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ADVANCING COMPUTING AND COMMUNICATION THROUGH THE INTEGRATION OF ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE AND 6G NETWORKS

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Abstract

Purpose

This research undertaking investigates the intersection of Artificial Intelligence (AI) and sixth-generation (6G) networks, with the research question centered on the level of awareness, perceptions and attitudes of the respondents towards the merger of the two networks. It aims at realizing the perceptions of the stakeholders regarding the possible advantages and difficulties of such a new technological synergy.

Design/methodology/approach

A quantitative research design was involved in which a structured questionnaire involving 289 respondents in academia, IT/telecom industry and research and development were used. Descriptive statistics were used to analyze data and convenience sampling was used. To aid clarity and interpretation, results were given in tabular and graphical form, in the form of pie charts, bar graphs and donut charts.

Findings

The review showed that the majority of the respondents had high awareness of AI, whereas the level of awareness of 6G was less, but it remained high given the level of its development. A significant

majority of people thought that AI would significantly contribute to the improvement of 6G networks by spending more resources wisely, better communication, cybersecurity, and use in the healthcare and education industry, and smart cities. Strong optimism regarding the potential of AI–6G integration was reported when judging by Likert scale responses; however, concerns were raised on the cost of infrastructure, ethics, and fair accessibility.

Originality/value

This paper offers preliminary empirical evidence of the views of AI convergence with 6G by the stakeholders directly related to the sphere of technologies and research. Through its focus on opportunities and challenges, it adds to the expanding literature on next-generation communications systems and provides useful directions to policymakers, industry leaders and researchers in the development of strategies aimed at responsible adoption and development.

INTRODUCTION

The combination of Artificial Intelligence (AI) and sixth-generation (6G) networks is becoming one of the most radiant changes in the computing and communication spheres. As the world has become highly digitalized, the need to have much faster, more dependable and smarter communication systems is never higher [1]. In various fields already, AI has demonstrated ability to automate processes, conduct predictive analytics and adaptive learning and next generation mobile communication technologies like 6G are predicted to achieve unprecedented speed, connection and efficiency [2]. Together, these two technologies will turn the interaction of individuals, organizations, and societies with information into a revolution, and the intertwining of AI and 6G will become one of the key factors in determining the future of digital ecosystems [3].

The development of communication technologies since 1G to 5G represents the manner in which each generation has considered the constraints of the one that went before and opened up opportunities [4]. The fifth generation is much more connected and offers higher data rates, low latency and Internet of Things, but as data-intensive applications, autonomous systems, and smart cities require more and more capabilities than 5G can deliver [5]. It is here that 6G networks will be of paramount importance as it will provide ultra-low latency, terabit-per-second data transfer, and ubiquitous coverage, which will eventually make the interaction of humans

and intelligent machines seamless [6]. Simultaneously, AI is also being identified as an indispensable helper that will enable 6G networks to operate effectively in the management of resources, prediction of traffic flows, optimal use of energy, and data protection [7].

The intersection of AI and 6G is not only a technological development but a conceptual change in how computing and communication are perceived. Conventional networks are mostly rigid and are based on predefined principles, whereas AI-based networks are dynamic, intelligent and can self-organize [8]. Such integration creates an opportunity to allocate dynamically the spectrum, detect faults in real-time, and make decisions automatically so that the networks become resilient and highly efficient [9]. All these developments will play critical roles in ensuring the demands of emerging technologies like autonomous cars, immersive VR, advanced robotics, and smart infrastructure are met since all of them demand very reliable and smart communication infrastructure [10,11].

Besides technical advantages, the combination of AI and 6G will change industries and societal patterns as well. An example of healthcare will be in a position to utilize AI-enabled 6G to conduct real-time remote surgeries, remote monitoring patients using smart devices, and facilitate the sharing of data efficiently on international platforms. Immersive learning experiences made possible by high-speed, low-latency networks will be used to benefit education through the use of augmented and virtual reality [12]. In the same way, connected vehicles and AI-driven traffic control will make transportation systems smarter and safer, and industries so productive by using automated systems with the help of highly developed communication networks [13]. The implication on smart cities is also noteworthy since AI with 6G can enable efficient energy flow, security surveillance, waste management, and real-time environmental mapping, which will enhance the quality of life in the end [14].

The contribution made by AI in increasing the security and reliability of 6G cannot be underestimated. The more complex and interconnected networks are, the more susceptible they are to cyberattacks, data breaches, and malicious actions [15]. AI may be used as a protective tool that constantly observes traffic on the network, identifies deviations and prevents possible threats before they develop. By doing so proactively, it is also possible to make sure that not only 6G networks will be faster and more powerful, but also safer and more resilient. Simultaneously, AI will assist in minimizing human mistakes and making communications systems scalable so that they could serve billions of connected devices without reducing their performance [16].

One more important feature of AI work with 6G integration is the possibility to overcome the difficulties concerning sustainability and energy-efficiency [17]. Energy consumption in communication networks is now a top-of-the-agenda with the exponential rise in connected devices and traffic of data. AI has the potential to manage energy optimization by smartly

controlling network resources, shutting down idle elements of a network, and estimating loads [18]. This, together with the high-performance of 6G, will help increase the development of more eco-friendly and sustainable communication systems in line with the global efforts to lessen carbon emission and ensure environmental responsibility [19].

With such opportunities, the introduction of AI and 6G also presents a number of challenges and issues that need to be handled. Such ethical concerns as data privacy, algorithm disclosure, and decision-making stability are paramount because AI systems will be dealing with sensitive personal and organizational information on real time basis [20]. Another issue that comes with the use of AI is accountability in the event of faults or failures, especially in areas such as healthcare and transportation where there can be a loss of lives. In addition, 6G implementation will entail extreme growth of infrastructure, standardization and global cooperation, potentially challenging the principle of fair access to various regions and nations. One of the key issues to consider is the process of bridging the digital divide, whereby not only the developed countries need to be supported through complex communication systems, but also the developing countries should as well [21].

Globally, the AI and 6G combination will be strategic in the development of economies and national security. The nations with the highest level of developing and implementing these technologies will have great competitive edges in innovations, digital sectors and power politics [22]. The technological dominance is one of the reasons that make investment into research, development, and policy frameworks that facilitate ethical and fair application of AI-based 6G systems important. Both governments, industries and academic institutions should collaborate to develop ecosystems, which are able to promote innovation whilst protecting user interest [23].

The AI and 6G integration research is not old, and first studies and experiments show that it promises huge potential. There are already efforts to investigate AI-based 6G testbeds and experiment platforms to determine their potential to work in practice [24]. These projects give information on how networks may learn on their own, easily adapt to changing environments and present a continuous experience to users [25]. The creation of digital twins, artificial datasets and simulation systems improve the power to test, refine and scale such systems even more, prior to their commercial deployment. These activities underscore the cooperative importance of this technological change, in which academia, industry and policy-makers have interdependent needs [26].

Finally, the combination of AI and 6G is one of the ways in the future when computing and communication systems will go beyond existing restrictions and become intelligent and autonomous and interconnected ecosystems. The possibilities presented by this convergence are huge, and they include increased efficiency and security as well as the revolution of whole industries and societies.

Simultaneously, overcoming the related challenges will be crucial to make sure these technologies are used in a responsible and inclusive way to the benefit of humanity. Through adoption of innovation and being cautious of ethical, economic and social repercussions, AI and 6G integration can reshape digital interaction by making the world smarter, safer and more connected.

Literature Review

Evolution of Communication Technologies

The evolution of communication technologies since the first generation of mobile networks up to the modern fifth generation is an indication that there is constant endeavor to enhance connectivity, speed and reliability. The first generation was the sole voice based communication, the subsequent generations added text, multimedia, and internet based services [27]. The move to 4G saw the introduction of high-speed mobile broadband, and the 5G has made it possible to have very fast data rates, reduced latency, and wide-scale connection as the Internet of Things demands. In spite of these innovations, the fact that the number of interconnected devices, big data applications, and the growing dependency on digital ecosystems are growing exponentially suggests that the 5G itself might not be adequate to handle the needs of the future [28].This understanding has heralded the development of sixth-generation networks that will likely bring terabit-scale data rates, greater reliability, and the availability of new applications, including autonomous systems and immersive technologies.

The Role of Artificial Intelligence in Network Systems

Artificial Intelligence has become a serious facilitator of current communication platforms because of its capacity to process extensive amounts of information, identify trends, and make independent judgments [29]. The applications of AI in networking include traffic prediction, fault management, dynamic spectrum allocation, and resources optimization. The AI-based systems are dynamic and responsive in contrast to the conventional systems that operate through the established rules. This enables higher resilience and effectiveness in handling dynamic and complex environments [30]. AI is increasingly considered as a means of making communication systems larger and more efficient as they become larger and more complex. The adoption of AI into communication networks also enhances security because it allows identifying abnormalities and implementing preventive defense responses.

6G Networks and Their Prospects

The 6 G networks will have a high potential of outperforming the 5G. The 6G is projected to support ultra-low latency applications due to the projected speeds of 100 times faster, and will provide an infrastructure of ubiquitous and intelligent connectivity [31]. Such networks will also feature new technologies like terahertz communication, reconfigurable intelligent surfaces, and quantum computing. All these characteristics will make 6G a base of future digital ecosystems that will unite not

only humans but also billions of devices, sensors, and autonomous systems [32]. The 6G vision extends beyond the conventional communication systems to focus on delivery of an uninterrupted or smooth integration with the cloud computing, edge computing, and AI systems and thereby establishing intelligent and adaptive communication environment [33].

AI–6G Convergence: A Transformative Shift

AI and 6G intertwining is commonly seen as a breakthrough in computing and communication. AI will not only maximize the efficiency of 6G but also transform the method of designing, operating, and using the network [34]. With smart algorithms, networks can forecast demand, allocate resources on-demand, and self-repair when there is failure. AI will also contribute to better quality of service by customizing connection to application specific needs, such as high bandwidth to support immersive virtual reality or ultra-reliability to support healthcare applications. Such a convergence is likely to result in self-regulating communication systems which reduce human input to the highest degree of efficiency and effectiveness.

Industrial and Societal Applications

AI and 6G can change the industries and society in general. Surgery remotely with the help of high-speed networks will become real-time and allow applying AI-based diagnostics and smart monitoring of the patient. Immersive learning experiences, virtual classrooms, and learning environments that are personalized will be beneficial to education [35]. The transportation systems will transform into exceptionally intelligent systems of linked transportation systems and clever traffic systems which enhance safety and cut down congestion [36]. Automation in industries will also evolve to new levels and AI and 6G will allow industry users to make decisions in real-time in manufacturing, logistics, and supply chain management [37]. Another significant application field is smart cities, where AI-6G convergence-driven intelligent infrastructure will streamline the measures of energy consumption, security, and sustainability.

Challenges and Limitations

Despite the enormous opportunities, implementing AI in the 6G networks is not a smooth sail. The issue of data privacy is among the top priorities because AI systems need substantial data sets to be effective. The processing of personal and organizational sensitive information also brings questions of trust, transparency and accountability [38]. Potential bias in AI algorithms is another problem since it can result in unfair and discriminatory results unless proficiently handled. Another weakness is the cost of developing and deployment of 6G infrastructure, especially to developing nations who could not match the current technological development [39]. Besides, the process of international collaboration will have to be comprehensive to assure interoperability and global standardization of 6G systems. It is important to tackle these challenges to provide responsible and fair practice of AI-driven 6G networks.

Research and Development Efforts

The current research and development works are aimed at investigating the technical and practical possibility of AI-powered 6G systems. T testbeds and experimental platforms are being created to create simulated scenarios in which AI algorithms are tested on the management of communication networks. New technologies in digital twin, edge AI and distributed learning are also being explored as ways of making AI more efficient in large networks. Joint projects among academia, industry and governments demonstrate the significance of a multi-stakeholder strategy in the development of the future of AI integration into 6G. Such endeavors do not only offer technical justification but also cover regulatory, ethical as well as policy issues.

The Future of AI–6G Integration

In the future, AI–6G integration has a tremendous potential of transforming computing and communication systems. With the marriage of intelligence and high speed connectivity, these systems will form a base of innovations that are beyond imagination. The advent of smart automation, digital experiences, and smart systems that are globally linked will transform the way humans live, work, and connect with each other. Concurrently, these technologies will have to be developed and implemented responsibly to provide inclusivity, fairness, and security. Should the obstacles be properly overcome, AI-powered 6G networks have the potential to become the start of the new era of digital transformation that would transform the global technological environment decades to come.

Methodology

In this study, a quantitative research design was used to study perceptions, awareness, and attitudes related to the integration of Artificial Intelligence (AI) and sixth-generation (6G) networks. Quantitative research was deemed to be suitable given that it permits organized gathering of numerical information and gives quantifiable insights that can be statistically evaluated to make objective conclusions. The sample size in this research comprised of members of academia, the IT and telecommunication industry and the research and development segment since these segments are directly or indirectly engaged in the development, implementation, and research of the emerging communication technologies. A total of 289 respondents were chosen through a convenience sampling method to make sure that it was accessible and easy to carry out and the demographic make up was varied. The sample size is acceptable with a margin of error 5 that builds on the representativeness of the results.

The instrument used in data collection was a questionnaire with close ended questions that were structured. The questionnaire was subdivided into parts to obtain data on demographics and awareness of AI and 6G networks and their mutual role and attitudes on a five-point Likert scale. Items based on the Likert scale were used to elicit the opinions of the possible effects, including the effectiveness of communication, resources optimization,

cybersecurity, smart applications, decreased latency, and cost-effectiveness. The questionnaire was sent online and it allowed the participants working in different geographical areas to send their feedback.

To analyse the data, statistical methods of coding and tabulating the responses were used. Frequencies and percentages were used to describe the demographic distribution and important responses using descriptive statistics. The analysis was reported in tabular format to be clear whereas visual graphical presentation, including pie charts, bar charts and donut charts were used to improve understanding of the results. Demographic variables like age and qualification were presented in pie charts, the awareness levels and belief in AI-6G integration was shown in bar charts, and the professional background was demonstrated in donut charts. The Likert-scale items were summarized and graphically presented to reflect on the agreement and disagreement levels distribution level across items.

The use of this methodological framework by the study made it to be systematic and structured in exploring the views of the relevant stakeholders. The application of both tabulation and visualization methods also enhanced the clarity and accessibility of the findings, thus, facilitating substantial interpretations and discussions of the results.

Results

Demographic Information

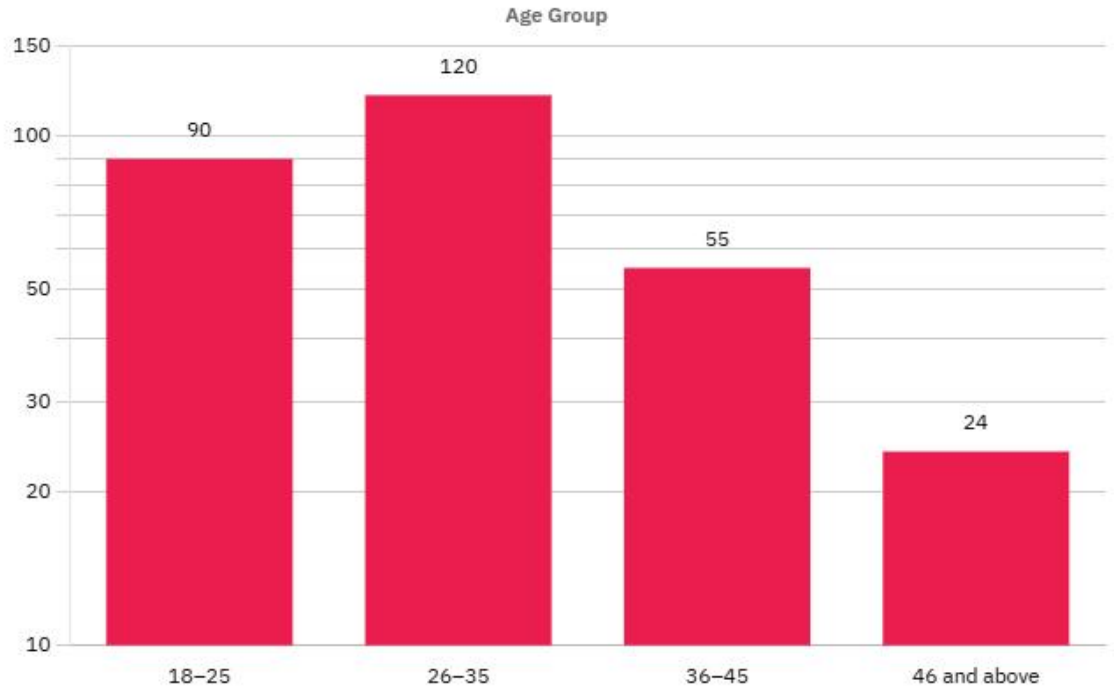

Figure 1: Age Group of the Respondents

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Age Group	Frequency	Percentage (%)
18–25	90	31.1
26–35	120	41.5
36–45	55	19.0
46 and above	24	8.3

The age distribution of respondents demonstrates that the largest percentage was in the age group 26-35 (41.5%), then in 18-25 years (31.1%). These two groups combined constitute approximately three-quarters of the total sample, so it is possible to see that the majority of the people were young adults and early-career professionals. This observation shows that the younger generations are more interested and familiar with rising technologies like artificial intelligence and 6G networks. The age range of 36-45 years was 19.0, which reveals a reasonable percentage of mid-career consumers who are also in touch with computing and communication developments. Conversely, older professionals were also relatively underrepresented with the respondents aged 46 years and higher being 8.3%. This population trend indicates that the perception and level of interest in AI and 6G integration is much more evident among younger users, who are probably more versatile and willing to embrace emerging technologies.

Figure 2: Qualifications of Respondents

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Qualification	Frequency	Percentage (%)
Bachelor's	110	38.1
Master's	100	34.6
M.Phil.	50	17.3
PhD	29	10.0

An examination of the qualifications of the respondents shows that most of them have either a Bachelor or a Master degree (38.1 and 34.6 respectively) which comprises almost three-fourths of the total sample. This means that majority of the participants were of good academic background and well-placed to comprehend the impacts of the new technologies like artificial intelligence and 6G networks. A smaller yet significant percentage of 17.3% had an M.Phil. degree and this indicated a segment of the population that was involved in advanced research and studies. At the same time, 10.0% of the respondents obtained a PhD, which is the representation of the most knowledgeable and academically

exposed people. The group is less numerous, but it contributes to the data set by providing research-driven opinions. All in all, the evidence indicates that the participants with undergraduate and postgraduate levels were predominant in the study, but still, it was used to introduce some useful information presented by high-level scholars and researchers.

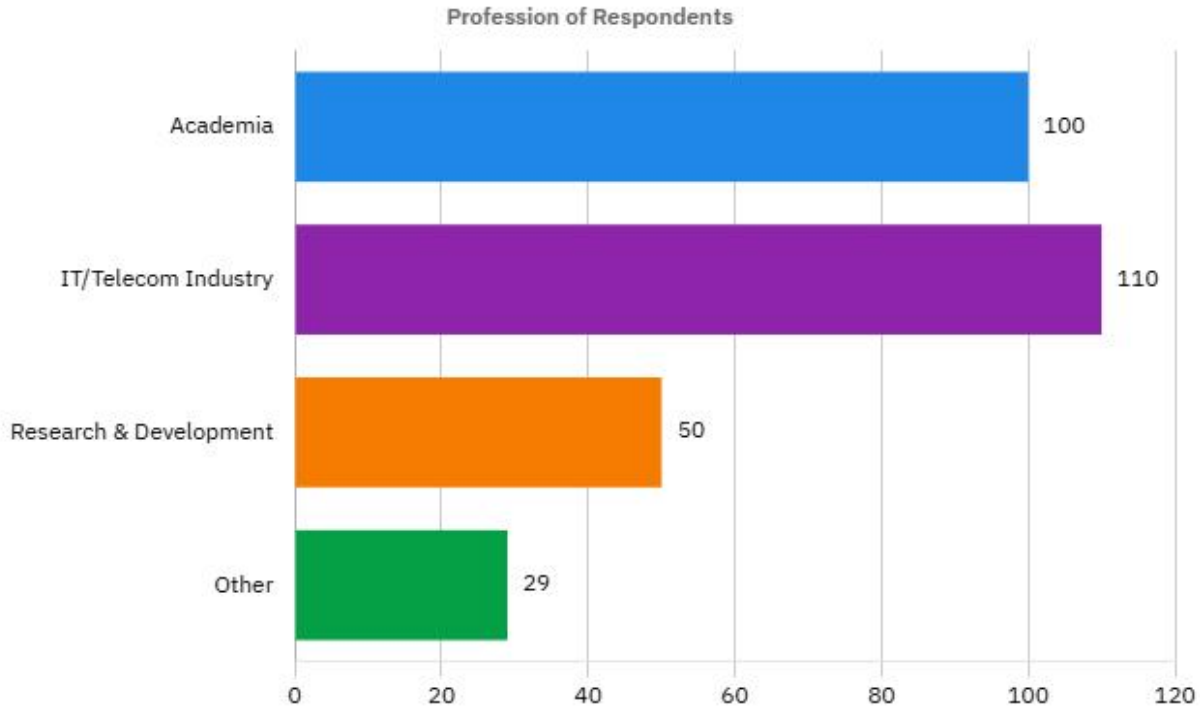

Figure 3: Profession of the Respondents

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Profession	**Frequency**	**Percentage** (%)
Academia	100	34.6
IT/Telecom Industry	110	38.1
Research & Development	50	17.3
Other	29	10.0

The occupation of respondents shows that most (38.1) respondents were in the IT and Telecom sector and in the next place those who were in academia (34.6). This is a well-balanced expression of both the practical and theoretical point of view since industry professionals are the ones involved directly in the implementation of new technologies, whereas academics offer their input regarding research-based perspectives. Moreover, 17.3 percent of interviewees belonged to Research and Development (R&D) industries, which indicated the involvement of all participants of innovation and technological progress. A lower percentage of 10.0 was in other professions, indicating that in spite of the fact that the study was mainly involved in groups that were directly relevant, other perspectives were also represented. In general, the sampling indicates that the survey was distributed among the most suitable segments of the population, in particular, professionals in the IT/telecom, academia, and R&D segments, who are most likely to have valuable information on the topic of the integration of artificial intelligence and 6G networks.

Table 4: Awareness and Perceptions

Statement	Yes	No
Awareness of AI	220	69
Awareness of 6G Networks	200	89
Belief in AI–6G Role	230	59

The findings regarding the awareness of Artificial Intelligence (AI) indicate that an evident majority of the participants (76.1) were aware of AI and the ways it could be used, whereas only 23.9% said they lacked awareness. This emphasizes the fact that AI has gained popularity among the educated and professional communities, which is an indicator of the increased penetration into various industries.

Respondents were questioned whether they are aware of 6G networks, 69.2 percent of the respondents indicated that they knew what was going on, with 30.8 percent acknowledging that they did not know. Awareness of 6G is a little lower compared to AI and it is quite natural because 6G remains in the research and development phase and is not mainstream yet deployed. However, that more than two-thirds of respondents already knew what it was indicates high level of interaction with future communication technologies.

Concerning the opinion on the integration of AI with 6G, the opinion on the role of AI was strong with a majority of respondents (79.6) responding to the opinion that AI would be an important part of 6G networks, and 20.4% were not convinced by this opinion. It means

that the participants are highly optimistic regarding the transformational nature of the AI-6G convergence, especially in promoting computing and communication and next-generation digital solutions.

Table 4: Integration of AI and 6G Networks

Statement	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree
AI integration in 6G networks will improve communication efficiency.	27 (9.3%)	54 (18.7%)	52 (18.0%)	82 (28.4%)	74 (25.6%)
AI will help in better resource allocation and optimization in 6G networks.	29 (10.0%)	45 (15.6%)	58 (20.1%)	87 (30.1%)	70 (24.2%)
6G combined with AI will enhance cybersecurity in communication systems.	30 (10.4%)	44 (15.2%)	55 (19.0%)	88 (30.4%)	72 (24.9%)
AI-powered 6G will enable faster and more reliable connectivity.	25 (8.7%)	42 (14.5%)	57 (19.7%)	90 (31.1%)	75 (26.0%)
The use of AI in 6G will support smart cities and IoT applications effectively.	28 (9.7%)	43 (14.9%)	56 (19.4%)	89 (30.8%)	73 (25.3%)
AI-driven 6G networks will reduce latency and improve user experiences.	26 (9.0%)	46 (15.9%)	54 (18.7%)	88 (30.4%)	75 (26.0%)
AI and 6G integration will accelerate advancements in cloud computing and edge computing.	31 (10.7%)	47 (16.3%)	53 (18.3%)	85 (29.4%)	73 (25.3%)
6G empowered by AI will support more advanced healthcare and education applications.	27 (9.3%)	49 (17.0%)	52 (18.0%)	87 (30.1%)	74 (25.6%)
AI in 6G networks will increase automation in communication systems.	28 (9.7%)	45 (15.6%)	55 (19.0%)	89 (30.8%)	72 (24.9%)

The integration of AI and 6G will be cost-effective in the long run.	29 (10.0%)	48 (16.6%)	53 (18.3%)	86 (29.8%)	73 (25.3%)

The results of the Likert-scale analysis provide evidence of a fairly positive attitude toward the implementation of AI in the context of 6G networks integration on the various dimensions.

Regarding the assertion that the integration of AI in 6G networks would enhance efficiency in communication, most of the respondents agreed (28.4) or strongly agreed (25.6) and only a small percentage (9.3) strongly disagreed. In the same way, in the question of whether AI will improve resource allocation and optimization, the majority of participants concurred (30.1) or strongly concurred (24.2) affirming their faith in the use of AI in the efficient working of operations. Regarding the problem of cybersecurity, over 50 per cent of the participants agreed (30.4) or strongly agreed (24.9) that AI will enhance a more secure connection system with 6G. Similarly to the claim that AI-driven 6G will allow obtaining faster and more reliable connectivity, approximately 57 percent of the participants agreed with the notion, and less than a quarter disagreed.

Participants also had positive views regarding AI in terms of smart cities and applications of IoT, with more than half (56.1) saying that AI and 6G would be useful to these efforts. Equally, the assumption that AI-centered 6G networks are going to minimize latency and enhance user experience is supported by most of the respondents (56.4%), which once again justified the overall optimism towards performance gains.

The same pattern was noted in the role of AI6G in the development of cloud and edge computing with over half of respondents assenting or strongly assenting. The same trend persisted with the view that 6G enhanced by AI will enhance applications in healthcare and education with most of the respondents (55.7) being supportive. Also, respondents were positive regarding automation in communication systems, with more than a half of them agreeing or strongly agreeing that AI in 6G will result in greater automation.

Lastly, when it comes to cost-effectiveness, the majority of respondents once again gave favourable feedback, with a combined 55.1% agreeing or strongly agreeing that AI and 6G integration would be a cost-effective choice in the long-term. In each of the ten statements, the proportion of respondents who responded Neutral was in the range of 1820 percent indicating that there was a careful or undecided group and that only a small percent (approximately 910) strongly disagreed.

Altogether, the results indicate a distinct pattern, most of the respondents view the development of AI and 6G networks as one that will be highly helpful in communication efficiency, security, smart applications, automation, and cost-effectiveness. The strong

consensus of all items has shown high optimism regarding the transformative nature of the AI–6G convergence in the future of computing and communication.

Discussion

The results of the research illustrate important lessons on how the respondents think about the adoption of Artificial Intelligence (AI) and 6G networks. Based on the demographic profile, most of the participants were young adults ranging between 26 and 35 and then again 18-25. This distribution implies that the younger generations are more active when it comes to the emergent technologies, and it makes sense given they are more adaptable and exposed to the digital innovation. In the same way, the respondent qualifications indicated that a majority of the respondents were undergraduate or graduate (Bachelors and Masters) and a few were advanced scholars (M.Phil. and PhD). It means that the sample was mainly consisting of educated persons who can learn the technical side of AI and 6G convergence. As far as professions are concerned, IT/telecom industry and the academic sector were the most represented, which made sure that both practical and theoretical spheres were represented.

These trends were also backed by levels of awareness. Most of the respondents indicated that they are cognizant of AI, which indicates its popularity in industries. Although the recognition of the 6G networks was a bit low, over two-thirds of the participants knew what was the concept, which is notable given that the 6G is in the developmental phase. Noteworthy, nearly 80 percent of respondents felt that AI would be a central part of the development of 6G networks. The level of confidence here is an indication of the increased expectation of AI-6G integration as a disruptive technology in computing and communication.

These Likert-scale responses supported this optimism, given that the majority of the respondents indicated their agreement that the use of AI-6G would improve the efficiency of communication, better resource allocation, security, and offer dependable and faster connectivity. It was also believed in that it had the potential to serve smart cities, IoT applications, cloud and edge computing, healthcare, and education. Moreover, the respondents believed that this kind of integration would enhance automation and at the same time be cost effective in the long term. Even though the percentage of respondents who disagreed or were neutral was low, the general population showed positive perceptions, which indicated that AI-6G developments were widely embraced.

In sum, the findings show that the combination of AI and 6G is considered to be one of the most promising ones. The views of the young, well-educated professionals in the related areas are heading to the optimism concerning the possibilities of this technological convergence to change the sphere of communication, increase efficiency and define the digital world of the future.

Conclusion and Recommendations

The results of the paper prove that the introduction of Artificial Intelligence (AI) and sixth-generation (6G) networks is generally viewed as the ground-breaking measure in the further development of computing and communication systems. The findings show that most of the respondents already knew about AI and developed an increasing knowledge of 6G even though it was still in its early development phases. Notably, the majority of respondents showed their firm belief in the importance in which AI will contribute to the development of 6G especially in improving the efficiency of communication, optimal distribution of resources, enhancing cybersecurity, and the emergence of novel technologies—smart cities, Internet of Things, healthcare, and education. These demographic patterns also underline the fact that young, well-educated professionals working in academia and in the IT/telecom industry are the first ones to face these technologies, and this aspect indicates that they may be the actors of the digital transformation.

The overall user satisfaction in the Likert-scale items supports the perception that AI–6G convergence will not only enhance the technical performance of networks but also help make societies and industries develop. The respondents expressed hope regarding the applications like lower latency, immersiveness, intelligent automation, and cost-effective in the long term. This indicates that AI–6G integration is under high expectations by the stakeholders and can be a building block of the future digital ecosystems. Simultaneously, the percentage of neutral or dissenting statements is low, which means that there are still issues regarding the challenges of implementation, costs of infrastructure, and ethical aspects, which should be paid attention to.

Resting on these findings, one can make a number of recommendations. To start with, governments and policymakers must focus on the investment of AI–6G research and infrastructure to be prepared to witness the upcoming wave of digital transformation. The cooperation between the academic, industrial, and research community is necessary to come up with innovative solutions and the transfer of knowledge. Second, they need to initiate awareness campaigns and capacity building of professionals, especially those in developing countries to bridge digital gap and ensure that everyone has access. Third, ethical and regulatory frameworks have to be in place to deal with issues related to data privacy, security, and algorithmic fairness to make sure 6G systems based on AI are used in a responsible manner. Lastly, industries must use pilot projects and testbeds to experiment AI-6G applications, which can speed up innovation and give real-world information on feasibility, challenges and benefits.

To sum up, the combination of AI and 6G is a great chance to transform communication, empower industries and change the structure of societies. This integration of technology can become a foundation to create smarter, safer and more connected digital environments in the future with strategic planning, investment and responsible governance.

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