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Research on the Innovative Path of Aesthetic Education in Universities Enabled by Artificial Intelligence

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Abstract:

Artificial intelligence technology provides a new opportunity for the innovative development of aesthetic education in universities, but also brings practical challenges such as ethical risks and the talent gap. From the three dimensions of "what," "why," and "how," this study systematically discusses the value and implications, realistic challenges and innovation paths of artificial intelligence enabling aesthetic education in colleges and universities. Artificial intelligence technology can expand aesthetic education resources, innovate teaching methods, improve teaching efficiency, and promote the all-round development of students' aesthetic ability and creativity. However, the lack of technical maturity, data security and privacy protection, and the shortage of talent limit the further application of artificial intelligence in aesthetic education. Therefore, this study suggests that strengthening technology research and development, establishing and improving data security and privacy protection mechanisms, and emphasizing talent cultivation are essential for the deep integration of artificial intelligence and aesthetic education.

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1. Introduction

The goal of aesthetic education in universities is to cultivate students' ability to perceive, express, appreciate, and create beauty [1]. Aesthetic education is a vital and fundamental part of university education [2]. Nowadays, the development of Internet technology, big data, artificial intelligence is deeply integrated into the whole process of economic and social development, and strongly influence the development of education. Therefore, artificial intelligence enabling aesthetic education in universities is an inevitable trend of technological development. The in-depth implementation of the strategy of rejuvenating

the country through science and education, promoting the digitalization of education, and providing high-quality education has become a national strategy. Aesthetic education in contemporary universities should have both historical inheritance and cultural adaptability to meet the development requirements of the new era [3]. Therefore, exploring the innovative path of artificial intelligence enabling aesthetic education in universities is of great theoretical and practical significance.

2. What: The value and implications of artificial intelligence enabling aesthetic education in universities

Driven by digital media, the new era of aesthetic education is characterized by interaction, triggering, immersion, and providing students with a broad aesthetic space and multidimensional content presentation forms" [4]. Enabling aesthetic education in universities by artificial intelligence is not only an inevitable trend of educational modernization, but also a key path to achieving high-quality development of aesthetic education, which has profound value implications.

2.1. Expand aesthetic education resources and build an open and shared aesthetic education ecology

In the process of artificial intelligence enabling aesthetic education, how to use digitalization as a tool to break the limitation of time and space and expand the approaches of aesthetic education is an essential part of the whole aesthetic education in the future [5]. Limited by physical space and human resource costs, traditional aesthetic education resources are often concentrated in specific places such as art galleries and concert halls, which can make it difficult to meet the individualized and diversified aesthetic needs of students. Artificial intelligence technology, such as virtual reality (VR), augmented reality (AR), and mixed reality (MR), can present artistic treasures and cultural heritage around the world in digital form, so that students can feel the charm of art without leaving home. Using VR technology, students can appreciate the Mona Lisa Smile; Through AR technology, students can appreciate the Dunhuang frescoes. By integrating aesthetic education resources of multiple subjects, such as universities, museums, art galleries, and art groups, an open and shared aesthetic education resource platform is built. For example, artificial intelligence technology can be used to digitize and sort out massive artworks and art documents, establish a database of aesthetic education resources, and provide students with convenient retrieval and learning services. At the same time, artificial intelligence technology can be used to develop a batch of high-quality digital education resources for aesthetic education courses [6], virtual art exhibitions, interactive art experiences and other projects to break the barriers of aesthetic education in universities, nudging the sharing of high-quality aesthetic education resources. Artificial intelligence technology can also be used to analyze emotional expression, cultural connotation and social value in artworks, and guide students to understand and appreciate art from multiple perspectives. Therefore, artificial intelligence technology provides new possibilities for the expansion of aesthetic education resources in universities, making aesthetic education resources more abundant, more convenient to obtain, and more profound in connotation, and will continue to promote the construction of an open and shared aesthetic education ecology.

2.2. Innovate the model of aesthetic education and realize personalized and precise teaching

"Due to the overall impact of artificial intelligence on the education ecology, traditional aesthetic culture and modern aesthetic education practice have also undergone a significant difference" [7]. The introduction of artificial intelligence technology provides a new possibility for the innovation of the aesthetic education mode in universities, especially in the realization of personalized and precise teaching. The traditional aesthetic education is often limited by the unified curriculum and teaching mode, and it is difficult to fully consider the individual differences and the diversity of aesthetic needs of students. The application of artificial intelligence technology can effectively solve this problem.

First, artificial intelligence conducts a comprehensive assessment of students' learning behavior, aesthetic preference, and artistic literacy level through big data analysis technology, and establishes a personalized aesthetic education learning file for each student.

By analyzing students' interaction data, homework completion and participation degree in extra-curricular art activities, the AI system can accurately identify students' interests and then recommend suitable learning content and art practice projects for them. This kind of accurate analysis based on big data enables students to better discover their artistic potential, and provides teachers with a scientific teaching reference, so that aesthetic education teaching is more targeted.

Second, artificial intelligence technology can also provide real-time and dynamic learning support for students through virtual teachers, intelligent assistants. In the art creation course, the artificial intelligence system can make real-time comments on students' works, provide improvement suggestions, and help students constantly improve their artistic creation level. This instant feedback mechanism can make up for the shortage of limited teacher resources in traditional teaching.

Third, artificial intelligence technology can also capture the emotional state of students in the process of aesthetic education learning through emotional computing technology, to adjust the teaching strategy and improve the teaching effect. When the system detects that students are confused or bored in the learning process, it can automatically adjust the difficulty of the teaching content or introduce more interesting artistic interactive content to stimulate students' learning interest and enthusiasm. This kind of teaching optimization based on emotional feedback can effectively enhance the attractiveness and appeal of aesthetic education teaching, so that students can always maintain a positive emotional experience in the learning process. The aesthetic education enabled by artificial intelligence is changing from the traditional standardized mode to the personalized mode, which has provided vitality to the innovative development of aesthetic education in universities.

2.3. Improve the effectiveness of aesthetic education, and promote the all-round development of students

Aesthetic education is a form of education that imparts aesthetic concepts and experience. The deep integration of artificial intelligence technology and aesthetic education is beneficial for improving the efficiency of education in universities. Its core value lies in promoting the all-around development of students' aesthetic ability, creativity, and emotional literacy through technological empowerment [8]. The traditional aesthetic education is often limited by uneven resource allocation, monotonous teaching methods, and an insufficient scientific evaluation system, and it is difficult to fully stimulate the artistic potential and aesthetic quality of students. However, the application of artificial intelligence technology can effectively make up for these deficiencies and significantly improve the overall efficiency of aesthetic education. Artificial intelligence technology can significantly improve the efficiency and quality of aesthetic education teaching through intelligent teaching tools and platforms. At the same time, artificial intelligence technology can also conduct multi-dimensional analysis of students' artworks through an automated evaluation system, including composition, color use, emotional expression, etc., to provide objective and accurate feedback to students, help them find the direction of improvement. This efficient teaching and evaluation mechanism can not only save teachers' time and energy but also provide students with more scientific and systematic learning support to comprehensively improve the effect of aesthetic education teaching.

3. Why: The realistic challenges of artificial intelligence enabling aesthetic education in universities

Although the rapid development of artificial intelligence technology has injected new vitality into aesthetic education in universities, its application in practice also faces many realistic challenges.

3.1. Technical bottleneck: Artificial intelligence enabling aesthetic education in universities is not mature

The technical bottleneck of artificial intelligence enabling aesthetic education in universities is one of the main challenges currently faced, such as the lack of technical maturity, limited application scenarios. The application scenarios of artificial intelligence technology in aesthetic teaching are still relatively simple, mainly concentrated in work analysis, technique simulation, and virtual exhibition, and no breakthroughs have been made in

deeper teaching interaction and creativity training. One of the core objectives of aesthetic teaching is to cultivate students' artistic creativity and critical thinking, while the existing artificial intelligence technology remains more at the tool level, and it is difficult to truly replace the role of teachers in art inspiration and thought guidance. In addition, the application of artificial intelligence technology in aesthetic teaching also faces problems such as data quality and algorithm bias. Aesthetic teaching involves a large amount of unstructured data, such as student works, art history materials, emotional feedback, etc. The diversity and complexity of these data put forward high requirements for the data processing ability of artificial intelligence systems. However, the current artificial intelligence algorithms often have biases when processing this data, and it is difficult to fully and objectively reflect the true learning state and artistic level of students.

3.2. Ethical risks: Data security and privacy protection issues have become prominent

Although the application of artificial intelligence technology has brought many innovative possibilities for aesthetic education, the ethical risks caused by it, especially the problems of data security and privacy protection, have become a challenge that cannot be ignored. First, in the process of aesthetic teaching, the artificial intelligence system needs to collect and process a large amount of student data, including students' learning behavior, creative process, emotional feedback, and personal preferences, etc. The sensitivity of these data makes the privacy protection issue particularly prominent. If the data is improperly used or leaked, it may infringe on students' privacy rights and even affect their mental health and artistic development. Second, the application of artificial intelligence technology in aesthetic teaching also faces security risks of data storage and transmission. The data in aesthetic teaching usually includes high-resolution images, videos, and text information; the storage and transmission of this data require technical support, and easy to become the target of hacker attacks. Once the data is stolen or tampered with by hackers during storage or transmission, it will not only lead to the disclosure of students' privacy but also may affect the normal operation of the teaching system and even cause legal disputes.

3.3. Talent gap: University aesthetic education teachers lack of big data capacity

It is a crucial task of university aesthetic education to recruit high-quality aesthetic education teachers. The application of artificial intelligence in university aesthetic education is facing a significant challenge, that is, the serious shortage of compound aesthetic education talents. This talent gap is not only reflected in the level of technology development and application, but also in the lack of professional talents who can deeply integrate artificial intelligence technology with aesthetic education teaching. The application of artificial intelligence technology in aesthetic teaching requires interdisciplinary talents who are proficient in both art education and big data technology development [9]. However, among the current aesthetic education teachers in universities who have deep knowledge of art theory and teaching experience, their understanding and application ability of artificial intelligence technology is relatively limited, and it is difficult to effectively integrate technology into aesthetic teaching practice.

4. How: The innovative path of integrating artificial intelligence with aesthetic education in universities

In the digital age, advanced artificial technology has initiated the transformation of university aesthetic education [10]. Problems such as technical bottleneck, ethical risk, and talent gap limit the further application of artificial intelligence technology in aesthetic education. To cope with these challenges and explore the innovative paths of artificial intelligence, enabling aesthetic education in universities has become a main goal in the development of aesthetic education in colleges and universities.

4.1. Strengthen technology research and development, and promote the deep integration of artificial intelligence technology and aesthetic education

Strengthening technology research and development and promoting the deep integration of artificial intelligence technology and aesthetic education is a key path to solving the technical bottleneck. First, it is necessary to increase the investment in basic research on the

application of artificial intelligence technology in the field of aesthetic education, especially to make breakthroughs in key technology fields such as emotional computing and computer vision. Second, this study suggest that the universities should promote the deep combination of artificial intelligence technology and aesthetic education teaching scenes, and develop intelligent tools and platforms suitable for different teaching needs. These teaching scenes is beneficial for helping students stimulate creative inspiration and explore diversified art styles, and make the class more interactive [11]. Third, interdisciplinary cooperation should be strengthened to promote the deep integration of artificial intelligence technology and art education. Establish a research team composed of computer scientists, art education experts, and psychologists to jointly explore the application scenarios and methods of artificial intelligence technology in aesthetic education, to promote technological innovation and optimization.

4.2. Establish and improve data security and privacy protection mechanisms

A sound data security and privacy protection mechanism is the key way to ensure the sustainable application of artificial intelligence technology in aesthetic education in universities. With the wide application of artificial intelligence technology in aesthetic teaching, sensitive information such as students' artistic creation information and emotional feedback is collected and processed, which makes data security and privacy protection become the core challenge to be solved urgently. First, it is necessary to establish a sound data security management system and clarify the whole process specifications for data collection, storage, transmission, and use. Formulate a strict data grading and classification management system, classify and manage students' artistic creation data, learning behavior data, and emotional feedback data, and ensure that different categories of data are protected accordingly. Second, a sound privacy protection mechanism should be established to ensure that the privacy of students' personal information and artistic creation is fully protected. At the same time, an informed consent mechanism for data use should be established to ensure that students have the full right in the process of data collection and use, to avoid data abuse or use for unauthorized purposes. The ethical review and supervision of artificial intelligence should be strengthened to avoid algorithmic bias and discrimination. Third, ethics education and training should be strengthened to raise teachers' and students' awareness and attention to data privacy and ethical issues. At the same time, this study suggests that the universities should strengthen the research on the ethical issues of artificial intelligence technology, explore the ethical norms and standards in line with the characteristics of aesthetic education teaching, and provide ethical guidance for the application of artificial intelligence technology in aesthetic education.

4.3. Promote faculty development of artificial intelligence aesthetic education

Artificial intelligence enabling aesthetic education in universities puts forward higher requirements for teachers' educational concepts, teaching abilities and technical literacy [12]. Promoting faculty development of artificial intelligence aesthetic education is the core method to promote the in-depth application of artificial intelligence technology in aesthetic education in universities. At present, there is a serious shortage of compound talents who are both proficient in aesthetic education and familiar with artificial intelligence technology, which directly limits the effective application and innovative development of artificial intelligence technology in aesthetic education. First, the training and continuing education of teachers should be strengthened to enhance the artificial intelligence technology literacy and application capacity of current aesthetic education teachers. Encourage teachers to participate in the projects of integrating artificial intelligence technology in aesthetic education, and enhance teachers' technology application ability and innovative thinking through projects and application cases. Second, international cooperation should be strengthened to enhance the internationalization level of artificial intelligence aesthetic education teachers. Through cooperation with internationally renowned universities and scientific research institutions, joint research and personnel training projects can be conducted to improve teachers' international vision and cross-cultural communication skills. Third, ethical education and training should be strengthened to enhance teachers' awareness and attention to the ethical issues of artificial intelligence technology. Ethics education courses and

training programs are set up to help teachers understand the significance of data privacy protection, algorithmic bias and discrimination and other ethical issues as well as relevant laws and regulations, to enhance teachers' ethical awareness and responsibility.

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