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Advancing skill development and emotional support in special education through AMLE

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Abstract

The Adaptive Metaverse Learning Ecosystem (AMLE) emerges as a transformative model in special education, outperforming existing methods in skill development, academic performance, and emotional support. Skill Development Analysis indicates a high level of comparability with AMLE, emphasizing its effectiveness in providing dynamic and adaptive learning environments. Compared to AR-VR, the correlation is 81.8%, showcasing the superior impact of AMLE on skill development.The evaluation of Academic Performance Analysis with AMLE displays consistent high correlations ranging from 76.8% to 98.5% across varying student populations, showcasing its effectiveness in enhancing academic achievements. In comparison, AR-VR demonstrates a correlation ranging from 84.8% to 97.7%. Emotional Support Analysis exhibits an outstanding compatibility of 97.9% with AMLE, highlighting its effectiveness in catering to the emotional well-being of students. When compared with AR-VR, the correlation remains strong at 94.5%, emphasizing the superior emotional support provided by AMLE. The proposed model has the potential to revolutionize special education, creating a personalized, supportive, and inclusive learning environment for individuals with disabilities.

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Introduction

The integration of augmented reality (AR), virtual reality (VR), and the Metaverse (MVR) into educational frameworks has introduced several innovative methods and initiatives aimed at improving the educational opportunities, psychological health, and overall well-being of students with disabilities [1]. These technologies are designed to meet the unique needs of individual students, offering personalized learning environments that cater specifically to their impairments [2]. By collecting and monitoring data in real time, educators can assess students' progress and emotional states, enabling timely interventions and support when necessary.A key component of these technologies is their ability to foster social interaction and collaborative learning. Opportunities for group study and peer engagement are incorporated to address issues of isolation, which is a common concern for students with disabilities. These interactive experiences not only enhance academic skills but also contribute positively to students' mental health and social well-being.

However, the deployment of AR, VR, and MVR in educational settings is not without significant challenges. Ensuring accessibility for students with diverse types of disabilities requires meticulous design and

customization. Each student's experience must be tailored to their specific needs, which can be a complex and labor-intensive process [3]. The financial burden of implementing these technologies is another major hurdle. The initial costs for hardware, software, and ongoing training for educators can be substantial, making it difficult for schools to adopt these technologies on a wide scale.Furthermore, data privacy and security are paramount concerns. As these technologies collect sensitive information to provide targeted support, robust measures must be in place to protect student data and ensure cyber resilience. Balancing the immersive benefits of AR, VR, and MVR with the potential for sensory overload and discomfort is another critical consideration. Designing experiences that are both engaging and comfortable for students with varying sensory abilities requires careful attention to detail.

To achieve successful implementation, these technologies must adhere to strict usability and user experience standards. The interfaces must be intuitive and accessible to both students and educators. Additionally, continuous professional development for educators is essential to keep pace with technological advancements and evolving educational requirements. Flexibility in technological solutions is necessary to accommodate future needs and comply with new regulations [4].Despite the promising potential of AR, VR, and MVR technologies to transform special education, these multifaceted challenges must be addressed to fully realize their benefits. Overcoming these obstacles requires a concerted effort from educators, technology developers, and policymakers. By working together, we can create a future where these immersive technologies are truly inclusive, providing transformative educational experiences and enhancing the overall well-being of students with disabilities [5].

- Another significant goal of the research is to enhance the emotional well-being of students with disabilities. Recognizing that mental health is crucial for academic success, the AMLE framework leverages virtual interactions and real-time student monitoring to decrease stress and anxiety, thereby providing substantial emotional support. This support system is integral to creating a safe and nurturing learning environment where students feel valued and understood.
- Researchers are also focused on optimizing learning outcomes for students with disabilities. Within the AMLE framework, academic

performance, skill development, and cognitive accessibility are rigorously assessed. Through the use of simulations and continuous tracking of student progress, the learning process is personalized to meet the specific needs of each student. This approach not only improves educational outcomes but also ensures that students develop essential skills in a supportive and adaptive environment. Overall, the research highlights the potential of AR, VR, and Metaverse technologies to revolutionize special education. By addressing both cognitive and emotional needs, AMLE aims to create a holistic learning experience that significantly enhances the educational opportunities and well-being of students with disabilities.

Literature Review

In the context of Industry 5.0, Mourtzis, D. presented the Human-Centric Approach (H-CA) [6] to the concept of the Metaverse, exploring its definition, evolution, and the incorporation of technologies like AI, VR, and the Internet of Things. The study discussed the benefits and drawbacks of using technology, highlighting its role in fostering creativity and increasing output. This conceptual framework serves as a roadmap for facilitating value-driven solutions and a human-centric approach in various fields, including education.

Usmani, S. S. et al. explored the applications of the Metaverse and Non-Fungible Tokens (NFTs) [7] for mental health treatment, examining the convergence of virtual reality (VR), augmented reality (AR), and mixed reality (MR). The study aimed to illuminate the impact of metaverse applications on psychological well-being, discussing both the benefits and drawbacks of using immersive technologies to treat mental health problems[8]. This literature review fills a knowledge gap by providing a comprehensive analysis of the long-term prospects for mental health in the context of the metaverse and NFTs[9].

Finally, the confluence of VR, AR, and MR in mental health care was examined, highlighting the significance of the metaverse in this field[10,11]. The paper explored the benefits and drawbacks of utilizing immersive technologies in mental health therapy, offering important insights into the future of mental health in the metaverse[12]. The findings of these research and evaluations provide valuable perspectives on the potential benefits of metaverse technology across various sectors, including education and mental health[13,14]. The Adaptive Metaverse Learning Ecosystem

(AMLE) is one such promising approach, providing novel ways to enhance educational outcomes and emotional well-being for students with disabilities [15].

Immersive technologies offer a multitude of benefits in mental health therapy. VR, AR, and MR can create highly engaging and interactive environments that facilitate exposure therapy, cognitive-behavioral therapy, and other therapeutic techniques[16]. These technologies enable patients to confront and manage their fears in controlled, simulated settings, potentially leading to more effective and faster therapeutic outcomes[17]. Additionally, immersive technologies can provide remote therapy options, increasing accessibility for individuals who might otherwise be unable to receive mental health care due to geographical or logistical barriers.

However, the implementation of these technologies is not without challenges. Technical issues, such as latency and the need for high-quality hardware, can impact the effectiveness of therapy[18]. Furthermore, there are concerns about the potential for sensory overload or discomfort, particularly for individuals with heightened sensitivities. Privacy and data security are also critical considerations, as the use of immersive technologies involves the collection and processing of sensitive personal information [19].

The Adaptive Metaverse Learning Ecosystem (AMLE) exemplifies a promising application of metaverse technology, providing innovative ways to enhance educational outcomes and emotional well-being for students with disabilities [20]. By leveraging the immersive capabilities of VR, AR, and MR, AMLE creates a supportive and inclusive learning environment tailored to the unique needs of each student [21][22]. This approach not only improves academic performance but also addresses the emotional and psychological needs of students, fostering a holistic educational experience [23].

Proposed Model

The AMLE (Augmented and Virtual Reality in Metaverse Learning Environment) Framework is a conceptual depiction of a modern educational framework that aims to radically alter the ways of instruction and assessment. This groundbreaking platform uses AR, VR, and the Metaverse to provide students a truly unique and individualized learning experience.The AMLE Architecture is based on the incorporation of AR technology. By superimposing digital content and artifacts on top of the

physical environment, augmented reality technology improves education. Using augmented reality, students have access to engaging information that brings books and other instructional materials to life. The AMLE Architecture has integrated VR technology. Virtual reality (VR) transports students into an imaginary world where they may engage with instructional simulations, virtual field trips, and intricate 3D models. Adding Metaverse integration is the next step of the AMLE Architecture. The Metaverse is an online community where students may collaborate and learn from one another while interacting with the wider digital world. The students may create a more interactive and social learning environment by collaborating on Metaverse exploration, virtual lectures, and group projects.

The significance of instructional content and simulations inside the Metaverse platform cannot be overstated. Textbooks, movies, and even interactive 3D simulations are all available through these sources. Teachers may design lessons that are specific to their curriculum, giving students access to knowledge that is both interesting and useful to them.The AMLE Architecture has elements like student profiles and personalization that allow it to adapt to the needs of individual students. A student's profile can keep track of their interests, strengths, and areas where they need improvement in their education. The AMLE Architecture relies heavily on real-time tracking and feedback mechanisms. Teachers are able to maintain tabs on how much their students are learning and participating, which allows them to respond quickly when necessary. Instantaneous feedback on student work allows for continuous assessment and development. The

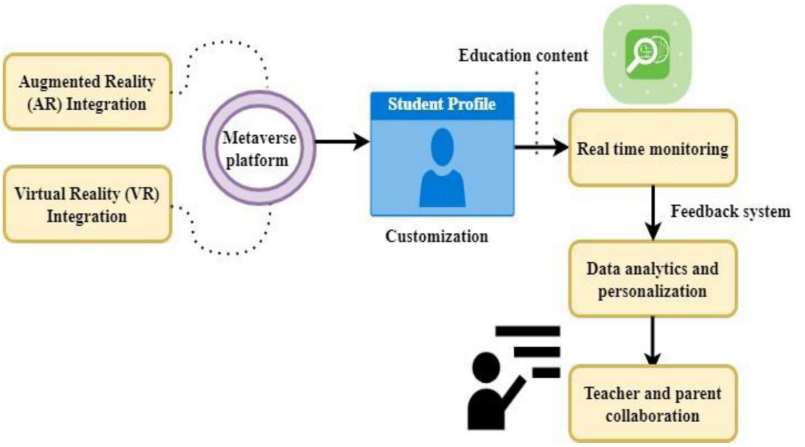


Figure 1

AMLE Architecture

data analytics compiles data from a wide range of sources, such as student activity, test scores, and interest levels. The results of these analyses shed light on students' abilities and favored activities. The data is then processed by personalization algorithms to create individualized lessons for each student, giving them just the right amount of challenge without overwhelming them.

Teachers and parents should work together to provide students with a well-rounded education. With the AMLE Architecture, teachers and parents may more easily share information online. Parents may watch their students development, connect with educators, and stay active in their education, establishing a complete network of support for the kid. Figure 1 depicts a futuristic method of teaching that uses augmented reality, virtual reality, and the Metaverse to provide each student with a unique and engaging educational experience. This framework was developed to help teachers give effective lessons to their classes while at the same time fostering student interest and collaboration. With its emphasis on personalization and insights based on data, AMLE has the potential to bring in a new age of immersive and successful education by changing the way individuals learn and teach.

$$\Delta T = \frac{1}{O}\sum_{j=1}^{O}\left(\beta.\frac{E_j}{B_j}+\alpha.\frac{D_j}{C_j}\right) \tag{1}$$

The growth of students' specialized competence as a whole is denoted by the symbol ΔT. The number of learners in the system is denoted by O. Academic Development Index (E_j) evaluates a student's growth in necessary knowledge and abilities over time. The value B_j represents the jth student's desired academic outcomes and the D_j represents the jth student's psychological indicators, which provide insight into their emotional and mental wellness. The intended psychological state, denoted by C_j, is the jth student's psychological wellness and well-being goal. The β is a weighted factor expressing the relevance of academic progress in skill development and the α reflects the significance of mental health to skill acquisition as a weighted factor.

By combining intellectual and emotional considerations, the equation (1) provides a framework for evaluating the influence of AR, VR, & the Metaverse in AMLE on the development of skills of students with disabilities. It offers a numerical evaluation of this novel educational strategy improves the mental health and skill acquisition of students with exceptionalities.

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Academic Performance}(BQ) &= x_1.\text{Initial Academic Score}(JBT)\\ &+x_2.\text{Participation Score}(QT)+x_3.\text{Psychological Indicators}(QJ)\\ &+x_4.\text{Health Indicators}(IJ)+x_5.\text{Adaptive Learning Effect}(BMF)\end{aligned} \quad (2)$$

The academic success of individuals with impairments is measured by Academic Performance (*BQ*). It is the solution to the equation and can be used as a surrogate for a student's overall performance in school. The student's academic achievement before the implementation of AMLE is represented by their Initial Academic Score (*JBT*). It's a good way to get an idea of where a student is academically. Students' participation and involvement in the online discussion forum and 3D virtual world known as the Metaverse are quantified by their "Participation Score" (*QT*). Attendance, student engagement with course materials, and group participation are all taken into account. The student's mental health and emotional equilibrium are taken into consideration by psychological indicators (*QJ*). It contains markers such as levels of stress, confidence, and psychological health, which can be improved by the encouraging and inclusive aspect of AMLE. The student's physical and mental health are reflected in their Health Indicators (*IJ*). It includes things such as the quality of sleep, diet, and general health, all of which can affect how well a student does in school. The effect that AMLE's adaptive features have on a learner is known as the Adaptive Learning Effect (*BMF*). It considers the ways in which AMLE provides individualized and encouraging educational opportunities for students with special needs. Each variable has been given a weighting coefficient, denoted by x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4 and x_5 that indicates its relative relevance in predicting academic success. The amount of weight can be modified to accommodate the needs of the individual school or research project.

By factoring in students' baseline academic performance, participation, psychological well-being, physical well-being, and the flexible learning effects of the technology, the equation (2) provides a thorough evaluation of the way AMLE, powered by AR, VR, and Metaverse technology, affects the educational achievement of students with disabilities.

The basic process of how assistive technology for the visually impaired and other handicapped individuals works is depicted in Figure 2. Metaverse Technology allows people who are blind or visually impaired to use these tools and navigate their surroundings. This aids those who are visually impaired in their day-to-day lives and ultimately improves their quality of life. The figure 3 demonstrates the dynamic interplay

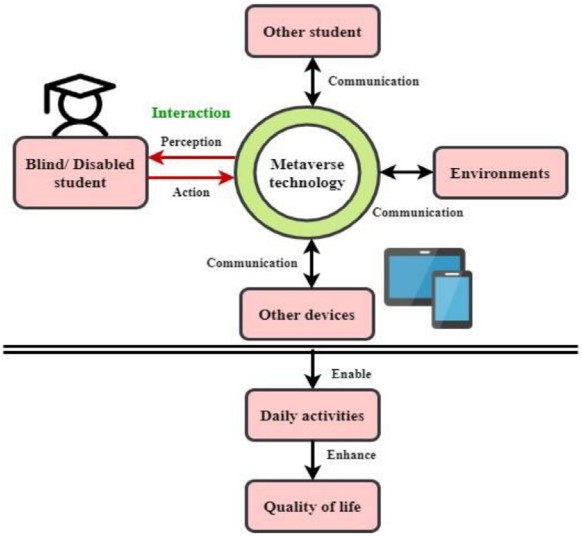


Figure 2

Functioning model for visually impaired and disabled people

between persons with visual disabilities or impairments and the metaverse technology that enables them. The basic idea behind the figure is that it serves as a bridge between the people and their surroundings to promote autonomy and improve their quality of life. The main feature highlights a system of high-tech assistance gadgets and software that can be adjusted to meet the requirements of individual users. Screen viewers, braille displays, and voice-activated systems are all examples of metaverse technology that may help people with visual impairments use the internet, while those with other types of disabilities may need help with movement, communication, or even climate control. These innovations serve as a conduit to the outside world, facilitating a wide range of life functions.

The outward arrows from this core represent the free flow of ideas and information. Voice commands, gestures, and tactile inputs all form part of the user's input, and they are met with audible or tactile feedback to keep them actively engaged with their environment. By providing access to opportunities for learning, working, socializing, and enjoyment, this system helps people become more independent and enjoy better quality of life. Leading views of smartphone-based assistance systems include mobile computing, developments in sensing technology, crowd/friend sourcing, and data integration capabilities. The cameras in smartphones are useful for a wide variety of tasks, including object

recognition, obstacle detection, path detection, and route planning. Developments in sensor technologies have lowered the threshold for perceiving objects through non-traditional means.

The WS_T refers for the adapted Virtual Reality feature that improves the educational experience for students with special needs. Coefficients (δ) and (α) represent the bearing of motor skill and cognitive preparedness on learning in virtual reality. The motor proficiency (N_q) score indicates how successfully students with physical impairments are accommodated by the virtual reality (VR) system. The virtual accessibility of a given virtual reality setup is quantified by a metric known as "E_w," the "D_s" represents "cognitive readiness," which refers to how ready students' minds are for learning through VR and the U_s is the cognitive readiness threshold, which is affected by students' health and readiness as a whole. The level to which one's mental and emotional health are enhanced by virtual reality training is denoted by the variable F_w and the F_u shows the amount to which one's mental and emotional health are enhanced by methods other than virtual reality instruction.

Equation (7) examines the influence of virtual reality technology on boosting the learning processes and happiness of students with impairments. It takes into account students' motor skills, virtuality tolerance, and mental preparedness. The equation (3) compares virtual reality (VR) learning to more conventional teaching approaches in order to determine its overall impact on students' emotional and mental health.

$$X = (\beta * BS) + (\gamma * WS) + (\delta * Metaverse) + (\alpha * N) - (\varepsilon * E) \tag{3}$$

The X (Overall Well-being) is the dependent variable that desire to measure and increase. It symbolizes the whole-person development of students with special needs. The value β assigned to the Augmented Reality (AR) weight indicates the relative significance of AR as a tool for improving students' lives. The term "Augmented Reality Technology" (BS) refers to the positive outcomes that may be achieved through the implementation of AR in the education of children with special needs. The value γ assigned to Virtual Reality (VR) signifies the significance or effect that VR has on students' development. The term "virtual reality" (WS) refers to the use of computer-generated imagery to create an immersive, interactive environment with the purpose of improving a user's educational and emotional well-being as shown in Algorithm 1.

Algorithm 1: Algorithm for detecting by using Augmented Reality Technology

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Task locate X (Sample Signal)
Fix N ← 1
Fix WS, BS ← ()
For N ← 2 to distance (sample signal) – 2(BS), (WS)
If sample signal (N-1) < sample signal (N)
If sample signal (N+1) < sample signal (N) then
N=N+2
WS (N) ← x
BS (N) ← sample signal (x)
End if
End for
Return WS, BS
End Function
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Result and Discussion

To improve learning environments, mental health, and overall well-being for students with disabilities through the use of Augmented Reality (AR), Virtual Reality (VR), and Metaverse technology, social contact is essential. The value of friendships, group projects, and other forms of socialization in the classroom cannot be emphasized. The importance of social engagement cannot be overstated, it is especially crucial for students with disabilities who may experience social isolation and communication difficulties. New possibilities for students to work together on projects, communicate with one another digitally, and contribute to a common learning environment have emerged with the advent of augmented reality (AR), virtual reality (VR), and the Metaverse. By removing obstacles to interaction based on location, these tools help students work together, share their knowledge, and form meaningful connections with one another. A sense of community and mutual support can be fostered through social interactions such as group projects, virtual field trips, or shared simulations. This analysis analyzes the efficiency of social interaction within the setting of AR, VR, and the Metaverse, including characteristics like as engagement levels, communication ease, and emotional well-being. The goal is to give students with disabilities with learning environments that support their social and emotional growth. Educators and tech developers may make a big impact on the quality of

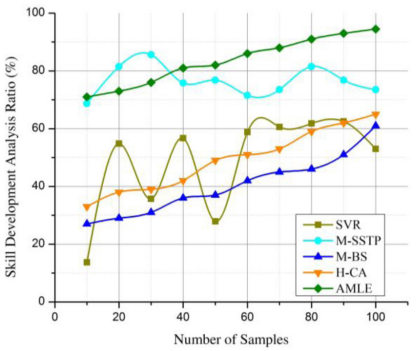


Figure 3(a)

Skill Development Analysis is compared with AMLE

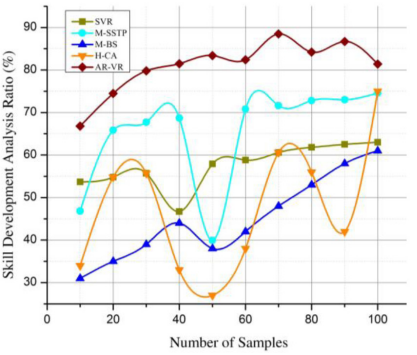


Figure 3(b)

Skill Development Analysis is compared with AR-VR

education and the well-being of this student body by utilizing these technologies to promote social connection. The compatibility between Social Interaction Analysis and AMLE is displayed at a remarkable 96.2% in Figure 3(a). Figure 3(b) displays a correlation between SIS and VR/AR of 89.7%.

The goal of incorporating Augmented Reality (AR), Virtual Reality (VR), and Metaverse technologies into the education of children with disabilities is to improve their educational experiences, their mental health, and their well-being as a whole. These state-of-the-art tools provide a game-changing environment for children with special needs to learn and grow in a wide variety of domains. AR, VR, and the Metaverse enable dynamic, interactive, and adaptive learning environments that respond to individual needs. They provide students with opportunity to grow their abilities in a wide range of areas, from academic and cognitive to life and social. The goal is to foster learning in a way that prepares students for success in the classroom, for life beyond graduation and active citizenship. Educators and technology creators make major contributions to the overall growth and well-being of children with disabilities when they tap into the potential of these tools for skill development. When comparing Skill Development Analysis and AMLE, as shown in Figure 3(a), there is a high level of comparability. In Figure 3(b), the correlation with AR-VR is 81.8%.

The academic performance analysis presented in the two tables compares the effectiveness of various educational interventions, including Social Virtual Reality (SVR), Metaverse-based Social Skills Training Program (M-SSTP), Metaverse-based Solutions (M-BS), Human-Centric

Table 1
Academic Performance Analysis is compared with AMLE

Number of students	SVR	M-SSTP	M-BS	H-CA	AMLE
10	22.5	44.6	52.5	65.2	87.8
20	35.9	56.2	65.3	58.2	76.8
30	12.6	52.3	45.8	74.2	83.9
40	47.9	65.8	79.3	68.2	88.4
50	56.2	74.2	82.1	76.2	77.2
60	45.8	79.3	86.3	79.3	85.3
70	62.5	64.5	79.2	84.5	89.9
80	59.2	84.3	87.3	89.3	78.5
90	68.9	85.6	89.2	91.2	86.6
100	69.2	78.2	91.2	89.2	98.5

Approach (H-CA), Adaptive Metaverse Learning Ecosystem (AMLE), and AR-VR, across different student groups.**Table 1** compares the performance of AMLE with other interventions. For 10 students, AMLE shows the highest performance score of 87.8, significantly outperforming other methods. As the number of students increases, AMLE consistently maintains high performance scores, reaching 98.5 for 100 students. Notably, for 40 students, AMLE achieves an impressive 88.4, whereas the closest alternative, M-BS, scores 79.3. The trend indicates that AMLE provides a superior academic performance enhancement across varying group sizes, with scores generally higher than those of SVR, M-SSTP, M-BS, and H-CA.

Table 2 compares AR-VR with other interventions, demonstrating its effectiveness relative to SVR, M-SSTP, M-BS, and H-CA. AR-VR shows consistently high performance scores, starting at 87.6 for 10 students and peaking at 97.7 for 80 students. In comparison, other methods like SVR and H-CA show lower scores, especially noticeable with H-CA scoring only 23.2 for 10 students but improving to 72.1 for 100 students. AR-VR outperforms other methods in most cases, with the highest scores among the groups of 50 to 100 students.

Overall, AMLE and AR-VR demonstrate superior performance in enhancing academic outcomes compared to other methods. AMLE, in particular, shows exceptional performance across all student numbers, highlighting its potential as an effective educational intervention for students with disabilities. AR-VR also shows strong performance,

Table 2
Academic Performance Analysis is compared with AR-VR

Number of students	SVR	M-SSTP	M-BS	H-CA	AR-VR
10	53.7	63.7	75.7	23.2	87.6
20	54.8	65.8	76.8	27.8	86.9
30	55.7	67.7	77.7	31.4	84.8
40	56.7	68.7	78.7	39.9	88.9
50	57.9	69.9	79.9	42.1	92.9
60	58.8	70.8	80.8	52.5	94.8
70	60.6	71.6	81.6	54.6	95.8
80	61.8	72.8	82.8	58.4	97.7
90	62.5	73.5	83.9	66.7	95.8
100	63.7	74.6	84.9	72.1	94.6

particularly as the number of students increases, making it a robust alternative in larger educational settings. Both tables emphasize the transformative potential of immersive technologies in education, with AMLE and AR-VR leading in terms of academic performance enhancement.

The Adaptive Metaverse Learning Ecosystem (AMLE) is remarkable as a comprehensive and welcoming strategy for improving the educational experience and general well-being of students with impairments. Its potential to change special education is shown by its high compatibility with many types of analyses and by the study's rigorous methodology. A more empowered and inclusive learning environment is created for individuals with varying requirements to the cognitive accessibility, social interaction, skill development, academic achievement, and emotional support features of AMLE. This study paves the way for better educational and mental health opportunities for students with disabilities in the future.

Conclusion

The Adaptive Metaverse Learning Ecosystem (AMLE) not only aims to enhance academic performance but also significantly improves the emotional well-being of students with disabilities. By addressing the emotional health and fostering a sense of belonging, AMLE provides a holistic educational experience. The system's ability to offer real-time emotional support and monitor students' mental health reduces stress

and anxiety, contributing to a supportive learning environment.The information gleaned from AMLE simulations can be used as a foundation for tailoring and enhancing the learning experience for each individual student. This personalized approach ensures that the educational needs and emotional well-being of students with disabilities are comprehensively addressed. AMLE has the potential to transform the way people with disabilities are taught by fostering not only academic development but also emotional health and a sense of community. This underscores the revolutionary potential of augmented reality, virtual reality, and the Metaverse in the realm of special education, representing a significant advancement in the pursuit of educational equity and accessibility.

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