

THE ROLE OF AI TECHNOLOGIES IN LINGUISTIC RESEARCH

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Abstract: *Artificial Intelligence (AI) has become one of the most influential technological innovations of the twenty-first century. Its applications have expanded into numerous fields, including linguistics. AI technologies have transformed linguistic research by enabling the analysis of large language datasets, improving language processing systems, and supporting language learning and translation. This article examines the role of AI in linguistic research, its advantages, challenges, and future prospects, as well as a personal perspective on its practical usefulness.*

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The rapid development of digital technologies has significantly influenced linguistic studies. Artificial Intelligence (AI), particularly Natural Language Processing (NLP), has created new opportunities for researchers to investigate language structures, communication patterns, and language use. Traditional linguistic research often relied on manual data collection and analysis, which required considerable time and effort. Today, AI-based tools can process vast amounts of linguistic data within seconds, making research more efficient and accurate [2].

From a personal perspective, the use of AI in academic work has greatly simplified the process of finding information and organizing ideas. Tasks that once required hours of searching in libraries or multiple sources can now be completed much faster. However, it is still important not to rely completely on AI, but to use it as a supportive tool for learning and research.

One of the most important contributions of AI to linguistics is Natural Language Processing (NLP). NLP combines computer science, linguistics, and artificial intelligence to enable computers to understand and generate human language.

According to Russell and Norvig, NLP allows machines to analyze textual and spoken language through algorithms and machine learning models.

AI technologies are widely used in corpus linguistics. Modern AI systems can process large linguistic corpora, identify patterns, and provide statistical analyses of language use. This helps linguists study grammar, vocabulary, and meaning more effectively.

Machine translation is another area where AI has significantly improved linguistic research. Neural machine translation systems provide more accurate and context-based translations compared to traditional methods [3]. Personally, tools like

Google Translate and other AI translators are very helpful when dealing with foreign-language texts, although they are not always perfect and still require human correction.

Speech recognition and speech synthesis technologies also contribute to linguistic studies. These systems help analyze pronunciation and speech patterns, which is useful for both research and language learning.

The application of AI in linguistics offers many advantages. First, it allows researchers to process large amounts of data quickly and efficiently. Second, it reduces the time and effort required for linguistic analysis. Third, AI tools support language learning by providing instant feedback and personalized learning experiences [1].

From my own experience, AI tools make studying languages and writing academic work much easier. For example, when I struggle to understand a concept or find relevant information, AI helps me get a quick explanation and direction for further study. This makes the learning process more interactive and less stressful.

Another important benefit is that AI can help preserve endangered languages by documenting and analyzing them digitally. It also improves global communication by breaking language barriers.

Despite its advantages, AI in linguistics has some limitations. One major issue is data bias, where AI systems may produce inaccurate results based on biased training data [4].

Another limitation is that AI cannot fully understand human emotions, cultural context, and pragmatic meaning. Language is not only structure but also culture, and this aspect is still difficult for machines to interpret correctly.

In addition, many smaller or less-resourced languages do not have enough digital data, which limits AI performance in those languages.

Artificial Intelligence has become a powerful tool in linguistic research. It improves efficiency, supports language learning, and enhances translation systems. At the same time, personal experience shows that AI is most effective when used as a supportive tool rather than a complete replacement for human thinking. While challenges such as bias and contextual limitations remain, the future of AI in linguistics is highly promising.

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