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ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE IN YOGA ARENA – AN OVERVIEW

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Abstract---Yoga plays an integral part in the lives of many people during the recent years throughout the world due to the increase of awareness among the public especially considered to be an important fragment of people's life after the pandemic effect during the year 2019 by CORONA. Yoga highlights the connectivity of physical, spiritual and mental well-being in promoting a good health. Despite of its positivity, wrong doing of yoga poses may also lead to negative impacts in health. The right processing of Yoga in a person's routine helps to solve neurological issues also. The evolution of Artificial Intelligence (AI) has paved the way y offering individualised therapy schedules through innovative styles. The aim of AI is to stimulate, create, apply and study the theory, technique, application system and technology involved on neurological health and the potential for personalised therapies too. Pose estimation in computer vision is the study of strategies and systems that restore a body's posture. The technique of determining the placement of human body parts and joints in a given image in the context of project is known as body pose estimation. Hence this study focuses on the pros and cons of AI in Yoga and the futuristic approaches of AI in the field of Yoga.

1. Introduction

Yoga plays an integral part in the lives of many people during the recent years throughout the world due to the increase of awareness among the public especially considered to be an important fragment of people's life after the pandemic effect during the year 2019 by CORONA. Yoga highlights the connectivity of physical, spiritual and mental well-being in promoting a good health. Despite of its positivity, wrong doing of yoga poses may also lead to negative impacts in health. The right processing of Yoga in a person's routine helps to solve neurological issues also. The evolution of Artificial Intelligence (AI) has paved the way y offering individualised therapy schedules through innovative styles. The aim of AI is to stimulate, create, apply and study the theory, technique, application system and technology involved

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An account of about 39% of the total world's population are found to be overweight adults and so the fitness through physical exercise helps not only for weight reduction but also to keep oneself active, maintain healthy and fit and to get mental peace. AI reaches the place of a trainer through computer to teach yoga poses and plays an important role in the physical well-being of the people as use of technocentric learning has been increased after the pandemic COVID-19. But still the human posture estimation is found to be the most difficult part in the computer vision research. Several approaches has been discovered to recognize the human body posture in the most reliable way in the real-time and in the most effective manner through feasibility. As this process has been evolved, deep learning models have improved tremendously and they are currently the most extensively used approach for calculating body position. Some of the applications include biometric authentication (gait analysis), video surveillance (anomaly detection) and an exercise or yoga mentoring system.

2. Benefits of AI in Yoga

The following are the arena were AI's impact helps to improve a healthy life style in human through Yoga learning in a better way:

• Yoga Apps and Virtual Instructors

Many mobile apps and online platforms offer AI-powered virtual yoga instructors. These apps can guide the people through yoga sequences, provide voice instructions and offer real-time feedback on form and alignment.

• Pose Recognition

AI can analyze webcam or smartphone camera feed to recognize the yoga poses and provide feedback on alignment. It can help to adjust the posture to ensure that the performing poses correct.

- **Personalized Yoga Plans**

AI can create personalized yoga plans based on people's fitness level, goals and preferences. It can adapt people's routine as they progress and provide new challenges to keep people practice engaging.

- **Voice Assistants**

People can use voice-activated AI assistants like Alexa or Google Assistant to guide through yoga sessions. These virtual assistants can play yoga routines, set timers and answer questions about specific poses.

- **Biometric Feedback**

Wearable devices with AI capabilities can track heart rate, breathing patterns and movement during yoga practice. This data can help to monitor the progress and ensure to stay within target heart rate zone.

- **Yoga Pose Libraries**

AI-powered databases can offer extensive libraries of yoga poses with step-by-step instructions, variations and benefits. People can use these resources to explore new poses and learn about their effects on their body and mind.

- **Customized Music and Ambient Sounds**

AI can generate calming or motivating music and ambient sounds to enhance yoga experience. It can adjust the tempo and style based on preferences and the type of yoga practice people are doing.

- **Smart Mats and Accessories**

Some smart yoga mats and accessories come with AI integration. These products can provide real-time feedback on balance, pressure points and alignment as people practice.

- **Mindfulness and Meditation Guidance**

AI-driven apps and platforms can assist in mindfulness and meditation practices, helping people to calm their mind and deepen the focus during yoga sessions.

• Progress Tracking

AI can help to track the progress over time, such as improvements in flexibility, strength, and overall well-being. It can provide insights and recommendations to optimize the practice.

Drawbacks of AI in Yoga

When using AI for yoga, it's essential to maintain a balance between technology and the mindful, introspective aspects of the practice. AI can be a valuable tool for guidance and improvement, but it's important not to become overly dependent on it. Remember that yoga is a deeply personal practice and the connection between your body and mind should always take precedence. However, the use of AI in yoga is not without its drawbacks.

- The most significant is the lack of personal touch that only a live instructor can provide. This human element, essential in yoga, is something AI cannot replicate. Overdependence on technology in yoga practice might also impede the development of self-awareness and the ability to guide oneself through poses without digital assistance.
- Privacy concerns are another issue, as using AI tools often involves sharing personal data, which can raise security questions. There's also the risk of receiving inaccurate feedback from AI algorithms, which may not always interpret complex postures correctly, leading to incorrect practice.
- The cost of some AI yoga apps and devices can be prohibitive, limiting access for individuals on a budget. AI tools may primarily focus on the physical aspects of yoga, potentially neglecting its rich spiritual and cultural dimensions.
- Lastly, technical issues such as glitches and connectivity problems can disrupt the yoga practice, detracting from the overall experience.

3. Future aspects of Artificial Intelligence in Yoga

Harmonizing AI with Traditional Yoga – Tips for Teachers and Practitioners

In the rapidly evolving landscape of yoga, integrating of Artificial Intelligence (AI) offers both challenges and opportunities. Finding a harmonious balance between AI and traditional practices is key to a fulfilling yoga journey for yoga teachers and practitioners. For yoga teachers and practitioners, finding a harmonious balance between AI and traditional practitioners" with "Finding a harmonious balance

between AI and traditional practices is key to a fulfilling yoga journey. Here are some strategies and tips to ensure AI complements rather than dominates the yoga experience.

For Yoga Teachers - Integrating AI Mindfully

Yoga teachers face the unique challenge of integrating AI into their teaching while preserving the essence of yoga. It's about striking a balance where AI enhances rather than replaces the human element of teaching. AI can be a powerful tool for augmenting the teaching process, but it should not overshadow the personal connection and intuition that are at the heart of yoga instruction. Here's how teachers can achieve this balance:

- Use AI for administrative tasks to free up more time for student interaction.
- Incorporate AI tools for pose analysis and feedback, but also provide personal guidance.
- Leverage AI for personalized program design while adding your own insights and adjustments.
- Stay informed about the latest AI developments in yoga to integrate them into the teaching style to effectively integrate them into the teaching style” with “to integrate them into the teaching style effectively

For Practitioners - Embracing AI Wisely

For practitioners, AI offers a plethora of tools to enhance their yoga practice, but it's important to use them wisely. AI can provide valuable support, especially in terms of convenience and personalization, but it should not replace the core principles of self-awareness and mindfulness that yoga promotes. Here are some tips for practitioners:

- Use AI for personalized practice routines, but also listen to body and intuition.
- Take advantage of AI for progress tracking, but don't let numbers define the yoga journey.
- Explore AI tools for learning new poses, but also attend instructor-led classes for comprehensive learning.
- Be mindful of privacy and data security when using AI apps and devices.
- Balance the practice between AI-guided sessions and self-led, introspective practices.

Conclusion

The fusion of Artificial Intelligence with yoga is a journey of both innovation and introspection. AI, with its technological prowess, offers unprecedented personalization and convenience, transforming how we approach yoga. Yet, amidst these advancements, the essence of yoga, its spiritual depth, human connection, and mindful awareness, remains timeless. As we embrace AI's potential in yoga, the challenge is to harmonize these digital advancements with the soulful traditions of yoga. For both teachers and practitioners, the goal is not to let AI overshadow the profound, personal journey of yoga, but to use it as a tool that enhances and enriches this ancient practice. The future of yoga with AI looks promising, offering a blended experience where technology and tradition coexist, leading us towards a more inclusive and accessible path to wellness and self-discovery.