

A Study on Skills and Training for Sustaining in an AI-Driven Economy *Saliba A. Jackika B.

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Abstract: Artificial Intelligence (AI) in today's world has become more prevalent in various fields and has transformed job markets and skill requirements. Traditional jobs are now evolving, requiring new competencies to adapt to an AI-driven economy. This paper explores varieties of fields that use Artificial Intelligence, the importance of skills and training and the critical skills required to sustain in an AI-centric workforce, including technical skills like machine learning, data analysis, and cybersecurity, as well as soft skills like problem-solving, adaptability, and ethical considerations. It highlights how training methods such as online courses, corporate training programs, and policy-driven educational reforms helps in preparing individuals for AI workforce. It also analyses the challenges individuals face on acquiring skills and training for AI driven Economy. Additionally, it identifies research gaps in integrating AI trainings in existing Educational Framework.

Keywords: Artificial Intelligence, Various fields, Workforce Training, Skill Development, AI Education, Challenges, Integration of AI.

1. INTRODUCTION

The emergence of AI has significantly altered the employment landscape, leading to automation of repetitive tasks and the creation of new job opportunities requiring advanced skills. As AI continues to reshape industries, workforce training and skill development become crucial to ensuring economic sustainability and reducing job displacement. This paper investigates essential skills, training methodologies, and educational reforms required for an AI-driven economy.

2. OBJECTIVES

- To identify various fields that are using Artificial Intelligence.
- To Highlight the importance of skills and trainings in AI driven economy
- To identify key technical and soft skills necessary in an AI-driven workforce.
- To analyse how training programs effectively helps in preparing individuals for AI-integrated jobs.
- To highlight research gaps and suggest future directions for AI workforce readiness.

3. LITERATURE REVIEW

Chui, Manyika, & Miremadi (2016) - Where Machines Could Replace Humans—and Where They Can't This Paper explores the potential of AI and automation in transforming the global workforce, emphasizing the necessity for new skill sets in an AI-driven economy. The study identifies tasks most susceptible to automation, such as routine manual and cognitive work, while highlighting those that require human creativity, emotional intelligence, and complex problem-solving skills. The authors suggest that skills related to non-routine cognitive tasks, like critical thinking and interpersonal communication, are crucial in mitigating the risk of job displacement. They stress that education systems should focus on teaching problem-solving, creativity, and emotional intelligence, as these skills complement AI and can't be easily automated. The report advocates for reskilling and continuous learning opportunities to help workers transition into AI-enhanced roles, thus emphasizing the need for training in areas that foster human-AI collaboration. The authors conclude that, despite AI's potential to automate many jobs, it will create new job categories where uniquely human skills will be central, and workers must adapt to these changes through proper education and training.

Manyika et al. (2018) - Artificial Intelligence: The Next Digital Frontier?

This Paper examines the transformative potential of AI and its impact on the global workforce, emphasizing the need for significant investments in skills development and training. The authors highlight that AI-driven automation will not only affect low-skilled jobs but also influence middle and high-skilled occupations, thus necessitating broad-based workforce reskilling. They advocate for a collaborative approach between industry and academia to develop training programs that help workers acquire the skills needed in an AI-driven economy. Manyika et al. propose integrating AI-focused curricula into higher education and vocational training to equip future workers with the technical skills necessary to thrive in AI-enhanced industries. Furthermore, the authors emphasize the importance of soft skills like critical thinking, problem-solving, and communication, which will remain highly valuable in the evolving labour market. They conclude that workforce training should be ongoing and flexible, encouraging continuous learning to ensure that workers can adapt to technological shifts and capitalize on new opportunities created by AI technologies

4. RESEARCH GAP

Many studies have looked at AI training as a separate topic, but there's a big gap when it comes to how AI can be integrated into the existing educational system, especially at the K-12 and higher education levels. We need more research on how to blend AI, machine learning, and data science with the traditional subjects that students already learn. It's important to figure out how educators can balance teaching core skills, like math and critical thinking, with new, tech-driven topics. At the same time, we need to make sure that AI literacy becomes a fundamental part of the curriculum, so students are prepared for the jobs of the future. This research would help us understand the best ways to get students ready for an AI-driven world without losing the value of the foundational education they need.

5. WHAT IS AI DRIVEN ECONOMY

An AI-driven economy is one where artificial intelligence is at the heart of how businesses, governments, and everyday life function. It uses AI to make tasks easier, help people make smarter decisions, and create entirely new ways of doing business. This kind of economy brings innovation and growth but also changes the kinds of jobs people do, making it important for workers to learn new skills. As AI becomes a bigger part of our lives, continuous learning is key to staying relevant. In the end, an AI-driven economy makes things more efficient and personalized, transforming industries and improving how we all live and work.

6. IMPORTANCE OF SKILLS AND TRAINING IN AI DRIVEN ECONOMY

- Adaptation to Job Transformation
- Increased Productivity
- New Job Opportunities
- Enhancing Innovation
- Closing the Skills Gap
- Competitive Advantage
- Improved Decision-Making

7. ADAPTATION OF AI IN VARIOUS FIELDS

In Today's world AI is being adopted for effective and efficient operations and outcomes in various fields and sectors such as Healthcare, Finance and Banking, Retail and E-Commerce, Manufacturing and Industrial Automation, Transportation and Automotive, Education, Entertainment and Media, Security and Surveillance, Agriculture, Space Exploration, Smart Cities and Exploration, Legal Industry, Human Resources and Recruitment, Telecommunication, Gaming and Virtual Reality, Environmental and Climate change, Military and Defence, Insurance, Social media and Marketing, Smart Home Automation.

8. TECHNICAL AND COGNITIVE SKILLS TO OBTAIN TO SUSTAIN IN

AI DRIVEN ECONOMY

Technical skills such as Artificial Intelligence and machine learning, Data science and Analytics, Programming and software development, Big Data Management, Cloud computing, Cybersecurity and Ethical AI, Robotics and Automation, Internet of Things, Blockchain and AI Integration, Mathematical and Statistics. Cognitive skills such as Critical Thinking and Problem solving, Creativity and Innovation, Adaptability and Learning agility, Collaboration and teamwork, Communication skills, Ethical Judgement and AI Governance, Resilience and Stress Management, Interdisciplinary thinking, Empathy and Emotional Intelligence, Negotiation and Persuasion.

9. TRAINING PROGRAMS TO ENHANCE AI SKILLS

Indian Government has launched several initiatives to enhance AI skills such as 'AI for ALL' Digital India Program, National Skill Development Corporation offers certification in AI, Atal Innovation Mission, All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE), social media learning, free website courses, workshops conducted by Government, Corporates and Private Institutions and Mentors both offline and online.

10. HOW TRAINING PROGRAMS HELP PREPARE INDIVIDUALS FOR

AI-INTEGRATED JOBS:

- Training programs teach from foundational to deep AI skills.
- It focuses on developing critical thinking and problem-solving skills.
- It teaches how to work alongside AI systems
- It prepares individuals for the evolving job market.
- It helps develop soft skills
- It teaches Ethical use of AI
- It helps individuals to reskill and move into new AI integrated roles

11. FINDINGS

- Essential Skills:
 - * Technical Skills: AI literacy, programming, data science, cybersecurity.
 - Soft Skills: Critical thinking, adaptability, creativity, ethical awareness.
- Training Approaches:
 - Online courses, upskilling programs, university AI curricula.
 - Government initiatives and industry-academic collaborations.
- Challenges:
 - Skills gap due to rapid AI advancements.
 - ✤ Unequal access to AI training resources.
 - Ethical and regulatory concerns in AI workforce training.

12. CONCLUSION

As AI reshapes the economy, a strategic approach to skill development is crucial. Governments, educational institutions, and industries must collaborate to design effective training programs that ensure workforce adaptability. Future research should focus on assessing long-term outcomes of AI-focused training programs and developing standardized AI literacy curricula in educational framework.

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