	5 months

1,500

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Part 1: What is AI and Why it Matters to You?



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What is Artificial Intelligence (AI)?

AI: computer systems designed to perform tasks that normally require human intelligence—such as understanding language, recognizing patterns, solving problems, or making decisions.

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From Turing to Modern AI



Techniques to Achieve AI

Technique

Machine Learning (ML)

Neural Networks

Natural Language Processing (NLP)

Computer Vision

Expert Systems

Description

Training models on data to learn and make decisions

Algorithms inspired by the human brain

Understanding and generating human language

Interpreting visual data from the world

Rule-based systems emulating human expertise

Applications

Pattern recognition, predictions

Image and speech recognition

Chatbots, translation

Object detection, facial recognition

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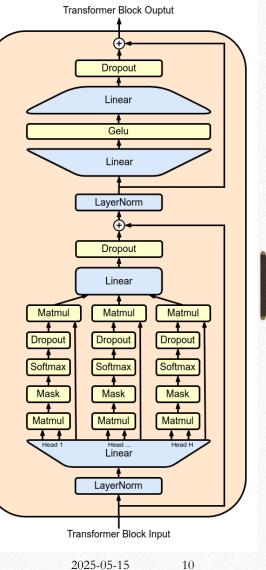
Three Types of AI

REACTIVE	PREDICTIVE	GENERATIVE
Responds to specific input	Analyzes data to predict future events or behaviours	Generates new content or outputs based on massive amounts of data
Doesn't learn from the past or future	Searches for patterns in the data	Learns from the past, generates creative output
Specific input always results in the same output		Specific input can result in new output
Examples	Examples	Examples
Spam filters; Netflix recommendation engine, traffic management	Spotify, Netflix, fraud detection, healthcare	Large Language Models, such as ChatGPT, Claude, etc.
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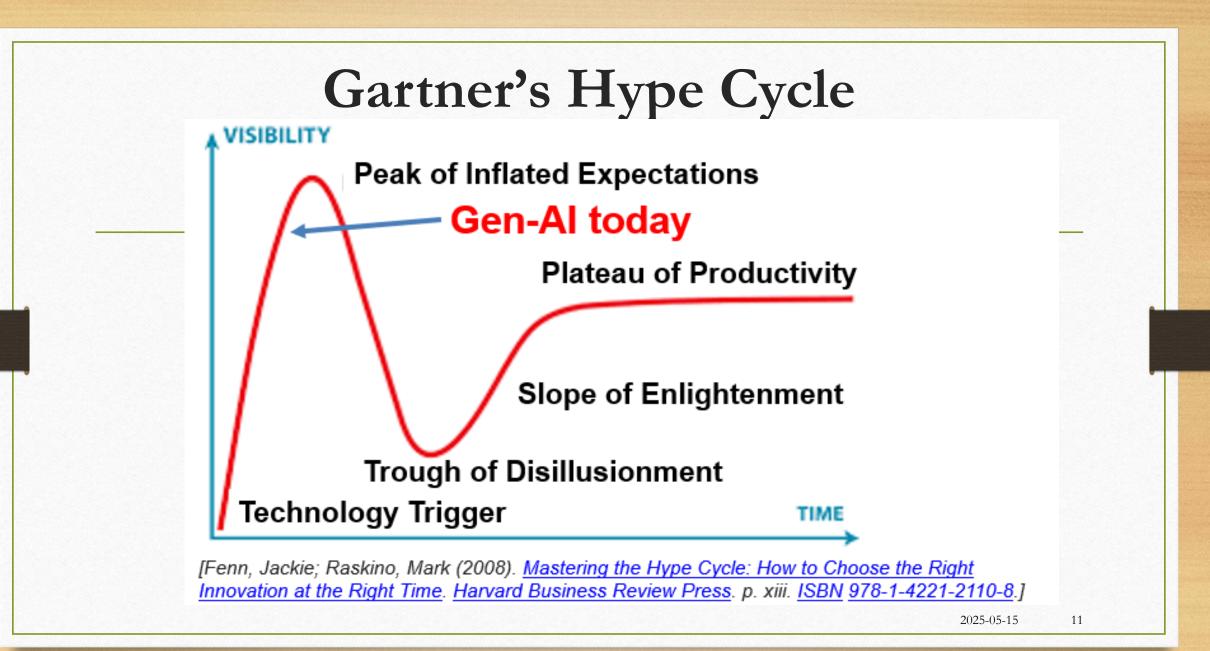
ChatGPT – Generative Pretrained Transformer

So, **ChatGPT** is essentially a chatbot based on the GPT model, designed **to generate human-like responses in conversation**. It was trained on vast amounts of text data to understand and produce language in a coherent, context-sensitive way.

Output Softmax Linear LayerNorm ransformer Block ransformer Block ransformer Block Laver Dropout Positional Encoding Input Embedding Input



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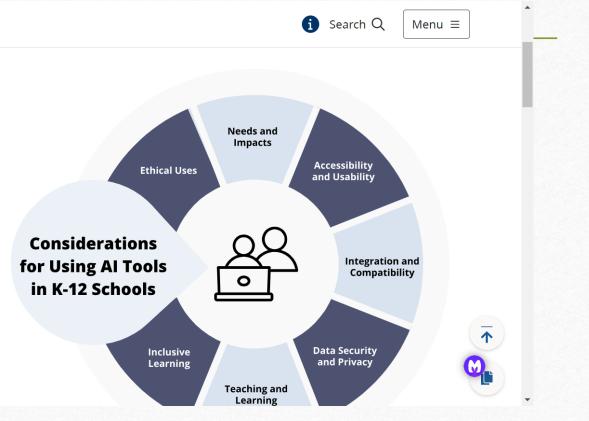
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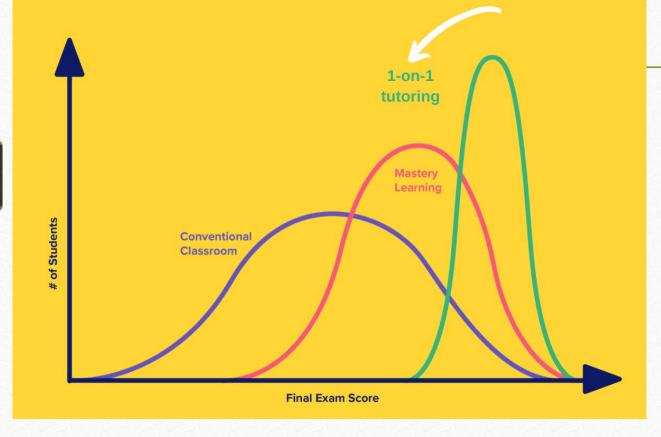
AI, or Artificial Intelligence, encompasses the capacity of machines and computer systems to replicate human-like cognitive functions, including learning, problem-solving, decision-making, and utilizing algorithms and data.

Ethical, responsible, and safe use of AI in K-12 education requires a human-centered approach that prioritizes meaningful learning experiences. The integration of AI, when thoughtfully applied, has the potential to enrich our education system by streamlining administrative tasks, enhancing efficiency, and enabling a dedicated focus on student-centered activities. While AI can act as a supplementary tool and offer enrichment and depth to classroom practices, choices about the use of AI in the classroom are ultimately made by teachers based on the needs of the students.

Education, by its nature, is relational, especially when emphasizing the irreplaceable and integral role of human



Bloom's 2-Sigma Problem



Tutoring?

Benjamin Bloom, 1984, The 2 Sigma Problem: The Search for Methods of Group Instruction as Effective as One-to-One Tutoring, *Educational Researcher* in June–July 1984, Volume 13, Issue 6, pages 4–16.

Risks of Neglecting AI in Teacher Education & Pro-D



DIGITAL LITERACY GAP

Teachers without AI training may struggle to understand or use emerging tools, leading to widening gap between tech-savvy educators ar) those left behind.



STUDENT DISADVANTAGE

Teachers untrained in AI cannot effectively teach students how to responsibly use or understand AI– key skills for future job markets.



MISSED EFFICIENCY GAINS

Al can automate administrative tasks, personalize learning, and provide insights into student progress. Without training, teachers miss out on these productivity boosts.



ETHICAL BLIND SPOTS

Lack of awareness about AI biases and data ethics may lead to uncritical adoption of tools that reinforce inequity or violate student privacy.



REDUCED INNOVATION

Schools without Al-literate staff are less likely to adopt innovative teaching practices or participate in educational tech pilots and reforms.



PROFESSIONAL IRRELEVANCE

As AI reshapes all industries, including education, teachers without AI knowledge may risk falling bhind professionally or facing obsolescence in future roles

Part 3: Getting Started with AI in Your Courses

In education, AI can support personalized learning, automate

administrative tasks, support educators in lesson planning, provide

real-time feedback to both students and teachers, and much more...

AI in Teacher Education & Pro-D

•Learning platforms: Khan Academy, Duolingo, Quizlet— AI for personalization.

•Tutoring tools: ChatGPT, etc. help explain concepts, generate quizzes., practice

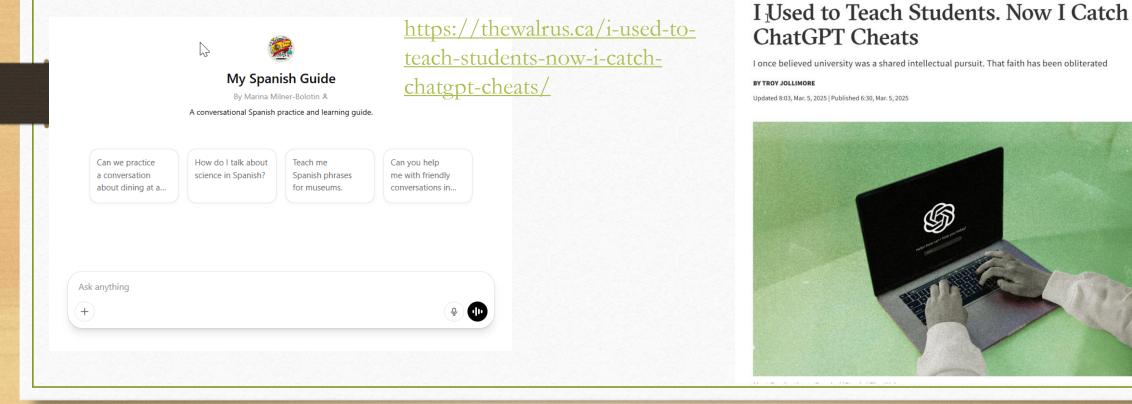
language, generate teaching materials.

•Adaptive learning systems: DreamBox or IXL adjust difficulty based on student

responses.

ChatGPT – From Language Practice to Essays, Presentations, Images, etc.

https://www.chatgpt.com/



Magic School AI

Lesson & unit planning

- MC Quizzes, push assessment to Google Forms, virtual rooms, quiz me, tutor me
- Creating assessment rubrics
- Creating examples to share with the students
- Finding potential student difficulties



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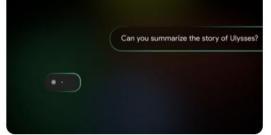


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Part 4: Ethical & Pedagogical Considerations

- 1. Reconsidering curriculum and learning outcomes
- 2. Reconsidering assessment, cheating, and learning outcomes
- 3. Preventing academic misconduct: Being clear about what is acceptable & what isn't
- 4. Being creative with AI use, but not over reliant
- 5. Using AI to help generate new insights research focus
- 6. Using AI to engage students personalization

Part 5: Redefining Assessments in the Age of AI

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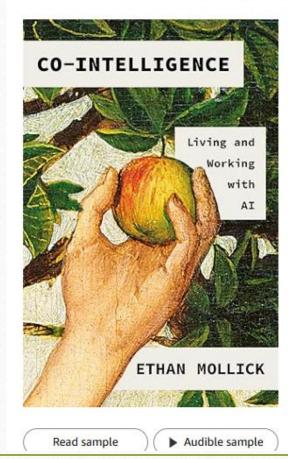
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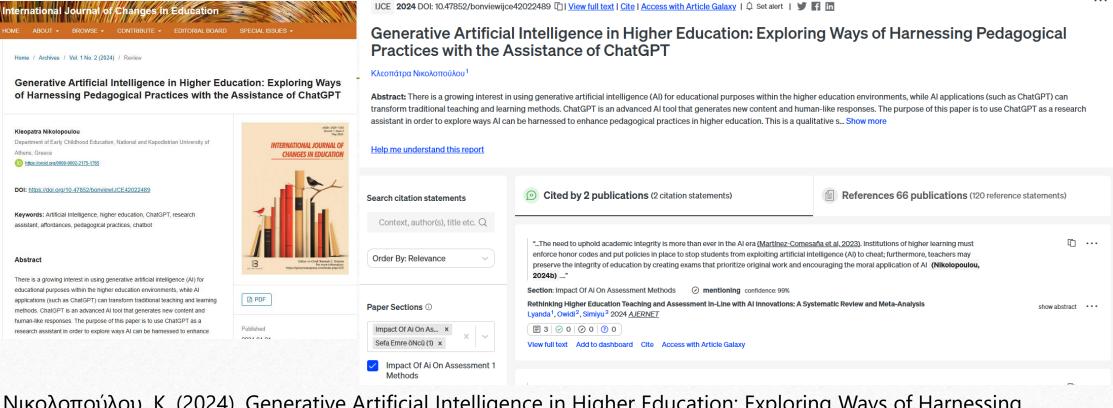
From Wharton professor and author of the popular One Useful Thing Substack newsletter Ethan Mollick comes the definitive playbook for working, learning, and living in the new age of AI

Something new entered our world in November 2022 — the first general purpose AI that could pass for a human and do the kinds of creative, innovative work that only humans could do previously. Wharton professor Ethan Mollick immediately understood what ChatGPT meant: after millions of years on our own, humans had developed a kind of co-intelligence that could augment, or even replace, human thinking. Through his writing, speaking, and teaching, Mollick has become one of the most prominent and provocative explainers of AI, focusing on the practical aspects of how these new tools for thought can transform our world.

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How Do You Use AI in Education?

