



Measuring Public Understanding and Interest in Artificial Intelligence in Indonesia

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Abstract. AI's rapid progress in recent years has revolutionized healthcare, finance, and transportation industries. Its ability to optimize processes and personalize services highlights its transformative potential. This widespread adoption is reflected in Indonesia's rising interest in AI technologies. A regional analysis reveals variations, with Java leading the way due to factors like internet access and education levels. The study emphasizes the importance of public understanding and responsible development. Addressing ethical concerns like bias and privacy is crucial. Collaboration is key to fostering AI literacy and ensuring AI benefits everyone fairly.

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1 Introduction

Over the past five years, Artificial Intelligence (AI) has emerged as an increasingly prominent and widely discussed topic across various fields. This growing attention stems from AI's remarkable advancements and the profound impact it has on various aspects of human life [1]. AI is a rapidly evolving technology with far-reaching consequences, making it crucial to delve into its intricacies in recent years. AI stands as a transformative technology with far-reaching impacts on various aspects of human life. Comprehending AI has become paramount in recent years due to technological advancements, its significant impact, ethical challenges, promising career opportunities, and the importance of public understanding.

Implementing AI is becoming increasingly prevalent across various sectors including industry, healthcare, education, finance, and transportation. In the industrial sector, AI is being utilized to optimize production processes, improve efficiency, and enhance quality control [2]. In healthcare, AI applications range from medical imaging analysis to personalized treatment recommendations [3]. In the education sector, AI is being used to develop personalized learning experiences and provide valuable insights for educators. In finance, AI is employed for fraud detection, risk assessment, and algorithmic trading [4]. Additionally, in the transportation sector, AI is revolutionizing autonomous vehicles, traffic management, and predictive maintenance. The widespread adoption of AI in these sectors signifies a significant shift towards automation, data-driven decision-making, and enhanced operational capabilities. As AI continues to

advance, its impact on these sectors is expected to grow exponentially, driving further innovation and transformation.

AI has the potential to enhance efficiency, effectiveness, and productivity across various sectors such as industry, healthcare, education, finance, and transportation. AI technologies can streamline processes, optimize resource allocation, and improve decision-making in these areas [5]. In the industrial sector, AI can automate routine tasks, enhance quality control, and enable predictive maintenance. In healthcare, AI can assist in medical diagnosis, drug discovery, and personalized treatment plans [6]. In the field of education, AI can personalize learning experiences, provide adaptive tutoring, and facilitate administrative tasks. Within finance, AI can improve risk management, automate trading processes, and enhance customer service. Lastly, in transportation, AI can optimize logistics, enable autonomous vehicles, and improve traffic management systems. Overall, the integration of AI has the potential to revolutionize these sectors by driving innovation and creating new opportunities for growth and development.

Understanding user knowledge and interests related to AI has become increasingly crucial in Indonesia over the past five years. By gaining a deep understanding of user knowledge and interests, we can collectively shape a future where AI serves as a force for positive change, benefiting all Indonesians [7]. This requires a collaborative effort involving AI developers, policymakers, researchers, and the general public. Together, we can establish ethical guidelines, implement robust safeguards, and promote responsible AI practices, ensuring that AI contributes to a more prosperous, equitable, and sustainable future for Indonesia.

The development of artificial intelligence (AI) presents a myriad of ethical and social challenges that require careful consideration. One such challenge is the issue of algorithm bias, where AI systems may produce unfair or discriminatory outcomes. Additionally, there is a growing concern about the potential misuse of AI, particularly in the realms of privacy invasion and autonomous weaponry. Furthermore, the impact of AI on human work, including the potential for job displacement, is a significant social challenge that needs to be addressed. To effectively tackle these challenges, it is crucial to understand users' knowledge and interest in AI. This understanding can inform the development of AI systems that are more aligned with societal values and can help build public trust in AI technologies [8]. By addressing these ethical and social challenges, we can ensure that the development and deployment of AI are conducted responsibly and beneficially for society as a whole.

The importance of public understanding of AI cannot be overstated. As more individuals utilize and engage with AI technology in various aspects of their lives, it becomes increasingly crucial for them to comprehend the inner workings of AI and its potential impact. By gauging users' knowledge and interest in AI, we can effectively enhance public AI literacy. This, in turn, empowers individuals to make well-informed decisions regarding the integration of AI into their daily activities. A comprehensive understanding of AI not only promotes responsible and ethical usage but also fosters a more inclusive and equitable AI ecosystem. We must prioritize efforts to educate the public about AI, thereby ensuring that individuals are equipped to navigate the complexities of this rapidly advancing technology. Ultimately, a well-informed public is better positioned to harness the benefits of AI while mitigating potential risks.

Through research methods like related topic analysis, we can effectively identify the most sought-after AI topics and subtopics. This analysis provides valuable insights

into the popular areas of research and development within the field of artificial intelligence. Such information is of great significance to researchers, developers, and investors as it enables them to make informed decisions regarding the direction of their AI-related endeavours. By understanding the trends and demands in the AI landscape, stakeholders can strategically allocate resources and focus their efforts on areas that are most likely to yield impactful results [9]. Ultimately, the identification of popular AI topics and subtopics through rigorous research methods serves as a guiding compass for those involved in shaping the future of artificial intelligence.

2 Method

The research method used is Geographical Comparative Analysis. Geographical comparative analysis is carried out on AI search interest in different regions, it is important to follow a systematic approach. First, use “Explore” in Google Trends to compare AI keyword search volumes in selected regions. After that, it analyzes factors that might contribute to geographic variations in AI search interest. Factors analyzed include cultural differences, varying levels of internet access, levels of technology adoption, and the presence of AI infrastructure in each region. Using the Geographic Comparative Analysis research method approach, valuable insights were gained into varying levels of interest and engagement with AI in various geographic locations. This analysis can further help in understanding the underlying factors that drive differences in AI search interest, thereby informing strategic decisions and initiatives tailored to specific regions. Overall, a comprehensive geographic comparative analysis can provide valuable intelligence for businesses, researchers, and policymakers seeking to understand and capitalize on AI trends across global markets.

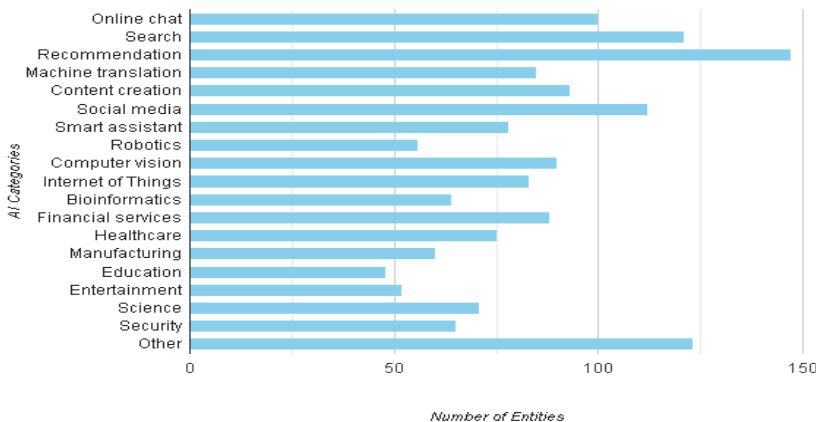


Fig. 1. Entities in AI Categories

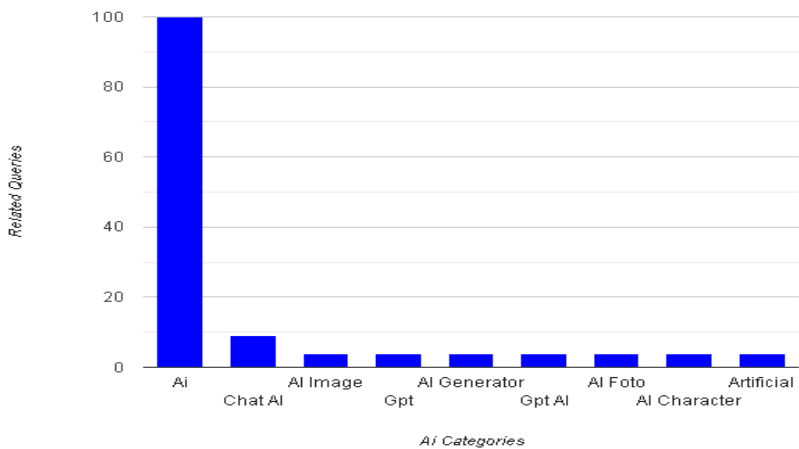


Fig. 2. Related queries by AI category

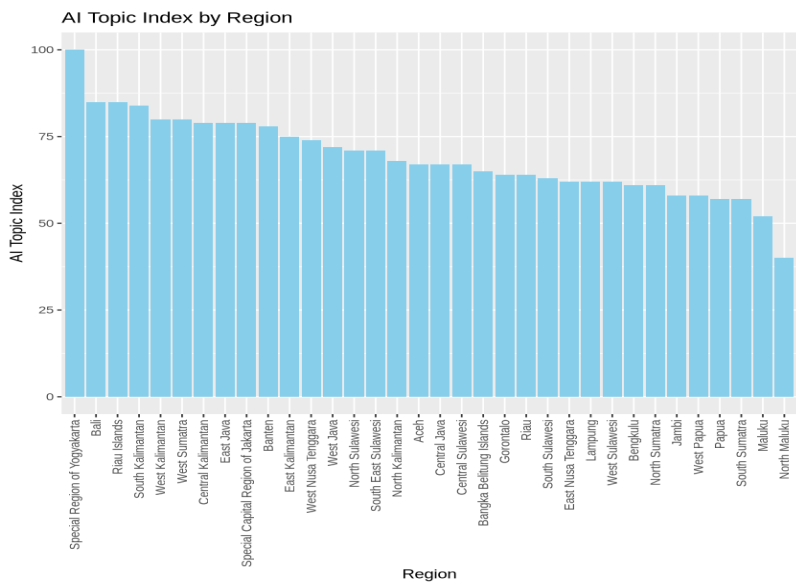


Fig. 3. AI topic index popularity (2019-July 2024)

3 **Result and Discussion**

The regions with the highest search volume for AI are DKI Jakarta, West Java, and East Java. This data indicates that the interest in AI is particularly strong on the island of Java. It is worth noting that Java is the region with the largest population and internet activity in Indonesia. As such, the high level of interest in AI in Java reflects the broader trends in technological adoption and innovation in the region. This information is valuable for businesses and organizations looking to understand where the potential market for AI products and services may be most concentrated within Indonesia.

Furthermore, it underscores the importance of considering regional variations in technological interest and adoption when developing strategies for AI deployment and market penetration.

There is a notable increase in interest in the field of Artificial Intelligence (AI) in the regions of Sumatra and Kalimantan. Specifically, North Sumatra, Riau, South Kalimantan, and West Kalimantan have shown quite high search volumes, indicating a growing curiosity and engagement with AI technologies in these areas. This trend suggests that interest in AI is gradually expanding beyond the confines of Java, although it is still not at par with the level of interest observed in Java. As AI continues to advance and permeate various industries, it is encouraging to see a burgeoning interest in regions outside of Java, signifying a promising trajectory for the adoption and integration of AI technologies across Indonesia.

Factors influencing interest in artificial intelligence (AI) are multifaceted and encompass various aspects that shape individuals' perceptions and engagement with this rapidly evolving field. One crucial determinant is the accessibility and quality of internet infrastructure [10]. The availability and speed of internet access directly impact individuals' capability to seek out information about AI, thereby influencing their level of interest in the subject. Moreover, individuals' level of education and digital literacy play a pivotal role in shaping their understanding of AI and its potential benefits. Higher levels of education and greater digital literacy often correlate with a deeper comprehension of AI, consequently fostering heightened interest in the field.

Furthermore, the application of AI across diverse sectors holds significant sway over public awareness and interest. As AI becomes increasingly integrated into industries, education, and government, its tangible impact becomes more evident to the general populace [11]. This heightened visibility serves to pique curiosity and stimulate interest in AI, as individuals witness firsthand the practical implications and potential advantages of AI technologies. Therefore, the level of AI application across various domains catalyzes augmenting public interest in this burgeoning field. The factors influencing interest in AI are multifaceted and interconnected, encompassing internet accessibility, education, digital literacy, and the practical application of AI. Understanding these determinants is essential for fostering broader engagement and appreciation for the potential of AI, as well as for guiding efforts to enhance public understanding and awareness of this transformative technology.

The landscape of user interest in Artificial Intelligence is a fascinating tapestry woven with threads of curiosity, exploration, and a desire for practical applications. Dominating Google searches are keywords like "AI," "chat AI," and "AI image," revealing a thirst for understanding the fundamental concepts of this technology and its potential for communication and creative expression. Beyond the basics, terms like "GPT" (likely referring to generative pre-trained transformers, a powerful AI language model) and "AI generator" showcase user interest in the practical functionalities of AI, and how it can be leveraged to create new content. Furthermore, the popularity of searches for "AI photos" and "AI characters" suggests a deeper dive into the creative realm, where users are exploring how AI is revolutionizing artistic expression in disciplines like photography and character design [12]. This multifaceted interest in AI paints a picture of a user base actively engaged in understanding, utilizing, and pushing the boundaries of this transformative technology.

Google Trends data on "artificial intelligence" offers a treasure trove of insights into the public's fascination with this rapidly evolving technology. The sheer volume of searches across various entities related to AI underscores a widespread curiosity and desire for knowledge. Users are actively seeking information not just on the "what" of AI, but also the "who" and "how." Queries delve into the world of AI development, with searches for companies or research institutions at the forefront, revealing a desire to understand the driving forces behind this technological revolution. Furthermore, a significant portion of searches explore the practical applications of AI, suggesting a public eager to grasp its potential impact on various aspects of life. Intriguingly, the data also highlights an interest in the key figures shaping the field of AI. Users want to know the minds behind the algorithms and innovations, perhaps seeking inspiration or role models. Finally, the prevalence of searches related to joining the AI community indicates a strong public desire to be part of this transformative movement [13]. This rich data on AI-related entities on Google Trends serves as an invaluable tool for individuals, organizations, and policymakers alike. By understanding the public's questions, concerns, and aspirations regarding AI, stakeholders can tailor their efforts to bridge the knowledge gap, promote responsible development, and foster a future where AI empowers everyone.

4 Conclusion

Artificial intelligence (AI) has rapidly transformed various sectors in recent years. This study explores AI's potential to optimize processes, boost efficiency, and personalize services across industries like healthcare, education, and finance. AI streamlines production refines quality control and enables predictive maintenance in manufacturing. Healthcare leverages AI for medical imaging, personalized treatments, and drug discovery. Education benefits from AI-powered personalized learning and educator support. Finance utilizes AI for fraud detection, risk assessment, and algorithmic trading, while transportation witnesses innovation with autonomous vehicles and improved traffic management.

However, Indonesia's AI landscape reveals significant regional variations. Java, particularly DKI Jakarta, West Java, and East Java demonstrates the highest interest due to its large population and robust internet activity. Excitingly, regions like North Sumatra, Riau, South Kalimantan, and West Kalimantan are also showing growing AI interest, indicating broader national engagement. Factors influencing AI interest include internet access, education levels, digital literacy, and the presence of practical AI applications. Improved internet infrastructure and higher digital literacy correlate with increased AI understanding.

Public trust in AI is paramount as it integrates with daily life. Educating the public on AI's workings, benefits, and potential risks is crucial for building AI literacy. Addressing ethical challenges like algorithmic bias, privacy concerns, and job displacement is essential. Collaborative efforts among developers, policymakers, researchers, and the public are necessary to establish ethical guidelines, safeguards, and responsible AI practices. These efforts ensure AI contributes to a prosperous, equitable, and sustainable future.

Understanding user knowledge and interests allows for the development of AI systems aligned with societal values and needs. Identifying popular AI topics through research informs strategic decisions, driving innovation and creating growth opportunities. A well-informed public, coupled with responsible AI development that addresses ethical challenges, can maximize AI's benefits while mitigating risks. This comprehensive approach harnesses AI's transformative power to create a better future for all.

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