Confronting Singularity: Navigating AI's Future

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Abstract

The rapid development of synthetic intelligence (AI) is shaping a destiny in which the limits between human intelligence and generation blur, redefining cognitive and innovative capacities. Ray Kurzweil's The Singularity is Nearer: When We Merge with AI envisions a global by way of means of 2045 in which AI surpasses human intelligence and merges with humanity along nanotechnology and brain computer interfaces. While this kind of transformation provides enormous possibilities for boosting human abilities, it also increases essential issues concerning dependency, autonomy, and cultural stability. This paper examines these problems via Lazarus and Folkman's stress coping model, which highlights the mental traces people may also enjoy while adapting to technological disruptions, and Neil Postman's Technopoly theory, which warns towards the unchecked dominance of generation in shaping social values and cultural coherence. By situating Kurzweil's predictions inside those frameworks, the look at underscores the dangers of overreliance on AI, together with the erosion of originality, cognitive stagnation, unemployment, and the lack of human company in innovative processes. Simultaneously, it stresses the significance of moral mirrored image and accountable technological integration to make certain that AI stays a device for human empowerment in place of cultural subordination.

Future studies should expand these insights by way of means of undertaking comparative analyses of AI- and human-generated innovative works, investigating long-term cognitive modifications related to the use of AI, and exploring the cultural results of AI-pushed technopoly throughout numerous societies. Additionally, research on coping strategies, coverage frameworks, and academic interventions could be critical in addressing AI triggered mental strain while safeguarding creativity and originality. By balancing innovation with moral foresight, societies can mitigate the dangers of AI dominance while harnessing its transformative capabilities for collective progress. Keywords: AI Influence, Overreliance, Human Creativeness, Unemployment, AI's Consequences.

Introduction

The emergence of synthetic intelligence (AI) has undeniably transformed the way people understand and interact with creativity, establishing enormous possibilities while concurrently elevating profound challenges. On the one hand, AI has the ability to amplify human creativity by way of means of supplying equipment that boosts innovative techniques, helps in experimentation, and offers opportunities for expression. On the opposite hand, the growing ease and velocity of AI generated output's chance encouraging dependency, which may also lessen essential thinking, originality, and impartial problemsolving. Instead of carrying out deeper reflection, people may also lean closer to algorithmically handy solutions, thereby compromising actual innovative approaches and probably leading to homogenised creative expressions. (Uzzi, "Will AI Kill Human Creativity?", 2023).

This anxiety is in addition amplified via way of means of issues concerning the sustainability of innovative professions, as surveys monitor that writers, illustrators, and translators assume vast disruptions to their earnings and employment potentialities because of the developing adoption of generative AI.

Given those realities, the significant goal of this study is to severely take a look at the effect of AI integration on human creativity, cognition, and cultural practices, while highlighting the dangers of overreliance which could bring about dwindled originality, ability stagnation, and lack of agency. To this end, they employ theoretical frameworks: Lazarus and Folkman's Stress Coping Model, which explains how people psychologically cope with and respond to technological disruptions, and Neil Postman's Technopoly theory, which provides a cultural critique of technology's ability to dominate and reshape social structures. By studying AI's impact along those lenses, this paper seeks to discover each the mental pressures on people and the wider cultural effects for society at large.

In alignment with those objectives, this study is guided via way of means of the subsequent questions: (1) How does overreliance on AI have an effect on human creativity and essential thinking? (2) What mental stress do people experience when adapting to fast AI integration, and what coping techniques do they adopt? (3) To what quantity does AI pushed technopoly threaten cultural coherence, originality, and social stability? These studies questions now no longer most effective offer a clean roadmap for the have a look at however additionally replicate the urgent issues of an AI ruled future. By foregrounding each cognitive and cultural dimension, the advent situates these paintings at the intersection of psychology, creativity studies, and cultural theory, thereby emphasising the urgency of accountable technological improvement and the safeguarding of human areas of expertise in an age of increasing AI progress. "Boden (2016) reminds us that AI can also additionally help creativity however can't reflect the intensity of human imagination, reinforcing worries that overreliance dangers homogenizing inventive expression."

A recent SoA survey indicated that 65% of

respondents believed that frequent use of AI tools could impede their development as creatives, pointing to possible stagnation in skill advancement over time. The notion that AI's convenient solutions might compromise the rigorous methods essential for skill improvement raises significant concerns about the future of creative careers. Additionally, over half of non-fiction writers (57%) and nearly two-thirds of fiction writers (65%) express the view that generative AI may adversely impact their future income from creative endeavors. This perspective is echoed by more than three-quarters of translators (77%) and illustrators (78%). (SOA policy team, "SoA survey reveals a third of translators and quarter of illustrators losing work to AI", 2024).

Kurzweil's AI vision

The work, *The Singularity is Nearer-When We Merge with AI* (2024) by Ray Kurzweil, is a vision of a future where superior artificial intelligence and humanity coexist. He contends that a turning point in human history is imminent, one in which artificial intelligence (AI) will not only surpass human intelligence but also unite with it, radically altering the way of life. This new book highlights Kurzweil's belief in the use of technology to improve human capacities while reflecting on technological breakthroughs and the effects of artificial intelligence on society.

Kurzweil argues that technological advancement is exponential rather than linear, and bases this on the law of accelerating returns. As a result, some industries, such as artificial intelligence, biotechnology, and nanotechnology, experience rapid gains due to a feedback loop created by developing technologies. By 2029, Kurzweil believes AI will be intelligent enough to compete with humans.

By following the historical investigation into whether computers are capable of thinking, which led to Alan Turing's seminal Turing Test, it explores the increasingly uncertain boundaries between human minds and artificial intelligence. In many cognitive activities, Kurzweil claims that recent developments demonstrate AI's superiority over the human brain, bringing one step closer to a future in which human and AI intelligence coexist. This epochal transition presents both enormous

opportunities and risks, from potentially disruptive effects on the economy and society to improvements in human lifespan and intelligence. The dual-use aspect of AI technologies is emphasised by Kurzweil who acknowledges potential drawbacks such as employment displacement and societal injustice while promoting their beneficial use. "Brynjolfsson and McAfee (2014) in addition argue that exponential technological change produces each unparalleled prosperity and disruptive inequality, a duality that resonates with Kurzweil's predictions."

Kurzweil explains the implications of this merging, stating that it will enable improvements beyond biological limits, increasing cognitive and physical abilities exponentially. By 2045, Kurzweil predicts that humans will seamlessly integrate with AI, utilising advanced nanotechnology and brain-computer interfaces to enhance their experience and intelligence.

Mind and Machine stress

The study examines the theoretical aspects of AI's influence on human creativity and over reliance on technology through Stress coping model theory and the primary stage is Stress as a reaction: The study of stress focuses on how people react to it; depending on how they understand it, stress can have either beneficial (eustress) or negative (dystress) effects. "One of the most obvious downsides of innovation, though, is unemployment caused by automation in its various forms" (Ray Kurzweil Singularity is Nearer 5). Fears of job loss and unstable economic conditions are the main causes of the substantial dystress factor that the growth of AI and automation brings (Jack Tsai et al., "Job Automation and Concerns During COVID-19 Pandemic Among Middle and Low-Income US Adults", 2022). Many professions are expected to be replaced by automation, especially in manual labor and administrative fields which will increase people's concerns about their future employability and personal financial stability. "Fears of activity loss because of automation aren't new; Frey and Osborne (2017) confirmed that almost 1/2 of current jobs can be at danger because of computerization, reinforcing Kurzweil's worries approximately employment displacement." According to New EY research, a

startlingly high proportion of professionals worry that AI developments would cause them to lose their jobs, raising concerns about their financial security and the requirement for retraining in new technological environments (Hemmerdinger, "New EY research reveals the majority of US employees feel AI anxiety amid explosive adoption", 2023). This unfavorable view of automation might increase psychological anguish and lower general well-being by creating a sense of powerlessness. This powerlessness can restrict innovation and loss of creativity can lead to a vicious loop whereby the ability to adapt to the changing, automated workplace also diminishes as creativity vanishes (Robin Willardt and Petra C. Schmid, "The threat of powerlessness: Consequences for affect and (social) cognition", 2024). "During the coming decade, people will interact with AI that can seem convincingly human, and simple brain-computer interfaces will impact daily life much like smartphones do today" (Ray Kurzweil Singularity is Nearer 4). The psychological effects of these interactions will primarily depend on how people perceive and manage the pressures that arise when AI systems start to behave more like humans and brain-computer interfaces are incorporated into everyday life (Baraka Maiseli et al., "Brain-computer interface: trend, challenges, and treats", 2023).

Stress as a stimulus: This categorisation separates life events based on how they affect stress, claiming that stress is a distinct factor affecting health consequences. "One of the key advantages of the connectionist approach is that it allows you to solve problems without understanding them" (Ray Kurzweil Singularity is Nearer 18). Discusses the discrepancy between the mechanisms causing health consequences and human cognitive reactions to stresses. Similar to how connectionist models are excellent at negotiating intricate problem-solving environments devoid of explicit guidelines, people may encounter stressors without fully comprehending how they may affect their physical or mental wellbeing. "Even if we had a perfect ability to formulate and implement error-free rules for symbolic AI problem-solving (which we do not), we would be limited by our imperfect understanding of which rules would be optimal in the first place" (Ray Kurzweil Singularity is Nearer 18). Even while symbolic

AI has advanced to the point where it can express rules for addressing problems, comprehension is still limited by incomplete knowledge, particularly regarding which rules to use (Alaa-eddine Kaddouri, "Understanding the limitations of Symbolic AI: Challenges and Future Directions", 2024). This idea is also very important when it comes to stress and well-being. Similar to how the ideal set of guidelines for AI may continue to elude discovery, resulting in partial solutions, people may be misdiagnosed or employ poor coping mechanisms which could have a negative impact on their health because of a lack of knowledge about their stressor. This negative impact might impair cognitive abilities which limits one's capacity for creativity (Kristin Byron et al., "The relationship between stressors and creativity: a metaanalysis examining competing theoretical models", 2010).

Stress as a transaction: Instead of being primarily a reaction to outside influences, stress is now understood to be the result of a complex interaction between psychological, social and contextual elements. "Waymo created self-driving software for its autonomous cars but initially had a human monitor participate in all the rides" (Ray Kurzweil Singularity is Nearer 43). Even if people believe that autonomous cars will outperform humans they may still be rather concerned about their dependability and safety (Lee Rainie et al., "Americans cautions about the deployment of driverless cars", 2022). This draws attention to a gap between the technological prowess of autonomous systems and the psychological comfort of prospective passengers or other road users, which raises technology-related stress levels. "With the accumulation of this vast experience, an actual self-driving car will ultimately be able to perform much, much better than human drivers" (Ray Kurzweil Singularity is Nearer 43). Due to a deep-rooted dependence on traditional driving techniques, displacement of jobs and their unfamiliarity with technology, human drivers may be more anxious. According to AAA's most recent study on autonomous vehicles the majority of American drivers indicate either fear (66%) or uncertainty (25%) regarding completely autonomous vehicles a fear that hasn't diminished since peaking last year (Brittany Moye, "AAA: Fear of Self-Driving

Cars Persists as Industry Faces an Uncertain Future", 2024). Most Americans are hesitant to share the road with autonomous cars, indicating a widespread concern about the possibility of machine-caused accidents.

Problem-focused coping: This method entails taking proactive measures to address and resolve the stressors. "GPT-3 was the first such model to be commercially marketed and to display this creativity in a way that impressed its users" (Ray Kurzweil Singularity is Nearer 48). Although these affordances show promise, the increasing dependence on AI systems such as GPT-3 poses questions regarding user cognitive control (Justin Jackson, "Increased AI use linked to eroding critical thinking skills", 2025). People who use these technologies frequently may suffer from a condition called cognitive offloading where they rely on outside assistance to do tasks that would normally demand more intense mental effort. "This reliance on AI mirrors what Sparrow, Liu, and Wegner (2011) termed the Google effect, in which people outsource reminiscence and problem fixing to virtual tools, lowering the want for inner cognitive effort." "Users could prompt it to answer questions about any given subject in a huge variety of stylesfrom scientific writing to children's books, poetry or sitcom scripts. It could even imitate specific writers, living or dead" (Ray Kurzweil Singularity is Nearer 48). One runs the risk of losing their ability to think critically, make decisions and come up with original ideas if they rely solely on GPT-3 to produce creative outputs. Cognitive impairments which are typified by poor memory recall and a lack of reflective problem-solving skills could eventually result from this dependence on AI capabilities (Chris Westfall, "The Dark Side of AI: Tracking, The Decline of Human Cognitive skills", 2024).

Emotion-focused coping: Rather than addressing the underlying issue, this method focuses on managing emotional responses to stress. Avoiding situations, thinking optimistically and getting emotional support are some of the strategies used. "After IBM's Deep Blue supercomputer beat world chess champion Garry Kasparov in 1977, many commentators dismiss the accomplishment's relevance to real-world cognition" (Ray Kurzweil Singularity is Nearer 63). For human players, losing

at chess presents a significant emotional challenge, particularly when playing against a computer (Vilius Petkauskas, "Rise of the machines: When a computer beats a chess master", 2022). A strong sensation of inadequacy is evoked by losing to robots, as opposed to losing to human rivals which may involve subtleties of psychological interaction (Garry Kasparov, Human vs Machine: Kasparov's Legacy, "Machines have calculations, we have understanding. Machines have instructions, we have purpose. Machines have objectivity, we have passion", 2024). When computers take advantage of a player's errors, players frequently struggle with feelings of failure and personal disappointment. "But crosswords fell within two years, and less than twelve years after that, IBM's Watson went on Jeopardy! and handily defeated the two greatest human players, Ken Jennings and Brad Rutter" (Ray Kurzweil Singularity is Nearer 64). Chess players may feel as though all of their hard work has become useless because of the game's intricacy which necessitates a significant commitment in knowledge and skills. Some people avoid situations where they might have comparable consequences as a result of this emotional burden which highlights a problematic coping technique. The adverse effects of avoidance behaviours on cognitive flexibility and problemsolving skills (Manav Saha, "The Psychological Impact of Losing and Winning in Chess", 2024).

Primary appraisal: A stressor is categorised as either a challenge or a threat based on this initial assessment. "We will merge with AI and augment ourselves with millions of times the computational power that our biology gave us" (Ray Kurzweil Singularity is Nearer 1). The rapid development of technology has significantly impacted many facets of human life, most notably how people view and handle stress, the complex interrelationships among technology, stress, and creativity, emphasising the ways in which primary appraisal dynamics profoundly impact emotional reactions and creative potential. Both mental health and artistic expression can be negatively impacted by contemporary digital surroundings which often present themselves as potentially dangerous (Dr. Anna Garrett, "The Digital World and Stress levels", 2024).

Secondary appraisal: This entails examining

the resources and coping strategies that are available to address the stressor. "Rather than AI being a competitor, it will become an extension of ourselves" (Ray Kurzweil Singularity is Nearer 9). The idea of secondary appraisal is essential for efficient stress management in the current digital era since people are being exposed to stressors linked to excessive technology use. The assessment of coping strategies and resources that people can use to lessen perceived risks is included in secondary appraisal. Due to societal demands, time limits and information overload people frequently experience stress when using technology. "Tarafdar, Cooper, and Stich (2019) become aware of the twin function of generation in generating each techno-eustress (fine stress) and techno-distress, displaying that poorly controlled reliance on AI can expand mental stress in workplaces." Secondary assessment is crucial in navigating this environment, enabling people to consider appropriate ways to handle these challenges. This involves determining individual resources that can be modified to lessen the effects of stressors associated with technology, such as time management abilities or social support networks (Giorgia Bondanini et al., "Technostress Dark Side of Technology in the Workplace: A Scientometric Analysis", 2020).

Technopoly's Singularity: The AI integration

An alternate viewpoint can be gained by examining the analysis of Technopoly theory Evolution of cultural types: Three categories are distinguished by Postman: When culture is entirely reliant on technology, it is called a technopoly. A tool-using society uses technology to conform to ideological and social norms. A technocracy is primarily dependent on tools to define its culture and tends to weaken established institutions. "But once transformers got over 100 billion parameters, they unlock major breakthroughs in AI's command of natural language suddenly answer questions on their own with intelligence and subtly" (Ray Kurzweil Singularity is Nearer 47). Such AI would support current human objectives in a tool-using society, helping in areas like healthcare or education without changing cultural norms. AI starts to reshape social structures in a technocracy, changing the way

knowledge is produced and shared or upending established establishments like the workforce and educational system. (Automation reduced the amount of human labor demanded by the domestic manufacturing sector" (Ray Kurzweil Singularity is Nearer 204). "As Zuboff (2019) argues in her principle of surveillance capitalism, the awareness of technological energy dangers developing elites who dominate understanding and decisionmaking, echoing Postman's issue approximately technopolies." However, society becomes a technopoly where technology not only supports but also completely controls the cultural framework, if reliance on such AI grows so widespread that it takes the place of human agency and critical thinking in dictating cultural values. A change toward technocracy or technopoly, depending on how profoundly it alters societal norms and priorities, is suggested by the quick incorporation of such AI (Sayed Fayaz Ahmed et al., "Impact of artificial intelligence on human loss in decision making, laziness and safety in education", 2023).

Deification of technology: Technopolies give rise to a culture of information overload because they generate a lot of information yet frequently lack context. "The next area of deficiency is common sense. This is the ability to imagine situations and anticipate their consequences in the real world" (Ray Kurzweil *Singularity is Nearer* 55). Technopolies high tech clusters with dense networks of businesses and institutions have grown in size in the current digital era, greatly adding to the problem of information overload. Technopolies produce enormous volumes of data and information in a unique way yet frequently this abundance often occurs without the context needed to support comprehension or insightful analysis.

"Instead of reducing or increasing the amount of skill required to perform a certain task, artificial intelligence can often take over the task entirely. This is desirable not just for cost reasons but also because in many areas AI can actually do a better job than the humans it is replacing" (Ray Kurzweil Singularity is Nearer 209). Replacing human labour people might struggle with the social effects of rising crime rates and declining social engagement due to economic hardships. (Taylor Karl, "Navigating the

impact of AI Replacing Humans in Workplaces", 2024). These hardships have a major influence on decision-making processes. Excessive pushes of technologies can affect cognitive processes. (Gary W Small et al., "Brain health consequences of digital technology use", 2020). The capacity to use common sense is becoming extensively important, but it is also dangerously undermined as society struggles with the effects of the information overload brought on by technology. (Ashes Niroula, "Impacts of technology on culture, tradition and social values", 2018).

Subordination coherence: cultural Technology's demands for efficiency productivity include traditional values, morals and the arts. "Misuse encompasses cases where AI functions as its human operators intend but those operators deploy it to deliberately cause harm to others. For example, terrorists might use an AI's biochemistry abilities to design a new virus that causes a deadly pandemic" (Ray Kurzweil Singularity is Nearer 278). Social values pertaining to artistic expression, creativity and community engagement have always been impacted by the everchanging technology world. Indeed, technology has transformed the ways to produce and appreciate art, improving accessibility and enabling a wider variety of perspectives to contribute to cultural narratives (Mariell Combi, "Cultures and Technology: An Analysis of Some of the Changes in Progress-Digital, Global and Local Culture", p.3-15, 2016). But this change poses important questions such as whether the authenticity and spirit of traditional creative forms are being sacrificed for the efficiency and ease of technology. According to Neil Postman, technology dependence can lessen the distinctive qualities of cultural heritage, sparking discussion about how crucial it is to strike a balance between innovation and preservation. Moral frameworks pertaining to job security, work-life balance and general workplace dynamics have historically influenced work practices. Technology has improved efficiency by automating repetitive jobs but it has also brought about a number of pressures, including expectations for perpetual output and job security (Yuzhou Qian et al., "Societal impacts of artificial intelligence: Ethical, legal and governance issues", 2024).

Knowledge monopolies: By driving out those who lack understanding, new technologies establish elites that dominate information and practices. "Our mind will be empowered to grow exponentially, ultimately expanding our intelligence millions-fold. This is the core of my definition of the Singularity" (Ray Kurzweil Singularity is Nearer 73). With the introduction of brain-computer interfaces which allow the human mind to process information on a substrate millions of times faster than biological tissues, the quick speed of technology advancement is causing new paradigm shifts in how societies operate (Chuck Randolph, "Emerging Technology Highlights New Converged Risks and Asymmetric Threats", 2024). This capability creates a divide across societal groups according to access to and comprehension of these technologies, in addition to having significant consequences for improving cognitive function on an individual basis (Josephine Wolff, "How Is Technology Changing the World, and How Should the World Change Technology?", 2021). Social inequality is exacerbated by the establishment of elites who control information and practices through the proliferation of new technologies. The risk of establishing a new class of elites—those who comprehend and control technology versus others who do not, comes with this opportunity for personal growth, though.

Absence of contextual understanding: In a technopoly, information is a commodity that frequently has little value for the recipients. As a result, the original intent and meaning are compromised. One of the primary issues associated with AI's lack of contextual awareness is its inability to accurately translate human language. "But superintelligent AI entails a fundamentally different kind of perilin fact, the primary peril. If AI is smarter than its human creators, it could potentially find a way around any precautionary measures that have been implemented. There is no general strategy that can definitely overcome that" (Ray Kurzweil Singularity is Nearer 278). In this setting, technology actively affects human wants rather than just meeting them, which causes a gap between context, knowledge, and human experience (Michael Cheng-Tek Tai, "The impact of artificial intelligence on human society and bioethics", 2020). Artificial intelligence (AI) is a significant example of this phenomenon, especially in the way AI systems are used to interpret human language. In addition to making translation accuracy more difficult, AI's lack of contextual knowledge presents ethical questions regarding abuse by malicious actors. (Abdullah Alsaleh, "The impact of technological advancement on culture and society", Article number: 32140, 2024).

One of the key characteristics of Kurzweil's writing is its clarity and approachability. Although he addresses complex topics such as artificial intelligence and machine learning, he articulates his ideas in a way that is readily comprehensible. He steers clear of excessive technical language, favoring simple expressions that enable readers from diverse backgrounds to understand his points. Kurzweil effectively employs imagery and analogies to clarify intricate technological ideas, enhancing the engagement of his writings. Additionally, he utilizes various rhetorical techniques to persuade his audience. Frequently, he incorporates anecdotal evidence, sharing personal experiences to make his arguments more relatable. This method adds a personal dimension that fosters a connection with his readers, allowing them to perceive the human aspect within abstract discussions of technology.

Furthermore, his enthusiastic tone conveys his conviction in the optimistic possibilities of technology, often challenging the dominant narratives of pessimism associated with artificial intelligence. Kurzweil's thematically work investigates the consequences of technological progress on society and humanity. He examines not only the functionalities of emerging technologies but also their ability to improve human existence, raising inquiries regarding the moral and ethical aspects of these changes. His speculative approach prompts readers to reflect on the future relationship between humanity and technology, a vital consideration in the context of today's swiftly changing environment. (Daisy Thomas, "Ethical Implications of AI in Creative Industries", 2024).

The research study, although it provides a comprehensive examination, does have certain limitations.

 Creativity is a dynamic process that necessitates extended observation. A brief timeframe may not adequately capture the gradual deterioration of creative skills resulting from dependence on artificial intelligence.

- It has not been possible to conduct a survey among AI users regarding the influence of artificial intelligence on human creativity during this short time.
- AI technology is rapidly advancing, characterised by frequent updates and improvements. Research conducted over a brief period may fail to encompass the comprehensive effects of AI, as newer models are developed. Consequently, the results may become obsolete swiftly, necessitating ongoing follow-up studies.
- Analysing non-fiction works is more challenging than examining fiction, primarily because of the lack of fictional narratives that address the constraints of human creativity in relation to artificial intelligence.
- This study outlines several avenues for actionable recommendations.
- A comparative analysis of poetry and novels created by AI and humans can investigate the works of poetry and novels produced by artificial intelligence in contrast to those crafted by human poets and novelists, focusing on the distinctions in linguistic complexity, emotional resonance, thematic content, and stylistic characteristics.
- Researches on comparative analysis of fictional works can illustrate how characters navigate their interactions with technology, effectively highlighting the emotional impact of humanity's overreliance on technology within the creative domain, unlike nonfiction which relies on facts.
- The advancement of technologies presents a significant opportunity for future research, particularly in examining the interplay between technology and human creativity. The effectiveness of this analysis largely depending on how artificial intelligence is utilised in the realm of creative writing can be taken for study.

Overly Philosophical / Cultural

While Postman critiques the cultural capitulation to technology, he does not delve into cognitive science or the neurological processes that contribute to this capitulation. He acknowledges the societal erosion of meaning but fails to clarify how this impacts neural pathways, memory utilization, or attention frameworks.

Lacks Empirical Foundation

The theory of Technopoly is profoundly insightful yet lacks scientific testability. This restricts its effectiveness in formulating robust cognitive health policies or interventions.

Neglects Positive Applications of AI

The theory presumes that all technology leads to control or passive engagement, but in reality:

Certain AI tools improve cognitive abilities (such as language learning applications and neurofeedback).

The theory fails to distinguish between beneficial enhancement and excessive reliance, which is crucial for a more nuanced conversation.

Neglects User Diversity

Postman presents a one-size-fits-all perspective of society, overlooking:

Variations in digital literacy. Differences in cognitive adaptability across age groups. Diverse personal boundaries regarding technology. This oversimplification restricts the theory's capacity to address specific cognitive weaknesses.

Conclusion

In conclusion, the emergence of synthetic intelligence (AI) has undeniably altered the innovative and cultural landscape, supplying each outstanding opportunities and tremendous dangers. While Kurzweils imaginative and prescient of a destiny wherein people merge seamlessly with AI shows unheard of possibilities for cognitive enhancement and prolonged capacities, this observe demonstrates that such ameliorations cannot be separated from their mental and cultural results. The utility of Lazarus and Folkman's Stress Coping Model highlights the approaches wherein people revel in AI integration now no longer handiest as a stimulus for increase however additionally as a supply of stress, anxiety, and cognitive offloading that can erode crucial questioning and originality. Similarly, Postman's Technopoly principle wellknown shows the cultural fee of unchecked reliance on generation, caution towards the subordination of human values, traditions, and creativity to algorithmic performance and technological dominance. Together, these frameworks illustrate that AI, if left uncritically adopted, homogenises creative expression, destabilises employment, and develops social inequalities through new know-how monopolies.

Therefore, this study affirms the pressing need for stability among innovation and moral duty in the age of increasing AI progress. To mitigate the dangers of overdependence, societies must prioritise rules that shield cultural integrity, assist human agency, and inspire collaboration between human creativity and technological equipment instead of replacement. Educational structures have to equip destiny generations with resilience towards cognitive offloading, at the same time as cultural establishments have to protect originality and authenticity in innovative expression. Future studies ought to enlarge at the comparative observe of AI and human generated works, look at long-time period cognitive results of technological reliance, and examine coping techniques that people rent in distinctive contexts of AI adoption. By pursuing those directions, students and policymakers alike can make sure that the singularity does now no longer result in a lack of humanity however instead to a cautiously navigated destiny wherein technological ability is harnessed without erasing human distinctiveness. Ultimately, the assignment lies now no longer in resisting AI however in confronting it wisely making sure that the energy of generation strengthens human creativity and lifestyle in place of changing them.

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