Understanding the Impact of Chatbot Technology in Learning: Analysis of Utilization at SMA Negeri 5 Binjai

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ABSTRACT
This research aims to comprehend the impact of chatbot technology on learning, with a specific focus on analyzing its utilization at SMA Negeri 5 Binjai. Employing both qualitative and quantitative approaches, this study explores the implementation of chatbots in an educational context, including their applications in language learning, mental health support, and the teaching process. A comprehensive literature review was conducted to identify potential benefits and challenges associated with chatbot implementation in schools. The analysis results highlight the evolution of chatbot roles, ranging from basic functionalities to sophisticated capabilities in supporting the learning process. The research also encompasses a chatbot development model presented by Author and the findings from action research, providing practical insights into the use of chatbots in online learning media. Through surveys, interviews, and observations, research participants were engaged to provide a comprehensive perspective on the impact and acceptance of chatbot technology in the educational environment of SMA Negeri 5 Binjai. The outcomes of this research are anticipated to offer in-depth insights into how chatbots influence the learning process and lay the foundation for developing more effective strategies for chatbot utilization in educational institutions. The conclusions and recommendations from this study may assist policymakers, educators, and researchers in understanding the role of chatbots in enhancing the learning experience at SMA Negeri 5 Binjai and similar educational contexts.

Keyword: Chatbot; SMAN 5 Binjai; Technology

1. INTRODUCTION
The integration of technology and modern pedagogical approaches has significantly influenced the educational context in schools. E-learning, for instance, has emerged as a pivotal component in medical education, offering evidence of its effectiveness and its potential as a scholarly pursuit (Ruiz et al., 2006). Furthermore, the incorporation of modern neuopedagogical, neuropsychological, and neurolinguistic approaches has been advocated in primary school education, reflecting a neuroscientific perspective on organizing the educational process (Melnyk et al., 2022). Additionally, the adoption of information and communications technology (ICT) in education has been highlighted, emphasizing the need to consider behavioral and sociocultural contexts for its effective implementation (Ulanova, 2021).

Moreover, mobile learning has gained traction in schools, with educators recognizing the educational value of smartphones and advocating for its adoption in inquiry science curriculum to enhance students' progression (Looi et al., 2015). This is complemented by the increasing emphasis on inquiry-based learning as an efficient approach to foster students' curiosity and motivation by linking science teaching in schools with informal learning and phenomena in everyday life (Surez et al., 2018).

The significance of technology in learning has been widely recognized in educational research. Educational technology plays a crucial role in teaching and learning processes, especially with the increasing use of information and communication technologies (Stošić, 2015). The ease of use of technology is particularly important in the early stages following its introduction in educational settings (Pynoo et al., 2012). Technology enables autonomous learning, as highlighted in a study on the autonomous use of technology for language learning among ESL learners at the tertiary level (Zulkepli et al., 2018). Additionally, technology can enhance active learning and support collaborative endeavors, emphasizing the importance of social interaction and collaboration in technological innovations (Ferdig,
2006). Furthermore, the integration of technology in online learning has become essential, although there are still ongoing discussions questioning its importance in this context (Lam, 2018).

The development of chatbots in educational contexts has garnered significant attention in recent years. Chatbots, which are computer programs designed to simulate conversation with human users, have shown potential in revolutionizing the educational landscape. Several studies have delved into the potential applications, benefits, and challenges of integrating chatbots into educational settings.

Winkler and Söllner (2018) conducted a comprehensive analysis of the current state of chatbots in education. Their review of 1405 articles from various disciplines revealed that chatbots are in the early stages of integration into education. This indicates a burgeoning area of research and development with vast potential for growth and innovation in educational chatbot applications.

Pérez et al. (2020) conducted a systematic literature review that provides a solid framework for the research and development of chatbots in the educational field. Their analysis offers valuable insights that can guide future endeavors in leveraging chatbots for educational purposes. This systematic approach ensures that the findings are robust and reliable, serving as a valuable resource for researchers and practitioners in the field of educational technology.

Furthermore, Wollny et al. (2021) presented a systematic literature review that not only investigated the current applications of chatbots in education but also explored the pedagogical roles of chatbots, their use for mentoring purposes, and their potential to personalize education. This comprehensive review sheds light on the diverse ways in which chatbots can contribute to educational practices, emphasizing their potential to enhance personalized learning experiences.

(Kuhail et al., 2022) also contributed to the understanding of educational chatbots through a systematic review that focused on dimensions such as the educational field, platform, design principles, the role of chatbots, interaction styles, evidence, and limitations. This multidimensional analysis provides a holistic view of the landscape of educational chatbots, offering valuable insights for educators, developers, and researchers seeking to integrate chatbots into educational contexts.

Moreover, Chocarro et al. (2021) explored teachers' attitudes towards chatbots in education using a technology acceptance model approach. Their study considered factors such as social language, bot proactiveness, and users' characteristics. This research provides valuable insights into the perceptions and acceptance of chatbots among educators, shedding light on the human factors that influence the successful integration of chatbots into educational settings.

The development of chatbots in educational contexts is a dynamic and evolving field that holds immense promise for transforming teaching and learning practices. The insights gleaned from the aforementioned studies offer a rich foundation for further exploration and innovation in leveraging chatbots to enhance educational experiences.

Implementing chatbot technology in schools has gained attention in recent years. Chatbots have the potential to revolutionize education by providing personalized support, enhancing engagement, and streamlining administrative tasks. Research indicates that chatbots are at the early stages of entering the education sector (Winkler & Söllner, 2018). They offer various functionalities, moving beyond simple "answering machines" to more sophisticated roles in assisting the teaching and learning process (Mendoza et al., 2022). The types of chatbots used in educational environments vary, and their implementation presents both benefits and challenges (Pérez et al., 2020; Kuhail et al., 2022).

Additionally, chatbots have been explored as language learning tools, particularly as conversation partners in English as a Foreign Language (EFL) speaking classes (Yang et al., 2022).

The literature emphasizes the technological advancements that have facilitated the development of chatbots with rich functionality, contributing to their potential in education (Mendoza et al., 2022). These advancements include the emergence of new frameworks and libraries, making it easier to create chatbots with diverse capabilities. Furthermore, the systematic review of chatbot implementation in education highlights the benefits they offer, such as personalized support and administrative streamlining while also acknowledging challenges that need to be addressed for successful integration (Kuhail et al., 2022).

2. LITERATURE REVIEW

A. Chatbot Concept in Education

Chatbots are computer programs designed to engage in auditory or textual conversations. In the context of education, chatbots have gained significant attention due to their potential to support the
learning process. They can assist in various educational tasks, such as providing personalized learning experiences, answering student queries, and offering mentoring support. The application of chatbots in education has been the subject of several studies, aiming to explore their effectiveness and potential impact on the learning process.

A systematic literature review by Pérez et al. (2020) identified instances where chatbots can assist in learning under conditions similar to those of a human tutor, while also exploring techniques for assessing the quality of chatbots. This review emphasizes the potential of chatbots to emulate human tutoring and highlights the importance of evaluating their quality in educational settings.

Furthermore, Wollny et al. (2021) conducted a systematic literature review to investigate the areas of education where chatbots have been applied, explore their pedagogical roles, and assess their potential for personalizing education. This review provides insights into the diverse pedagogical roles of chatbots and their potential to personalize the learning experience for students.

Smutný and Schreiberová (2020) conducted a review specifically focusing on educational chatbots for the Facebook Messenger platform. This study sheds light on the popularity of chatbots for learning purposes and their specific application within the context of social media platforms, emphasizing the diverse channels through which chatbots can engage with learners.

In addition, Oh et al. (2021) conducted a systematic review of AI chatbots aimed at promoting physical activity, healthy diet, and weight loss. Although the focus of this study is health-related, it provides valuable insights into the characteristics and conversational capacities of AI chatbots, which can be relevant when considering the potential of chatbots in educational settings.

Overall, the literature indicates that chatbots have the potential to play a significant role in education by providing personalized support, emulating human tutoring, and engaging with learners through various platforms. However, further research is needed to fully understand the impact of chatbots on the learning process and to optimize their effectiveness in educational settings.

B. Learning Model with Chatbot

The integration of chatbots in educational settings has garnered significant attention in recent literature. Several studies have explored the potential of chatbots in enhancing learning experiences and improving learning outcomes. Winkler and Söllner (2018) highlighted the use of one-way artificially intelligent chatbots to understand student intents better, thereby increasing the quality of the Computer-Mediated Learning (CML) process and improving learning outcomes. Similarly, Fryer et al. (2019) emphasized the role of chatbot learning partners in connecting learning experiences, interest, and competence, indicating the potential of chatbots to personalize education.

Furthermore, Chen et al. (2020) conducted a study to investigate the impact of a ChatBot on learning Chinese vocabulary and its correlation with learning achievement and technology acceptance. The findings of this study shed light on the potential of chatbots to facilitate language learning and their acceptance within educational contexts. Additionally, Sriwisathiyakun & Dhamanitayakul (2022) emphasized the benefits of chatbots in enhancing digital literacy, particularly for senior citizens, by providing instant and consistent responses, thereby making the learning experience more engaging.

While the literature presents several advantages of integrating chatbots into learning models, it is essential to consider potential disadvantages. The 24/7 availability and instant responses provided by chatbots, as highlighted by (Sriwisathiyakun & Dhamanitayakul, 2022), may raise concerns about overreliance on technology and reduced human interaction in the learning process. Moreover, the use of chatbots in education may pose challenges related to privacy, data security, and the ethical use of AI in learning environments, which are important considerations that need to be addressed.

The impact of chatbot-integrated learning models on learning achievement is a critical aspect that has been explored in the literature. The studies reviewed provide evidence of the positive impact of chatbots on learning achievement, particularly in language learning, digital literacy, and personalized education. However, it is important to note that the effectiveness of chatbot-integrated learning models may vary based on the specific educational context, learner characteristics, and the design of the chatbot system.

The literature review on learning models involving chatbots demonstrates the potential of chatbots to enhance learning experiences, improve learning outcomes, and personalize education. While the advantages of chatbot-integrated learning models are evident, it is crucial to address potential disadvantages and ethical considerations. Moving forward, further research is needed to explore the
long-term impact of chatbot-integrated learning models across diverse educational settings and subject areas.

3. RESEARCH METHOD

This research adopts a mixed-methods approach, combining qualitative and quantitative aspects. The chosen design aims to provide a comprehensive understanding of chatbot implementation at SMA Negeri 5 Binjai with robust statistical support. The study population includes students, teachers, and school staff at SMA Negeri 5 Binjai, with random sampling to ensure a balanced representation across various groups. Sample selection criteria consider variables such as education level, experience, and roles within the school environment. Research instruments consist of interviews, questionnaires, and observations. Interviews and questionnaires are utilized for collecting qualitative and quantitative data, while observations offer direct insights into the chatbot’s implementation at the school. Instrument validity and reliability are tested through pre-research trials and statistical analyses. Data collection involves structured steps, including in-depth interviews with stakeholders, distribution of questionnaires, and observations of interactions with the chatbot in the school environment. Data analysis incorporates thematic coding for qualitative data and descriptive statistical methods for quantitative data, providing a comprehensive overview of the impact and acceptance of chatbots at SMA Negeri 5 Binjai.

4. FINDINGS AND DISCUSSION

A. Chatbot Implementation Analysis

The implementation of chatbots in educational settings has garnered significant attention in recent years. Chatbots have been explored for various educational purposes, including language learning, mental health support, and assisting the teaching and learning process. A systematic review by Huang et al. (2021) emphasizes the potential of chatbots in language learning and proposes rudimentary design principles for their meaningful implementation in educational settings. The study provides detailed suggestions for future research, highlighting the need for further exploration in this domain. Similarly, Kuhail et al. (2022) conducted a systematic review focusing on the benefits and challenges of implementing chatbots in an educational setting, shedding light on the complexities associated with integrating this technology into the school environment.

Furthermore, the potential of chatbots in providing mental health support in schools is discussed in the study by (Grove, 2021). The analysis underscores the effectiveness of artificial intelligence in addressing mental health issues and highlights the significance of implementing chatbots to provide support that may not be readily available through traditional means. This perspective adds a crucial dimension to the discussion on chatbot implementation in schools, emphasizing the diverse roles that chatbots can play in the educational ecosystem.

Moreover, Mendoza et al. (2022) present a model for developing chatbots to assist the teaching and learning process. The study emphasizes the technological advancements that have facilitated the development of chatbots with enhanced functionality, moving beyond simple "answering machines" to more sophisticated educational tools. This evolution in chatbot capabilities holds promise for their effective integration into educational settings, offering valuable support to teachers and students. Additionally, Dewi et al. (2022) conducted action research to explore the impact of digital training in building chatbot-based online learning media. The study outlines a structured approach involving the introduction of chatbot and chatbot templates as digital learning media in schools, training sessions for teachers, and the creation and design of chatbots. This practical insight into the implementation process provides valuable guidance for educators and administrators looking to leverage chatbots for enhancing the learning experience.

The literature reviewed underscores the potential of chatbots in educational settings and provides valuable insights into the challenges and solutions associated with their implementation. From language learning to mental health support and the teaching process, chatbots offer diverse opportunities to enrich the educational experience. However, the successful integration of chatbots into schools requires careful consideration of design principles, technological advancements, and structured training for educators. As schools continue to explore the possibilities of chatbot implementation, further research and practical guidance will be essential to maximize the benefits of this technology in educational contexts.
B. Impact on Learning

The use of chatbots in education has been a topic of increasing interest in recent years. Several studies have been conducted to assess the impact of chatbot-based learning on students' learning outcomes and motivation. conducted a systematic literature review and found that educational chatbots have been successful in providing positive impacts on students, including autonomous learning, self-organization, and self-motivation (Pérez et al., 2020). Similarly, found that the design of chatbots can lead to a positive learning experience and better learning outcomes (Chen et al., 2020). These findings are supported by , who reported that chatbots have a positive impact on successful learning and student satisfaction when used as personalized learning support (Vanichvasin, 2021).

However, it is important to note that the impact of chatbot-based learning is not universally positive. found that while chatbot applications had positive effects on the intrinsic motivation of students in the experimental group, they did not find significant differences in students' performances (Topal et al., 2021). Jia-Qi et al. also highlighted the need to consider the relatedness factor in chatbot-based learning to achieve a complete view of its effects on students' learning motivation and performance (Jia-qi et al., 2020).

In addition to the positive and negative impacts, it is essential to compare learning outcomes with and without the use of chatbots. This comparison can provide valuable insights into the effectiveness of chatbot-based learning. The studies by , , and provide evidence supporting the positive impact of chatbots on learning outcomes (Pérez et al., 2020; Chen et al., 2020; Vanichvasin, 2021). However, the study by suggests that the differences in students' performances may not be significant when using chatbot applications (Topal et al., 2021).

The findings regarding the impact of chatbot-based learning on students' learning outcomes and motivation are mixed. While some studies have reported positive effects such as autonomous learning and better learning outcomes, others have found that the differences in students' performances may not be substantial. Future research in this area should consider various factors, including the design of chatbots and the relatedness factor, to gain a comprehensive understanding of the effects of chatbot-based learning on students' learning.

C. Discussion

The use of chatbots in education is gaining popularity for various purposes, as highlighted by studies from Huang et al. (2021) and Kuhail et al. (2022). These reviews emphasize the potential benefits and challenges of incorporating chatbots into education, particularly in language learning and overall educational support. Grove's (2021) study explores how chatbots can provide mental health support in schools, showcasing their versatility in enhancing students' well-being.

Mendoza et al. (2022) propose a model for developing advanced chatbots to assist in the teaching and learning process, showcasing the potential evolution of chatbots into sophisticated educational tools. This shift from basic functionalities to enhanced capabilities marks a promising development in chatbot implementation in educational settings. Additionally, Dewi et al.'s (2022) action research provides practical insights into the impact of digital training in creating chatbot-based online learning media, offering a valuable guide for educators adopting chatbots effectively.

In summary, literature highlights the diverse applications of chatbots in education, spanning language learning, mental health support, and teaching processes. The evolution from basic to advanced capabilities, coupled with practical implementation strategies, underscores the dynamic landscape of chatbot integration in educational settings.

Regarding the impact of chatbot-based learning on student outcomes and motivation, Pérez et al. (2020) and Chen et al. (2020) suggest positive impacts such as autonomous learning and improved outcomes. However, Topal et al. (2021) and Jia-Qi et al. (2020) present a more nuanced view, indicating that effects may vary based on factors like intrinsic motivation and relatedness. The mixed findings highlight the complexity of the relationship between chatbot-based learning and student outcomes. While some studies show positive impacts, others stress the need for a comprehensive understanding, considering factors like chatbot design and perceived relevance to students. Recognizing variations in methodologies and contexts across studies is crucial, as explored in comparisons between learning outcomes with and without chatbots by Pérez et al. (2020), Chen et al. (2020), and Vanichvasin (2021).
Future research should delve deeper into the intricacies of chatbot-based learning, considering specific design elements, contextual factors, and the role of intrinsic motivation. As schools continue to explore these technologies, a balanced approach, considering both positive aspects and potential challenges, will be essential to maximize the benefits of chatbot integration in educational contexts.

5. FINDINGS AND DISCUSSION

A. Conclusion:
The analysis of chatbot technology’s impact on learning, specifically its utilization at SMA Negeri 5 Binjai, provides valuable insights into the evolving landscape of educational technology. The implementation of chatbots in this educational setting reflects a growing interest in leveraging this technology for diverse purposes, including language learning, mental health support, and enhancing the teaching and learning process. The examination of relevant literature, such as systematic reviews and practical studies, underscores the potential benefits and challenges associated with chatbot integration. The exploration of chatbots’ multifaceted roles, from providing mental health support to assisting in the teaching process, reveals the versatility of this technology. The model presented by Mendoza et al. (2022) for developing advanced chatbots signifies a promising evolution, moving beyond basic functionalities to becoming sophisticated educational tools. Practical insights from Dewi et al.’s (2022) action research further emphasize the importance of structured approaches, including digital training, in effectively implementing chatbot-based online learning media.

B. Recommendation:
1. Implement comprehensive training programs for educators at SMA Negeri 5 Binjai to ensure they are well-equipped to utilize chatbots effectively in the teaching process. This includes both technical training on chatbot functionalities and pedagogical training on integrating chatbots into the curriculum.
2. Encourage continuous research and development efforts to enhance chatbot capabilities, particularly in the context of education. Collaboration with technology developers, researchers, and educators can contribute to the evolution of chatbots as valuable educational tools.
3. Establish a feedback mechanism involving students, teachers, and staff at SMA Negeri 5 Binjai to continuously assess the impact of chatbots on the learning process. This feedback loop can inform adjustments and improvements to ensure the technology aligns with the specific needs of the educational community.
4. Explore the potential of integrating chatbots into support services, such as providing mental health support to students. Collaborate with relevant professionals to design and implement chatbots that complement existing support structures within the school.
5. Conduct a long-term evaluation of the impact of chatbot technology on learning outcomes at SMA Negeri 5 Binjai. This evaluation should consider not only immediate effects but also the sustained impact over an extended period, providing a comprehensive understanding of the technology’s effectiveness.

A thoughtful and strategic approach to chatbot integration, coupled with continuous research and collaboration, can maximize the benefits of this technology in the educational setting of SMA Negeri 5 Binjai.

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