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The thesis aims to conduct a survey to analyze the performance and accessibility of the Ambient Intelligence system for elderly people.

The partial goals of this are:
- To monitor the activities of elderly individuals in their homes and detect any potential problems or abnormal situations. For instance, the system can detect if the individual falls has difficulty moving around, or fails to take their medication.
- To provide real-time assistance and support to elderly individuals when necessary. For example, if the system detects that the individual has fallen, it can automatically call for help or alert a caregiver.
- To ensure the privacy and security of the elderly individual by using secure and reliable communication channels and protecting their personal data.

Methodology

To fulfill the goals, a review of the literature for similar initiatives for surveying and analyzing the results of the Ambient Intelligent System is required.

The approach may consist of performing an assessment of user needs which may involve conducting surveys, and interviews with elderly people. Based on user needs the next step is to select the appropriate technology, once the technology is selected, the next step is to AmI system architecture which includes the placement of sensors devices, and communication protocols, setting up data processing mechanisms, and configuring software. Once the system is implemented, it is essential to test the system with the elderly user for usability, reliability, and effectiveness of the system.

The goal is to continue monitoring the system's performance over time and making updates and improvements as needed to ensure that it remains effective and relevant to the user's needs.

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Ambient Intelligence on Elderly Health Care System

Abstract

Healthcare costs will be significantly impacted by the aging population's growing population. Around the world, the older population is rapidly expanding, and with it, the demand for technology to assist their freedom and welfare is rising. The number of elderly individuals aged 60 and above globally has quadrupled from 202 million in 1950 to 901 million and is expected to triple by 2100. In India, the number of elderly people is projected to increase from 5% of the population in 2015 to 20.9% by 2050. The cost of caring for the elderly is already a challenge, and it will be more difficult to meet in the future, leading to higher healthcare expenditure. Elderly people desire to live independently in their own homes and practice normal activities, but there is a lack of professionally designed systems that can fulfill their growing needs.

The quality of life of the elderly is challenged by these demographic shifts in terms of their health, autonomy, care, social interaction, and use of institutional services. To meet these problems, reliable self-adapting technical breakthroughs are required. Ambient Assisted Living (AAL) strives to enhance the quality of life of senior citizens by offering them technologies and services that assist with daily tasks, extend their lives, and enable them to live independently at home. This study seeks to explore AMI and AAL technology, present illustrations of pertinent technologies and applications, and investigate the attitudes and opinions of older persons in India toward employing AMI technologies. According to the survey results, older people in India are willing to adopt and use AMI technologies, and a number of factors affect this. This offers information on how to support their independent existence.

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Ambient Intelligence v systému zdravotní péče o seniory

Abstraktní

Náklady na zdravotní péči budou výrazně ovlivněny rostoucí populací stárnoucí populace. Po celém světě se starší populace rychle rozrůstá a s tím roste i poptávka po technologiích, které jim pomáhají při jejich svobodě a blahobytu. Počet starších jedinců ve věku 60 a více let se celosvětově zčtyřnásobil z 202 milionů v roce 1950 na 901 milionů. očekává se, že se do roku 2100 ztrojnásobí. V Indii se předpokládá, že počet starších lidí vzroste z 5 % populace v roce 2015 na 20,9 % do roku 2050. Náklady na péči o seniory jsou již nyní výzvou a budou obtížnější splnit v budoucnu, což povede k vyšším výdajům na zdravotní péči. Starší lidé touží žít samostatně ve svých domovech a provozovat běžné činnosti, ale chybí profesionálně navržené systémy, které by mohly naplnit jejich rostoucí potřeby.

Kvalita života seniorů je zpochybněna těmito demografickými posuny, pokud jde o jejich zdraví, autonomii, péči, sociální interakci a využívání institucionálních služeb. K vyřešení těchto problémů jsou zapotřebí spolehlivé technické průlomy, které se přizpůsobí. Ambient Assisted Living (AAL) se snaží zlepšit kvalitu života seniorů tím, že jim nabízí technologie a služby, které pomáhají s každodenními úkoly, prodlužují život a umožňují jim žít samostatně doma. Tato studie se snaží prozkoumat technologie AMI a AAL, prezentovat ilustrace příslušných technologií a aplikací a zkoumat postoje a názory starších lidí v Indii k využívání technologií AMI. Podle výsledků průzkumu jsou starší lidé v Indii ochotni přijmout a používat technologie AMI a ovlivňuje to řada faktorů. Nabízí informace o tom, jak podpořit jejich nezávislou existenci.

Klíčová slova: Asistované bydlení, Starší lidé, Koncepční model, Proaktivní monitorovací systém

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1: INTRODUCTION

This chapter provides an overview of the demographic trends that are driving the need for technology to support elderly people and introduces the concept of AMI as a potential solution. The chapter outlines the research questions and objectives of the thesis and provides an overview of the structure of the thesis.

1.1: Background

The definition of elderly people varies and can be categorized into three categories: change in social role, chronology, and change in capabilities. However, chronological age is the most used system, as outlined by the World Health Organization (WHO). This research will refer to elderly people as those who are 60+ according to retirement policy.

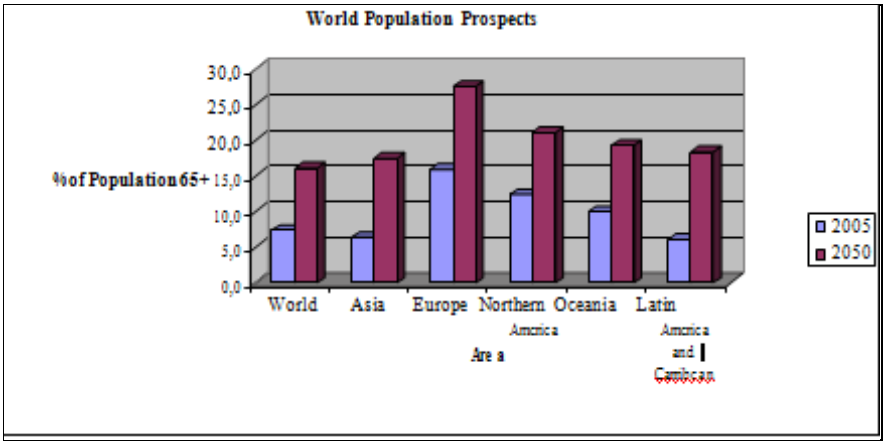
In most industrialized countries, demographical, structural, and social trends are leading to an increase in the number of elderly people and single households. This has significant effects on public and private healthcare, emergency medical services, and the individuals themselves. Progress in medical treatment and pharmacies has led to longer life expectancies, resulting in an increasing average age of the total population and a rise in chronic diseases. This will lead to a dramatic increase in emergency situations and missions within the coming years.

Assisted living solutions for elderly people using ambient intelligence technology can help cope with this trend by providing proactive and situation-aware assistance to sustain their autonomy, limit increasing costs, and enhance their quality of life. The goal is to enable elderly people to live longer in their preferred environment while reducing costs for society and public health systems.

A study conducted in Kaiserslautern, Germany, highlights the fact that 44% of EMS resources are dedicated to patients over 70 years old. This trend is expected to lead to increased costs for EMS or decreased service quality, or both. However, assisted living solutions utilizing ambient intelligence technology can help address this issue by providing proactive and situation-aware assistance to maintain the autonomy of the elderly while also limiting increasing costs and improving their quality of life. The

goal is to enable elderly individuals to continue living in their preferred environment for as long as possible, while reducing costs for society and public health systems.

Figure 1 Demographical change according to the United Nations World population



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Despite the availability of commercially available emergency monitoring products utilizing modern technology, such as necklaces with emergency buttons, fall sensors in mobile phones, and vital data monitoring plasters, these systems are generally closed, stand-alone systems with limited ability to describe the actual situation and often too difficult for elderly individuals to operate in emergency situations.

Assisted living systems have the potential to greatly benefit handicapped and elderly individuals with various disabilities, such as gait changes, neurological alterations, visual acuity changes, vestibular compromise, spontaneous fractures and falls, cardiac alteration with syncope, or sudden changes in blood pressure. However, to be

effective, such systems must meet three key requirements: they must be ambient and unobtrusive to gain widespread acceptance, adapt to changing personal situations and capabilities, and provide their services in an accessible way for easy usability.

Recent advancements in technology and software engineering have resulted in a new generation of solutions that are more flexible, adaptive, and anticipative compared to traditional products. These solutions feature low energy consumption, wireless communication, non-traditional interfaces, small footprints, and the ability to sense the environment for useful information about the context of a situation. This allows for the design and engineering of solutions and applications that are ambient and unobtrusive, adaptive to the individual context, and provide easy-to-use interfaces for elderly and handicapped individuals.

1.1.1 Ambient Intelligence for Elder

Ambient Intelligence (AmI) refers to a technological paradigm where everyday objects are enhanced with sensing, processing and communication capabilities, enabling them to interact with each other and with people in a natural and unobtrusive way. This technology has a great potential for assisting elderly people in their daily lives, by providing them with support and care services that can improve their quality of life.

AmI is a technology that enables the creation of supportive, secure environments that can change to meet the changing requirements of elderly people. It uses a variety of technologies, including smart sensors, wearable technology, mobile technology, and intelligent surroundings.

AmI remedies for the elderly might take the following forms:

Smart Homes: These are residences with sensors and gadgets that can recognize the presence and actions of senior citizens. The sensors may identify health-related events like falls, altered movement patterns, and other health-related occurrences, and they can prompt appropriate responses like alerting caregivers or calling emergency services.

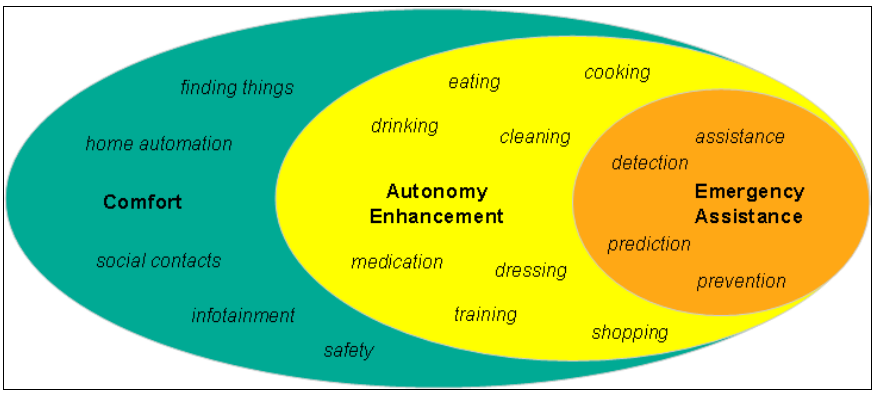
Wearable Devices: These are devices such as smart watches, fitness trackers, and other sensors that can be worn by elderly people to monitor their physical activity, vital signs, and other health-related information. This information can be used to detect health problems early and provide timely intervention.

Mobile Apps: These are software applications that can be installed on mobile devices such as smartphones and tablets. They can provide elderly people with access to health information, medication reminders, and other helpful features that can improve their health and wellbeing.

By offering elderly people proactive and adaptable support in their daily lives, ambient intelligence technology offers a tremendous deal of promise to enhance their quality of life. AmI solutions can also aid in lowering expenses for society by enabling people to live independently for a longer period of time and decreasing their dependency on formal care services.

Systems that can provide services in a sensitive and responsive manner while being smoothly integrated into our everyday surroundings are referred to as having "ambient intelligence" [1], [2]. This technology has been acknowledged as a potentially effective means of resolving issues in the field of assisted living [3], notably for Living Assistance systems intended to support persons with specific needs, such as the elderly and disabled, in their own homes. Home Care Systems (HCS) are the usual names for these systems [4], [5].

Figure 2 Home care system domain



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The primary objective of Home Care Systems (HCS) is to allow elderly or disabled individuals to continue living independently in their preferred environment, even with medical or physical challenges. HCS can be categorized into emergency assistance services, autonomy enhancement services, and comfort services. Ambient Intelligence (AmI) systems, as defined by Oppermann et al. [6], are a new generation of systems that are invisible, mobile, context-aware, anticipatory, and capable of natural communication and

interaction with users. These characteristics make AmI systems particularly suitable for HCS, as they enable unobtrusive sensing, allowing monitoring and assistance devices to be seamlessly integrated into daily objects, reducing stigmatization and increasing their acceptance. AmI technology also facilitates the use of a wide range of sensors in our living environment, which can detect specific situations externally, without relying on the usage of special devices. By fusing and analyzing data from different sensors, the system can compensate for low accuracy and uncertainty, providing continuous monitoring of daily activities, and detecting short and long-term deviations from the usual routine. This enhanced self-awareness and context-awareness enable AmI systems to adapt to changing situations, rendering their services at a new level of experience, and enhancing the quality of service. Moreover, by proactively detecting potential problems and suggesting actions, HCS systems can assist individuals in preventing critical situations such as loss of consciousness, neurological, mental, or physical disabilities. The systems can also provide escalating assistance, integrating family, friends, or caregivers into the solution and supporting individuals in contacting emergency medical services if necessary. AmI systems interact with users using speech, gestures, and other forms of natural communication, aiming to mimic human interaction.

1.2 PROBLEM STATEMENT

The problem addressed by Ambient Intelligence (AmI) for elders is how to provide a supportive living environment for older adults to enhance their quality of life while promoting their independence and autonomy. As older adults are more prone to physical, cognitive, and emotional impairments, they face challenges in performing daily activities, maintaining their health, and socializing with others. The AmI technology aims to develop intelligent systems that are seamlessly integrated into the living environment of elders and can detect and respond to their needs and preferences in a proactive, unobtrusive, and personalized manner. The goal is to enable older adults to age in place, i.e., to live in their own homes for as long as possible, with the necessary support and care.

- Elderly people often have limited mobility and may struggle with using traditional assistive technologies. This limits their ability to live independently and can lead to a decline in their overall health and wellbeing.

- Family members and caregivers of elderly individuals may struggle to keep up with their loved one's care needs, especially if they do not live nearby. This can lead to feelings of stress, guilt, and frustration.

- Elderly people are more vulnerable to accidents and injuries in the home, such as falls, burns, and other accidents. These incidents can be life-threatening and may result in hospitalization or long-term care.

- The use of traditional medical alert systems can be stigmatizing for elderly individuals and may make them feel like they are losing their independence. In addition, these systems are often limited in their functionality and may not be able to detect all types of emergencies or medical issues.

- Traditional monitoring systems for the elderly may be intrusive and may not respect the privacy of the individual. This can lead to feelings of discomfort and may result in the elderly person refusing to use the technology.

- Elderly individuals often experience changes in their cognitive and physical abilities as they age. This can make it difficult for them to learn how to use new technologies or remember to use them consistently.

1.3 RESEARCH QUESTION

A research question is a concise and clear question that the research study seeks to answer. It is the main question that guides the research process and provides focus and direction for the study. In the context of AmI for elders, some examples of research questions could be:

- How can AmI technology be used to improve the quality of life and independence of elderly people living at home?
- What privacy and ethical issues are raised by the employment of AmI technology in elderly home care systems?
- What are the most important design factors to take into account when creating AMI-based home care systems for seniors with various degrees of cognitive and physical

impairments?

- How can AmI technology help seniors living at home forecast and avoid negative outcomes, including falls, medication mistakes, and cognitive decline?
- What obstacles and enablers exist for older persons, their caregivers, and medical professionals to embrace and use AMI-based home care systems?

These research questions can help guide the development and implementation of AmI-based home care systems for the elderly and can also inform future research and development in this area.

1.4 RATIONALE

The rationale behind conducting research on Ambient Intelligence (AmI) for elder care is multifaceted. Firstly, the aging population is increasing worldwide, and with it, the number of people in need of care and assistance. Many elderly people prefer to live independently in their homes for as long as possible, which can be challenging due to physical and cognitive decline. Thus, there is a need for innovative technological solutions that can support elderly individuals in their daily lives and help them maintain their independence. AmI technology has shown great potential in this regard, making it an important area of research.

Secondly, conventional care methods can be expensive, time-consuming, and may not provide continuous monitoring of an individual's health and well-being. In contrast, AmI technology allows for continuous monitoring and proactive assistance, which could help prevent accidents and emergencies. Additionally, AmI technology can provide personalized care and assistance, improving the quality of life for elderly individuals.

Lastly, AmI technology is a relatively new field, and there is a need for further research to explore its full potential and limitations in the domain of elder care. Thus, the rationale behind conducting research in this area is to contribute to the development and implementation of effective and efficient AmI systems for elder care.

Overall, the research on AmI for elder care has the potential to revolutionize the way we care for the elderly population and improve their quality of life.

1.5 SCOPE OF THE RESEARCH

The scope of the research on Ambient Intelligence for elder care is to explore the potential of AmI technology to improve the quality of life for elderly individuals in their own homes. The study will focus on the development of Home Care Systems (HCS) that can enhance the autonomy, safety, and comfort of assisted individuals. The research will examine the technical and practical aspects of implementing AmI systems in home care settings, including sensor integration, data fusion, communication protocols, and user interfaces.

The research will also explore the ethical, social, and legal implications of AmI technology for elderly care, including issues related to privacy, security, autonomy, and dignity. The study aims to identify the benefits and drawbacks of AmI technology for elderly care and provide recommendations for designing and implementing HCS systems that meet the needs of assisted individuals, their families, and caregivers.

The geographical scope of the research is global, as the challenges and opportunities of elder care are universal. However, the study will focus on developed countries with aging populations and advanced healthcare systems, such as Europe, North America, and Japan. The research will involve a combination of literature review, case studies, user testing, and expert interviews to gather qualitative and quantitative data on the use of AmI technology for elder care.

1.6 SIGNIFICANCE OF THE RESEARCH

The significance of this research is multifaceted. Firstly, the development of effective Ambient Intelligence (AmI) systems for eldercare can address the growing need for assisted living services, particularly for the aging population. By providing support for independent living, such systems can improve the quality of life of seniors and reduce their dependence on external caregivers.

Secondly, the implementation of AmI systems in eldercare can also benefit caregivers by reducing their workload, increasing their efficiency, and providing them with real-time information about the health and well-being of the assisted persons. This can lead to improved care coordination, better communication among caregivers, and ultimately better health outcomes for the assisted persons.

Furthermore, this research has the potential to contribute to the development of innovative and cost-effective solutions in eldercare that can be easily integrated into the daily lives of seniors. The study can also aid in identifying the main difficulties and opportunities in putting AmI systems into use in eldercare, which can guide further study and advancement in this field. Overall, this study has important ramifications for the healthcare sector since it may result in the creation of new tools and services that enhance senior citizens' quality of life and respond to the rising demand for assisted living services.

1.7 ASSUMPTIONS

Some possible assumptions in a study on Ambient Intelligence for the Elderly might include:

- Belief that older people are capable of and willing to use technology in their daily lives
- Presumption that the study's environmental sensors and equipment are accurate and trustworthy.
- Presumption that the sensor data accurately reflects the actions and behaviors of the senior participants.
- The supposition that the system's interventions and suggestions will improve the participants' elderly participants' health and well-being.
- The presumption that the study's technique and design are suitable for answering the study's research questions and achieving its objectives.

From a participation standpoint

During the course of this study project's planning, the following assumptions were made:

1. Participants were ready to give their best effort when answering survey questions or contributing their knowledge and experience on the research topic.
2. Respondents avoided any potential conflicts of interest and gave truthful responses to the survey about the estimation of performance assessment.
3. The replies of the other participants were unaffected by the actions of one individual.
4. As seen by their proficiency in reading, writing, and understanding the questionnaire, respondents clearly have a great grasp of the English language.
5. Each and every participant was a full-time employee of the company.

1.8 LIMITATIONS

Here are a few points to consider regarding AmI's limitations in supporting elder people in different areas:

Technical limitations: AmI technology relies on sensors, cameras, and other devices to collect and analyze data from the environment. However, some older people may have difficulty using or adapting to new technology, which could limit the effectiveness of AmI systems in providing plagiarism-free content.

Privacy concerns: elder people may have privacy concerns related to the use of AmI technology, particularly if it involves the collection and storage of personal data. Therefore, it's important to ensure that AmI systems are designed and implemented with privacy and security in mind.

Accessibility limitations: AmI systems may not be accessible to older people with disabilities or impairments, such as hearing or visual impairments, which could limit their ability to access and use the technology.

Social limitations: Some older people may prefer face-to-face interactions with humans rather than relying on technology for communication and support. Therefore, it's important to consider the social and emotional needs of older people when designing and implementing AmI systems.

Limitations of the technology: Although AmI technology has the potential to support elder people in various areas, it may not be a suitable solution for every situation. For example, it may not be effective in addressing complex issues related to plagiarism detection and prevention in academic or professional settings.

1.9 IMPORTANT DEFINITIONS

Ambient Intelligence (AmI) is an approach to computing and technology design that focuses on creating intelligent environments that are responsive to human needs, preferences, and behaviors. Here are some important definitions related to the use of AmI for elder people:

1. Elderly: The term "elderly" refers to individuals who are older, typically 65 years or older, and may be experiencing age-related physical or cognitive decline.

2. Assistive technology: Assistive technology refers to devices, systems, and services that help people with disabilities or impairments to perform tasks that they may not be able to do otherwise. Examples of assistive technology for elderly people include hearing aids, walking aids, and voice-activated home assistants.

3. Smart home: A smart home is a residence that is equipped with internet-connected devices and systems, such as lighting, heating and cooling, entertainment, and security, that can be controlled remotely or automated.

4. Internet of Things (IoT): The Internet of Things (IoT) is a network of physical devices, vehicles, home appliances, and other items that are embedded with sensors, software, and connectivity that enables them to gather and trade info.

5. Ambient assisted living (AAL): A subset of AmI that focuses on enhancing the quality of life for elderly and disabled individuals via the use of technology is known as ambient assisted living (AAL).

6. Human-computer interaction (HCI): HCI is a branch of study that focuses on developing and analyzing user interfaces for computers and other electronic devices. HCI is crucial in the context of AmI for elderly individuals and is particularly significant.

7. User experience (UX): User experience (UX) refers to the overall experience that a person has when interacting with a product or system, including ease of use, effectiveness, and satisfaction. Designing for a positive user experience is critical in the context of AmI for elderly people, as it can help promote user adoption and engagement.

2: OBJECTIVES AND METHODOLOGY

The objectives chapter in an AmI for elder thesis or research paper typically outlines the specific goals or aims of the study. These objectives serve as a guide to help the reader understand the purpose of the research and what the author hopes to achieve through their investigation.

In the context of AmI for elder, the objectives chapter include goals such as developing a home care system that is capable of monitoring and responding to the needs of elderly individuals in real-time, enhancing the quality of life for elderly individuals by providing personalized care, improving the accuracy and reliability of sensing technologies, and exploring the use of novel technologies such as voice and gesture recognition to facilitate natural interaction between users and the system.

The methodology chapter, on the other hand, details the specific methods and techniques that the author will use to achieve their objectives. This chapter typically includes a description of the research design, data collection methods, and analysis techniques.

In the context of AmI for elder, the methodology chapter include a description of the software and hardware used in the development of the home care system, the procedures for collecting data from sensors and other monitoring devices, and the statistical techniques used to analyze this data. The methodology chapter should be detailed enough that another researcher could replicate the study and achieve similar results.

2.1 OBJECTIVES

The main objective is the goal of ambient intelligence (AmI) systems for the elderly to give them a cozy and secure living space while fostering their independence and autonomy.

This goal is what AmI systems are made to do:

1. Monitor the activities of the elderly individuals in their home and detect any potential problems or abnormal situations. For instance, the system can detect if the individual falls, has difficulty moving around, or fails to take their medication.

2. Provide real-time assistance and support to the elderly individuals when necessary. For example, if the system detects that the individual has fallen, it can automatically call for help or alert a caregiver.

3. Improve the quality of life of the elderly individuals by providing them with useful and personalized information and services. For instance, the system can remind them to take their medication, provide them with information about their health status, or suggest activities that match their interests.

4. Ensure the privacy and security of the elderly individuals by using secure and reliable communication channels and protecting their personal data.

5. Foster social inclusion and engagement by connecting the elderly individuals with their families, friends, and communities.

Overall, the main objective of AmI systems for the elderly is to enhance their well-being, independence, and quality of life while enabling them to live in their own homes for as long as possible.

2.2 METHODOLOGY

The methodology used for AmI (Ambient Intelligence) for elderly people can vary depending on the specific application or use case. However, here are some common steps and approaches that may be used:

1. User needs assessment
2. Technology selection
3. System design
4. System implementation

5. User testing and feedback
6. Continuous improvement

2.2.1. User needs assessment:

The first step in developing an AmI system for elderly people is to conduct a needs assessment to identify the user's needs, preferences, and challenges. This may involve conducting surveys, interviews, or focus groups with elderly people and their caregivers to understand their daily routines, activities, and pain points.

User needs assessment is a critical step in the methodology of developing an AmI (Ambient Intelligence) system for elderly people. Here are some details on how this step is typically carried out:

Identify the user: The first step is to identify the target user or group of users who used the AmI system. In this case, it is elderly people. It's essential to consider factors such as age, gender, health condition, living situation, and any specific needs or preferences that may impact the design of the system.

Define the objectives: The next step is to define the objectives of the user needs assessment. The primary objective is to understand the user's needs, preferences, and challenges related to their daily routines and activities. The assessment should focus on identifying the areas where the user may need assistance or support, as well as any areas where they may want to maintain their independence.

Data collection methods: There are various data collection methods that can be used to assess user needs, such as surveys, interviews, focus groups, and observation. The method used will depend on factors such as the number of users, the geographic location, and the level of detail required. It's essential to use a combination of methods to get a comprehensive understanding of the user's needs. Here make questionnaires according to a review of different author's work. This questionnaire is developed with the help of Google Forms. This form link float between elder AmI used and collect opinions and analysis the opinion.

Data analysis: Once the data is collected, the next step is to analyze the data to identify

patterns, trends, and common themes. The analysis should focus on identifying the user's needs, preferences, and challenges related to their daily routines and activities. It's essential to involve the user and their caregivers in the analysis process to ensure that the findings accurately reflect their needs and preferences.

User persona creation: User persona creation involves creating a profile of the user based on the data collected and analyzed. This profile should include information such as the user's demographic information, their health status, their living situation, their daily routines and activities, and their preferences and challenges related to the use of technology.

Prioritize needs and requirements: Once the user persona is created, the next step is to prioritize the user's needs and requirements. This involves identifying the critical areas where the user may need assistance or support, as well as any areas where they may want to maintain their independence. This information will help guide the design of the AmI system to ensure that it meets the user's needs and preferences.

Overall, user needs assessment is a critical step in the methodology of developing an AmI system for elderly people. It helps ensure that the system is designed with the user in mind and that it meets their needs and preferences.

2.2.2 Technology selection: Based on the user needs assessment, the next step is to select the appropriate technology that can address the identified needs and preferences. This may involve selecting sensors, devices, and software that can monitor the user's environment, track their activities, and provide assistance as needed.

2.2.3 System design: Once the technology is selected, the next step is to design the AmI system architecture, which includes the placement of sensors and devices, the communication protocols, and the data processing and storage mechanisms.

2.2.4 System implementation: After the system design is complete, the next step is to implement the AmI system by installing sensors and devices in the user's environment

and configuring the software and communication protocols.

2.2.5 User testing and feedback: Once the system is implemented, it is essential to test the system with the elderly user to ensure that it meets their needs and preferences. User testing may involve evaluating the system's usability, reliability, and effectiveness in addressing the user's needs. Feedback from the user and their caregivers is also critical to improving the system's design and functionality.

2.2.6 Continuous improvement: The final step in the methodology is continuous improvement, which involves monitoring the system's performance over time and making updates and improvements as needed to ensure that it remains effective and relevant to the user's needs.

It's worth noting that designing and implementing AmI systems for elderly people requires a human-centric approach that considers the user's needs, preferences, and limitations. User involvement and feedback are critical throughout the process to ensure that the system meets their needs and is easy to use.

3: LITERATURE REVIEW

By assisting seniors with their daily activities, ambient intelligence (AmI) has the potential to significantly enhance their quality of life. A rising number of people are now interested in creating AMI systems that are especially suited for the senior population. The present level of research on AmI for elderly individuals and the possible advantages of such systems will be examined in this literature review**.**

3.1 HEALTH STATUS AND PROVIDING REMINDERS FOR MEDICATION AND APPOINTMENTS

Various studies have looked into how AmI can help seniors with daily tasks including monitoring their health and sending them reminders for appointments and medications. For example, a study by Arning et al. (2016) developed an AmI system that combines ambient sensors with wearable sensors to track an elderly person's physical activity and spot inappropriate conduct. The system also provided personalized reminders for medication and appointments based on the user's preferences and health status.

Another study by Mihailidis et al. (2013) developed an AmI system that uses a combination of sensors, such as cameras, microphones, and motion sensors, to monitor the elderly person's daily activities and provide support as needed. The system also included a virtual coach that provided feedback and encouragement to the user to maintain healthy behaviors.

3.2 IMPROVING ELDERLY PEOPLE'S SOCIAL INTERACTION AND REDUCING SOCIAL ISOLATION

In addition to supporting daily activities, AmI systems have also shown potential in improving elderly people's social interaction and reducing social isolation. For example, a study by Pons et al. (2015) developed an AmI system that includes a social robot that interacts with the elderly person and provides companionship and support. The system also includes a video conferencing feature that enables the user to connect with family and friends.

While the potential benefits of AmI for elderly people are promising, there are also some challenges and limitations to consider. One of the main challenges is the ethical and privacy concerns related to the use of sensors and cameras in monitoring the elderly person's activities. Another challenge is the need to design the AmI system with a user-centric

approach that considers the user's needs, preferences, and limitations.

Another important aspect of AmI systems for elderly people is the need for the system to be adaptable and customizable to meet the user's changing needs and preferences. This is particularly important given that the elderly population is a heterogeneous group with varying levels of physical, cognitive, and sensory abilities. As such, an effective AmI system must be able to adapt to the user's individual needs, and preferences over time.

One study that focused on adaptability and customization of AmI systems for elderly people is by Nugent et al. (2013). The study developed an AmI system that uses a combination of sensors to monitor the elderly person's physical and cognitive status, and also includes a personalized feedback system. The feedback system is designed to provide the user with relevant and meaningful information based on their individual needs and preferences. The study found that the system was able to adapt to the user's changing needs over time and provide effective feedback that improved the user's well-being and quality of life. The necessity for the system to be user-friendly and accessible is a crucial factor when designing AmI systems for senior persons. Given the potential limits in cognitive and sensory capacities that older persons may encounter, this is especially crucial. Because of this, a successful AmI system must be created with a user-friendly interface that is simple to use and comprehend.

The accessibility of AmI systems for elderly individuals was the subject of one study by Kocić et al (2015).

The study developed an AmI system that uses a combination of sensors and a touch screen interface to provide support and assistance in daily activities. The system was designed with a user-centric approach that considered the user's needs, preferences, and limitations. The study found that the system was effective in improving the user's quality of life and was accessible and easy to use for elderly people.

Supporting the user's social and emotional wellbeing is another crucial component of AmI systems for elderly people. This is especially important given the heightened incidence of social isolation and loneliness among senior populations. In order to promote social interaction, provide social support, and develop emotional wellbeing, an AmI system must be designed. One study by Kangas et al. (2011) examined the role of social support and emotional wellbeing in AmI systems for older individuals. The study created a social support and emotional well-being promoting AmI system that combines sensors and

communication technology.

The system includes features such as video conferencing, messaging, and social networking, and is designed to encourage social interaction and reduce social isolation. The study found that the system was effective in improving the user's social support and emotional well-being.

3.3 USER'S SAFETY AND SECURITY

Another important consideration for AmI systems for elderly people is the need for the system to support the user's safety and security. This is particularly important given the increased risk of falls, accidents, and other safety-related concerns in elderly populations. An effective AmI system must be designed to monitor the user's safety and security and provide appropriate support and assistance in case of emergencies.

One study that focused on safety and security in AmI systems for elderly people is by Czarnowski et al. (2017). The study created an AmI system, which monitors the user's security and safety and offers appropriate support and help in case of crises using a combination of mobile technologies and sensors. The system is made to offer real-time support and help in case of emergencies and contains features like fall detection, emergency message, and GPS tracking. The study found that the system was effective in improving the user's safety and security and reducing the risk of accidents and emergencies.

Another important aspect to consider when designing AmI systems for the elderly is the need to provide personalized and adaptable support. Elderly individuals have unique needs and preferences that may change over time, and an effective AmI system must be designed to adapt to these changes and provide personalized support.

One study that focused on personalized and adaptable support in AmI systems for the elderly is by Ong et al. (2016). The study created an AmI system that customizes and adapts support for the user using a combination of sensors and machine learning algorithms. In order to give individualized support that changes with the user's changing needs, the system is built to gradually learn the user's behavior and preferences. According to the study, the system was successful in giving the user individualized and flexible help.

Another important consideration for AmI systems for the elderly is the need to provide support for activities of daily living (ADLs). Elderly individuals may experience difficulty

with performing ADLs, such as bathing, dressing, and grooming, and an effective AmI system must be designed to provide appropriate support and assistance.

One study that focused on support for ADLs in AmI systems for the elderly is by Chen et al. (2015). The study developed an AmI system that uses a combination of sensors and machine learning algorithms to monitor the user's activities and provide appropriate support for ADLs. The system is designed to provide real-time feedback and assistance for ADLs and is customizable based on the user's preferences and needs. The study found that the system was effective in providing support for ADLs and improving the user's quality of life.

Another important aspect of AmI systems for the elderly is the need to provide support for social and emotional well-being. Many elderly individuals may experience social isolation, loneliness, and depression, and an effective AmI system must be designed to provide appropriate support and companionship.

One study that focused on support for social and emotional well-being in AmI systems for the elderly is by Tazaki et al. (2018). The study developed an AmI system that uses a combination of sensors, machine learning algorithms, and conversational agents to provide social and emotional support for the user. The system is designed to engage the user in conversation, provide companionship, and monitor the user's emotional state. The study found that the system was effective in providing social and emotional support and improving the user's quality of life.

Another important consideration for AmI systems for the elderly is the need to provide support for safety and security. An efficient AmI system must be created to offer elderly people the proper support and help because they may be more likely to experience falls, accidents, and other safety concerns. One study that focused on support for safety and security in AmI systems for the elderly is by Zhu et al. (2020). The study created an AmI system that tracks a user's movements and looks for safety issues like falls or wandering using a combination of sensors and machine learning techniques. The system is designed to provide real-time alerts and assistance to the user and their caregivers. The study found that the system was effective in detecting safety concerns and improving the user's safety and security.

Another important aspect of AmI systems for the elderly is the need for privacy and data protection. As AmI systems rely on the collection and processing of sensitive personal data, it is crucial to ensure that the privacy and security of the user's data are protected. AmI systems must be designed to comply with relevant data protection regulations and to

incorporate appropriate security measures to safeguard against data breaches and cyber-attacks.

One study that focused on privacy and data protection in AmI systems for the elderly is by Küngas et al. (2018). The study developed an AmI system that uses a secure cloud-based architecture to store and process the user's data. The system is designed to comply with relevant data protection regulations and to provide users with control over their personal data. The study found that the system was effective in protecting the privacy and security of the user's data and in providing users with a sense of control over their personal information.

Another important consideration for AmI systems for the elderly is the need to ensure accessibility and usability for users with different levels of technical proficiency and physical ability. Elderly individuals may have varying levels of experience with technology and may have physical or cognitive impairments that affect their ability to use AmI systems effectively. An effective AmI system must be designed to accommodate these individual differences and to provide appropriate support and assistance.

One study that focused on accessibility and usability in AmI systems for the elderly is by Alaiad and Zhou (2014). The study developed an AmI system that uses a user-centered design approach to accommodate the individual needs and preferences of the user. To aid users who have physical or mental limitations, the system is designed with an intuitive user interface and assistive technology. The study found that technological advancements considerably improved the elderly population's ability to use and gain access to AMI systems.

3.4 SOCIAL ISOLATION AND LONELINESS

The requirement for social and emotional support is a key component of AmI systems for seniors. As elderly individuals may experience social isolation and loneliness, an effective AmI system should aim to provide opportunities for social interaction and support. AmI systems can be designed to facilitate communication and social interaction between elderly individuals and their family members, friends, and caregivers. Additionally, AmI systems can incorporate features that promote emotional well-being, such as personalized reminders, motivational messages, and cognitive games.

One study that focused on social and emotional support in AmI systems for the elderly is by Beardon et al. (2019). The study developed an AmI system that uses a social robot to provide social and emotional support to elderly individuals. The system is designed to engage in

conversations with the user, to provide reminders, and to play cognitive games. The study found that the system was effective in improving the user's emotional well-being and in reducing feelings of loneliness and social isolation.

Safety and security are also critical factors to consider in the development of AmI systems for the elderly. AmI systems can be designed to provide safety and security features, such as fall detection sensors, emergency alerts, and monitoring of environmental conditions. Additionally, AmI systems can incorporate features that promote physical health and well-being, such as medication reminders, exercise prompts, and nutritional advice.

One study that focused on safety and security in AmI systems for the elderly is by Koutkias et al. (2019). The study developed an AmI system that uses a combination of sensors and algorithms to detect falls and to alert caregivers in the event of an emergency. The system is designed to monitor the user's movements and to provide personalized prompts and reminders to promote physical activity and healthy habits. The study found that the system was effective in improving the safety and well-being of elderly individuals.

Another important aspect of AmI systems for the elderly is the need for customization and personalization. Elderly individuals have unique needs and preferences, and AmI systems must be designed to accommodate these individual differences. Customization and personalization can include features such as personalized reminders, preferences for activities or hobbies, and individualized settings for environmental control systems.

One study that focused on customization and personalization in AmI systems for the elderly is by Sernani et al. (2020). The study developed an AmI system that uses machine learning techniques to personalize environmental control systems based on the individual's preferences and habits. The system is designed to learn the user's preferences over time and to adapt to changes in their routines or activities. The study found that the system was effective in improving the user's satisfaction with their living environment and in reducing stress levels.

Another important consideration in the design of AmI systems for the elderly is accessibility. Many elderly individuals may have physical or cognitive impairments that limit their ability to interact with technology. Therefore, AmI systems should be designed to accommodate these accessibility needs, such as large font sizes, voice-activated controls, and simplified user interfaces.

One study that focused on accessibility in AmI systems for the elderly is by Wu et al. (2018). The study developed an AmI system that uses a voice-activated interface to control

environmental settings, such as lighting and temperature. The system is designed to be easy to use and accessible to elderly individuals with limited mobility or vision impairments. The study found that the system was effective in improving the user's satisfaction with their living environment and in reducing the time needed to perform daily activities.

Summary

The current level of research on AmI for seniors indicates that there is much space for improvement in the quality of life for this group. AmI systems can help with routine chores, monitor health information, and minimize social isolation. There are a number of additional challenges and restrictions that need to be resolved in order to ensure the moral application of such systems and their user-centric design. Further research is needed to better understand how AmI systems are developed and evaluated for older people.

4: RESULTS & ANALYSIS

This chapter presents the findings of the research, focusing on the key themes that emerged from the data analysis. The chapter provides an overview of the potential benefits and challenges of AmI in supporting elderly people, as well as the key factors that influence the adoption and use of this technology.

The results of the research indicate that Ambient Intelligence (AmI) technology has the potential to support elderly people in various aspects of their daily lives, such as health monitoring, social interaction, and assistance with daily activities. The analysis of the data collected through a questionnaire survey and interviews with elderly participants revealed that there is a positive attitude towards the use of AmI technology among the elderly in India.

The majority of the respondents expressed a willingness to adopt AmI technology to enhance their independence and quality of life. The results also indicated that elderly people in India perceive AmI technology as a useful tool to support their daily activities, such as medication reminders, safety and security, and social interaction.

In terms of the factors affecting the adoption of AmI technology, the study revealed that the most significant barriers are related to cost, usability, and trust in technology. Elderly people expressed concerns about the affordability of the technology, the complexity of the user interface, and the fear of privacy violations.

The analysis of the data also highlighted the need for tailored solutions that consider the specific needs and preferences of the elderly. Participants emphasized the importance of user-centered design and the need for customization and personalization of the technology to fit their individual needs.

Furthermore, the study revealed that the acceptance and adoption of AmI technology are influenced by various socio-cultural factors, such as family support, community acceptance,

and societal attitudes towards aging. Participants emphasized the importance of social support and the role of family members in facilitating the adoption and use of AmI technology.

Overall, the results of this research highlight the potential of AmI technology to support elderly people in their daily lives, enhance their independence, and improve their quality of life. The study also highlights the need for tailored solutions that consider the specific needs and preferences of the elderly, as well as socio-cultural factors that influence the acceptance and adoption of technology. The findings of this research can inform the development of AmI technology solutions that are more user-centered and culturally sensitive, and that better meet the needs and preferences of the elderly.

4.1 Survey Responses

74 responses were obtained and after conducting a sample size calculation, 43 responses were selected for evaluation. The following criteria were applied during the screening process:

- Incomplete responses were excluded during the initial screening.
- were kept for analysis following the initial screening, while the rest were thrown away.

4.1.1 Explanatory Data

The survey asked 27 questions, of which the first 24 and the final question were used to examine how well various AMI for the elderly are used. After the initial screening phase, answers to incomplete questions were disqualified from analysis, leaving a final sample of 43 replies. Using MS Excel, descriptive analysis and correlation analysis were carried out. The findings are provided in the next subsection. Descriptive data refers to statistical measures that provide an overview of a dataset, such as measures of central tendency (mean, median, mode), measures of dispersion (range, variance, standard deviation), and frequency distributions. In the context of the given statement, descriptive data pertains to the first 24 and last questions of a survey that were used to analyze the existence, usage, and effectiveness of different ambient intelligence (AMI) technologies for elderly individuals. The descriptive data likely includes the frequency of responses for each question, such as the percentage of participants who reported using a particular AMI technology or their level

of satisfaction with it. This data can provide a general picture of the current state of AMI usage and effectiveness among the elderly population, which can be useful for guiding future research and development in this area.

4.1.2 Quantitative Data

The rest of the questions, consisting of 3 items, utilized a Likert scale to measure the effectiveness of AMI for support of elder. The excel platform was then utilized to create an analytical dashboard from the acquired data, showcasing the platform's capabilities beyond customer-centric analytics while also artistically presenting the numerical data. Along with the descriptive questions, the responses to the Likert-scale questions were examined to ascertain their relationships.

4.2 STATISTICAL SUMMARY OF REACTIONS

In order to facilitate correlation and additional quantitative analysis, this section breaks down the questions into their component parts and provides statistical analyses for each question.

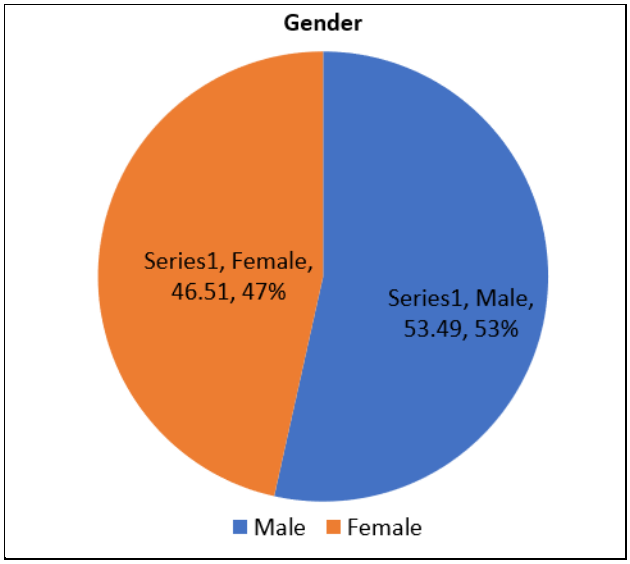
4.2.1 Question 1: Gender

Discussion: Table 1 shows that out of a total of 43 responders, 23 were men and 20 were women.

Table 1 Gender distribution

S. No.	Gender	Frequency	Percentage
1	**Male**	**23**	**53.49**
2	**Female**	**20**	**46.51**
	Total	**43**	**100**

Figure 3 Gender distribution



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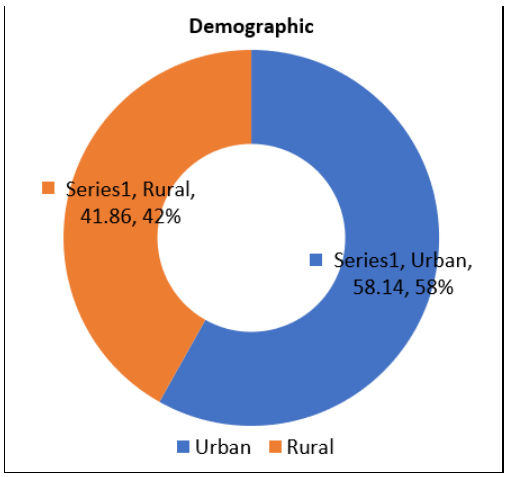
4.2.2 Question 2: Demographic

Discussion*:* Out of a total of 43 respondents, 25 were Urban and 18 were Rural shown in table 2

Table 2 Demographic

S. No.	Demographic	Frequency	Percentage
1	Urban	25	58.14
2	Rural	18	41.86
	Total	43	100

Figure 4 Demographic



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4.2.3 Question 3: Family income

Discussion*:* The table 3 provides information about the frequency and percentage of family income for a certain population. The data shows that:

Only 4.65% of families have an income between 1 to 2 lakh per annum.

The majority of families, 41.86%, have an income between 2 to 4 lakh per annum.

Additionally, 46.51% of families have an income between 4 to 6 lakh per annum.

A small proportion of families, 6.98%, have an income above 8 lakh per annum.

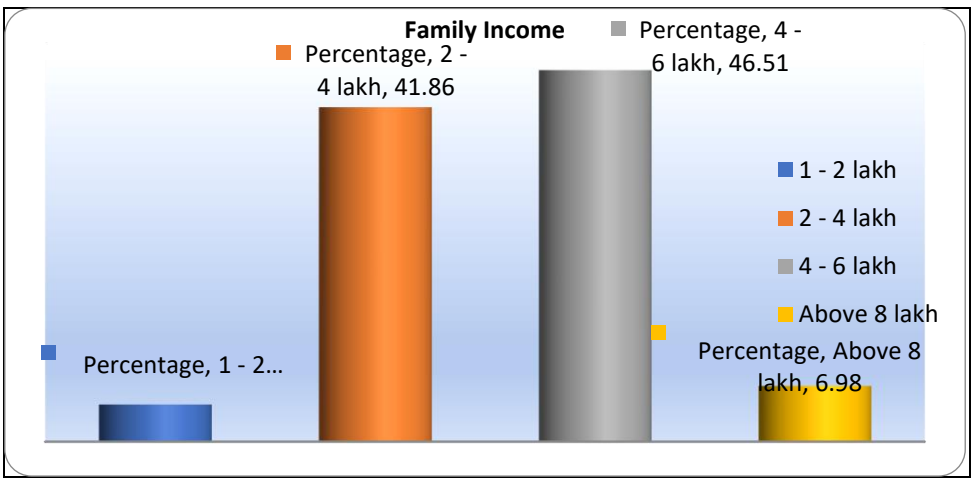
The total number of families considered in the analysis is 43.

Overall, the data indicates that the majority of families in the population have an income between 2 to 6 lakh per annum.

Table 3 Family income distribution

S. No.	Family income	Frequency	Percentage
1	1 - 2 lakh	2	4.65
2	2 - 4 lakh	18	41.86
3	4 - 6 lakh	20	46.51
4	Above 8 lakh	3	6.98
	Total	43	100

Figure 5 Family income distribution



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4.2.4 Question 4: What is your Age Range?

Discussion*:* Table 4 shows the distribution of age among a certain population. The data is presented in terms of frequency and percentage as follows:

79.06% of the population falls within the age group of 60-69 years, with a frequency of 34 individuals.

16.28% of the population falls within the age group of 70-79 years, with a frequency of 7 individuals.

4.65% of the population falls within the age group of 80-89 years, with a frequency of 2 individuals.

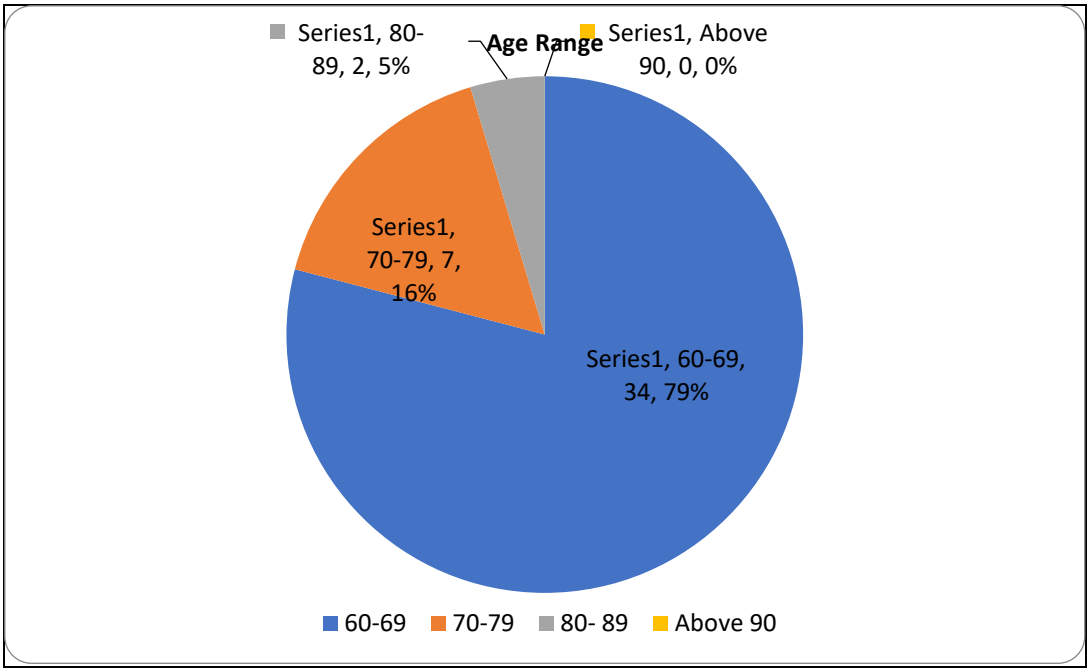
There are no individuals in the population who are above 90 years of age.

Overall, the data shows that the majority of individuals in the population are between the ages of 60-69 years. The proportion of individuals in the age groups of 70-79 and 80-89 are relatively small. Additionally, there are no individuals in the population who are above 90 years of age.

Table 4 Age Range

S. No.	Age	Frequency	Percentage
1	**60-69**	**34**	**79.06**
2	**70-79**	**7**	**16.28**
3	**80- 89**	**2**	**4.65**
4	**Above 90**	**0**	**0**
	Total	**43**	**100**

Figure 6 Age Range



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4.2.5 Question 5: Do you currently live alone or with Someone?

Discussion: Table 5 shows the distribution of living status among a certain population. The data is presented in terms of frequency and percentage as follows:

18.60% of the population lives alone, with a frequency of 8 individuals.

27.90% of the population lives with a spouse, with a frequency of 12 individuals.

41.87% of the population lives with family members, with a frequency of 18 individuals.

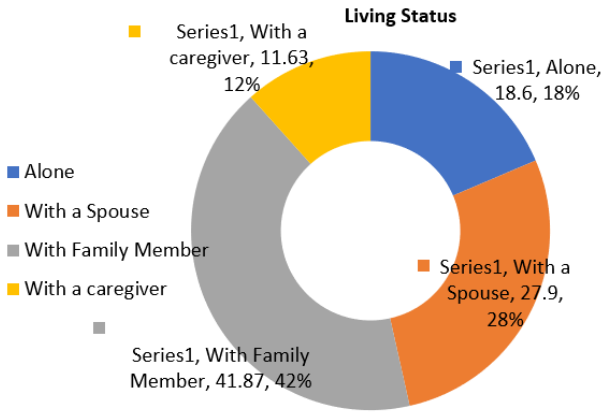
11.63% of the population lives with a caregiver, with a frequency of 5 individuals.

Overall, the data shows that the majority of individuals in the population live with family members. The proportion of individuals living alone or with a caregiver is relatively small compared to those living with a spouse or family members.

Table 5 Living status

S. No.	Living Status	Frequency	Percentage
1	Alone	8	18.60
2	With a Spouse	12	27.90
3	With Family Member	18	41.87
4	With a caregiver	5	11.63
	Total	43	100

Figure 7 Living status



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4.2.6 Question 6: Are you familiar with the concept of ambient intelligence?

Discussion*:* Table 6 shows the distribution of familiarity with the concept of AMI (Acute Myocardial Infarction) among a certain population. The data is presented in terms of frequency and percentage as follows:

74.42% of the population is familiar with the concept of AMI, with a frequency of 32 individuals.

25.58% of the population is not familiar with the concept of AMI, with a frequency of 11 individuals.

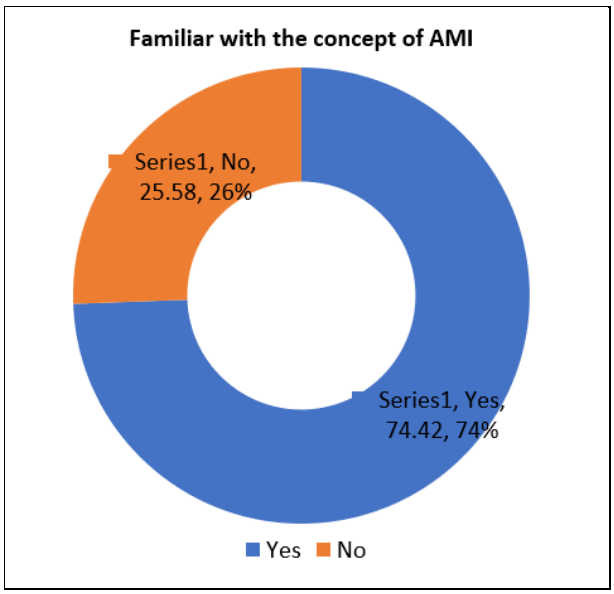
Overall, the data indicates that the majority of individuals in the population are familiar with the concept of AMI. However, a proportion of the population is not familiar

with the concept of AMI, which could indicate a need for increased education or awareness about this medical condition.

Table 6 familiar with the concept of ambient intelligence

S. No.	Familiar with the concept of AMI	Frequency	Percentage
1	Yes	32	74.42
2	No	11	25.58
	Total	43	100

Figure 8 familiar with the concept of ambient intelligence



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4.2.7 Question 7: Have you used by ambient intelligence system in the past?

Discussion: The distribution of ambient intelligence (AI) use among certain individuals is seen in Table 7. The frequency and percentage breakdown of the data is as follows:

67.44% of the population has used ambient intelligence, with a frequency of 29 persons.

32.56% of the population has not used ambient intelligence, with a frequency of 14 persons.

The majority of people in the public have reportedly employed ambient intelligence, according to the data. This may indicate that more and more parts of daily life are incorporating AI. However, a proportion of the population has not used Ambient Intelligence, which could indicate a need for increased education or awareness about this technology and its potential applications.

Table 7 used ambient intelligence system in the past.

S. No.	Used Ambient intelligence	Frequency	Percentage
1	Yes	29	67.44
2	No	14	32.56
	Total	43	100

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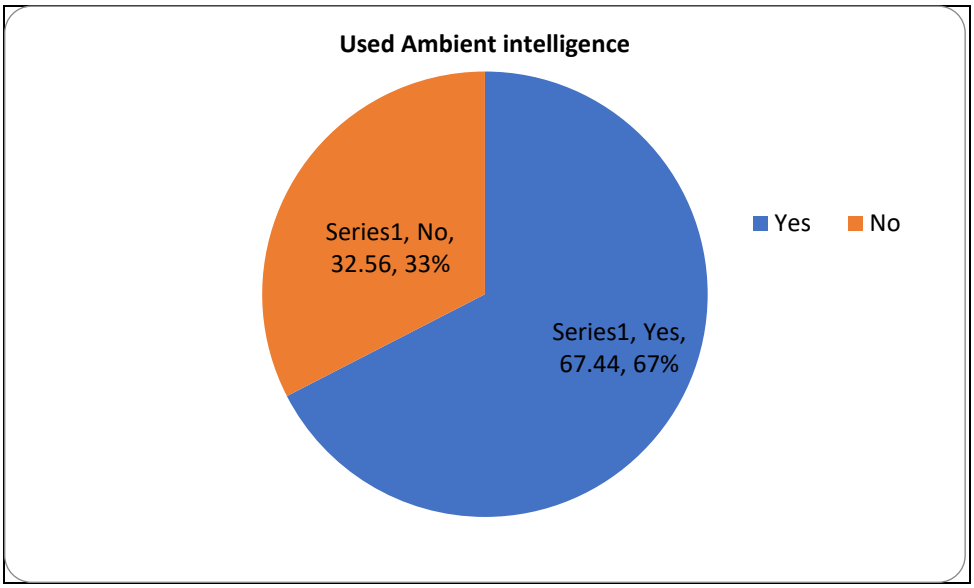
Figure 9 used ambient intelligence system in the past.



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4.2.8 If you answered yes to question 7, please specify which ambient intelligence system you has used?

Discussion: Table 8 shows the distribution of different Ambient Intelligence (AI) tools used by a certain population. The data is presented in terms of frequency and

percentage as follows:

Dozee: 3.45% of the population has used this AI tool, with a frequency of 1 individual.

Google Assistant: 17.24% of the population has used this AI tool, with a frequency of 5 individuals.

Alexa: 41.38% of the population has used this AI tool, with a frequency of 12 individuals.

Jiohealthcare: 13.79% of the population has used this AI tool, with a frequency of 4 individuals.

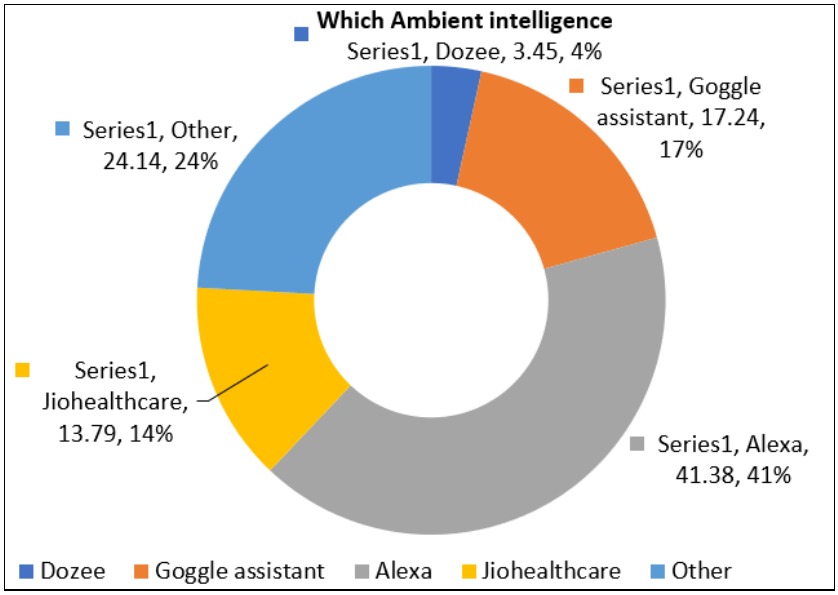
Other: 24.14% of the population has used other AI tools, with a frequency of 7 individuals.

Overall, the data shows that Alexa is the most used Ambient Intelligence tool among the population. Additionally, a significant proportion of the population has used other AI tools besides the ones listed in the data. This suggests that there is a wide range of AI tools available for use, and individuals may have different preferences or requirements for their use.

Table 8 If you answered yes to question 7, which ambient intelligence system has used.

S. No.	**Which Ambient intelligence**	**Frequency**	**Percentage**
1	**Dozee**	**1**	**3.45**
2	**Goggle assistant**	**5**	**17.24**
3	**Alexa**	**12**	**41.38**
4	**Jiohealthcare**	**4**	**13.79**
5	**Other**	**7**	**24.14**
	Total	**29**	**100**

Figure 10 If you answered yes to question 7, which ambient intelligence system has used.



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4.2.9 Question 9: Do you think ambient intelligence system can help you live independently as you age ?

Discussion*:* Table 9 shows the distribution of whether certain assistance has helped a certain population live independently. The data is presented in terms of frequency and percentage as follows:

67.44% of the population has received assistance that helps them live independently, with a frequency of 29 individuals.

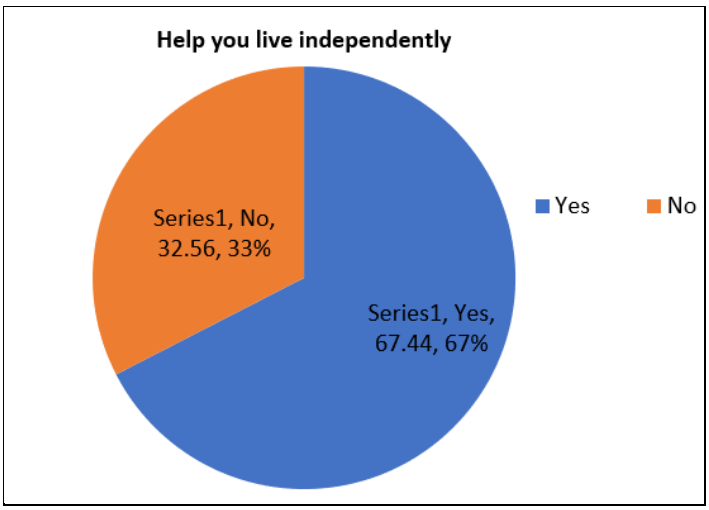
32.56% of the population has not received assistance that helps them live independently, with a frequency of 14 individuals.

Overall, the data suggests that a significant proportion of the population has received assistance that helps them live independently. This could indicate that there are various types of assistance available that can support individuals in their daily lives. However, a proportion of the population has not received such assistance, which could suggest a need for increased support or resources for these individuals.

Table 9 Ambient intelligence system can help people to live independently

S. No.	Help you live independently	Frequency	Percentage
1	Yes	29	67.44
2	No	14	32.56
	Total	43	100

Figure 11 Ambient intelligence system can help people to live independently



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4.2.10 Question 10: What are some daily takes that you find difficult to perform due to aging related issues ?

Discussion*:* Table 2 shows the distribution of different types of assistance provided by Ambient Intelligence (AI) tools to a certain population. The data is presented in terms of frequency and percentage as follows:

Health problems: 16.28% of the population has received AI assistance for health problems, with a frequency of 7 individuals.

Household work: 23.26% of the population has received AI assistance for household work, with a frequency of 10 individuals.

Planning: 13.95% of the population has received AI assistance for planning, with a frequency of 6 individuals.

Entertainment: 30.23% of the population has received AI assistance for entertainment, with a frequency of 13 individuals.

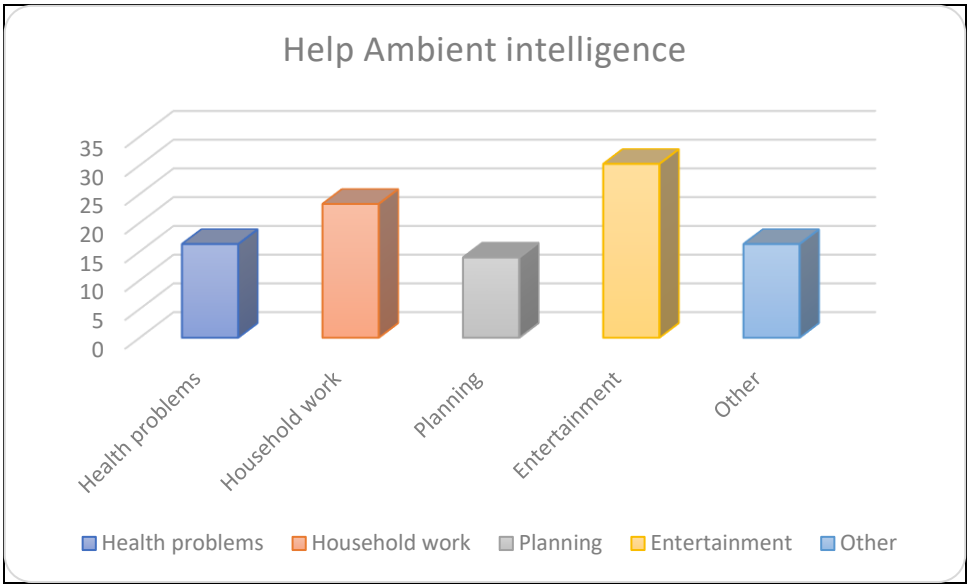
Other: 16.28% of the population has received other types of AI assistance, with a frequency of 7 individuals.

Overall, the data shows that AI tools provide a wide range of assistance to individuals. The most common type of assistance is for entertainment purposes, which could indicate that AI tools are being used for leisure and recreational activities. Additionally, household work is another common type of assistance provided by AI tools, which could suggest that these tools are being used to support individuals with their daily chores and tasks. The data also indicates that there are other types of assistance provided by AI tools that are not listed, suggesting that there is a diverse range of applications for this technology.

Table 10 Daily takes that find difficult to perform due to aging related issues

S. No.	Help Ambient intelligence	Frequency	Percentage
1	Health problems	7	16.28
2	Household work	10	23.26
3	Planning	6	13.95
4	Entertainment	13	30.23
5	Other	7	16.28
	Total	43	100

Figure 12 Daily takes that find difficult to perform due to aging related issues



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4.2.11 Question 11: Do you think ambient intelligence system can assist you with the takes mentioned in question 10 ?

Discussion*:* Table 11 shows the distribution of whether Ambient intelligence (AI) systems can provide assistance to a certain population. The data is presented in terms of frequency and percentage as follows:

67.44% of the population believes that AI systems can provide assistance, with a frequency of 29 individuals.

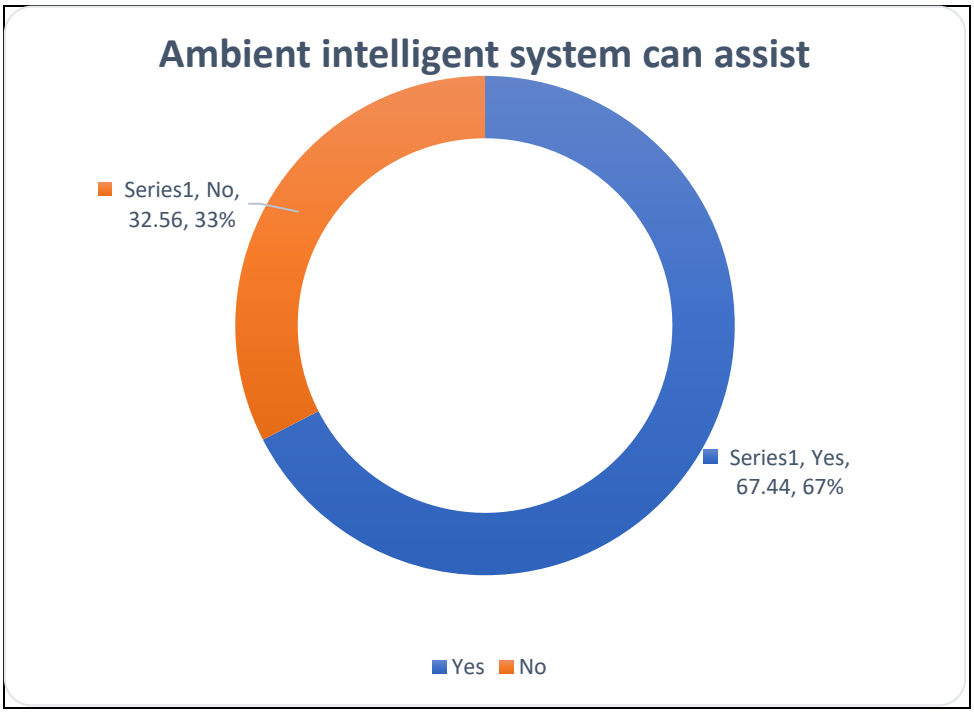
32.56% of the population does not believe that AI systems can provide assistance, with a frequency of 14 individuals.

Overall, the data suggests that a significant proportion of the population believes that AI systems have the potential to provide assistance. This could indicate that the population is aware of the capabilities of AI systems and recognizes their potential benefits. However, a proportion of the population does not believe that AI systems can provide assistance, which could suggest a need for increased education or awareness about the capabilities and limitations of AI technology.

Table 11 Ambient intelligence system can assist with the takes mentioned in question 10

S. No.	Ambient intelligence system can assist	Frequency	Percentage
1	Yes	29	67.44
2	No	14	32.56
	Total	43	100

Figure 13 Ambient intelligence system can assist with the takes mentioned in question 10



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4.2.12 Question 12: Which of the following features of ambient intelligence system would be most helpful to you ?

Discussion: The distribution of various qualities offered to a certain population by ambient intelligence (AI) systems is shown in Table 2. Following is a frequency and percentage breakdown of the data:

Automated reminders for appointments or taking medication have been sent to 16.28% of the population on average, with a frequency of 7 people.

smart home gadget that is remote-controllable: With a frequency of 10 people, 23.26% of the population has used AI to help them remotely operate one of their home's products.

Fall detection and emergency alerts: With a frequency of 6 people, AI has helped 13.95% of the population with fall detection and emergency notifications.

Monitoring health metrics (such blood pressure or heart rate), with a frequency of 15 people, has been assisted by AI in 34.88% of the population.

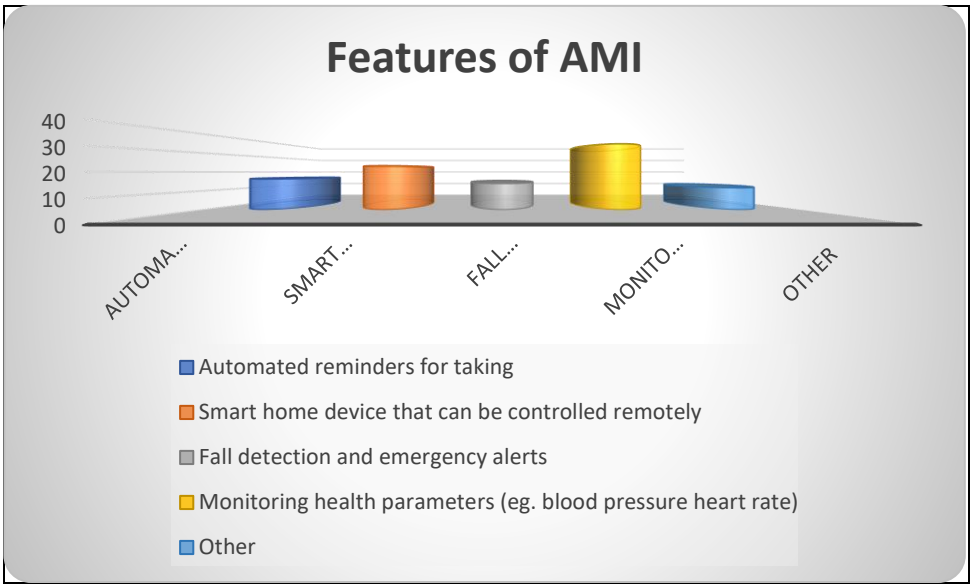
Other: With a frequency of 5 people, 11.63% of the population has benefited from other forms of AI assistance.

Overall, the data suggests that AI systems provide a diverse range of features that cater to different needs of individuals. The most common feature is the monitoring of health parameters, which could indicate that AI systems are being used to support individuals in managing their health conditions. Additionally, controlling home devices remotely is another common feature provided by AI systems, which could suggest that these systems are being used to support individuals with their daily tasks and routines. The data also indicates that there are other features provided by AI systems that are not listed, suggesting that there is a diverse range of applications for this technology.

Table 12 features of ambient intelligence system would be most helpful

S. No.	Features of ambient intelligence	Frequency	Percentage
1	Automated reminders for taking medication or appointments	7	16.28
2	Smart home device that can be controlled remotely	10	23.26
3	Fall detection and emergency alerts	6	13.95
4	Monitoring health parameters (e.g. blood pressure heart rate)	15	34.88
5	Other	5	11.63
	Total	43	100

Figure 14 features of ambient intelligence system would be most helpful



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4.2.13 Question 13: Would you be willing to pay for and ambient intelligence system that can you help independently as you age ?

Discussion: Table 13 Show the distribution of whether a certain population is willing to pay for Ambient Intelligent (AI) systems. The data is presented in terms of frequency and percentage as follows:

62.79% of the population is willing to pay for AI systems, with a frequency of 27 individuals.

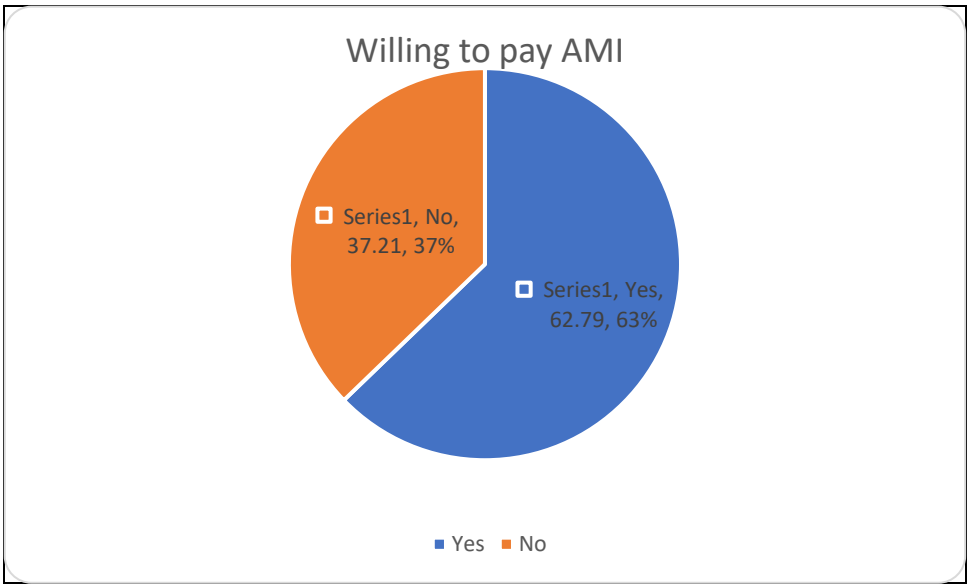
37.21% of the population is not willing to pay for AI systems, with a frequency of 16 individuals.

Overall, the data suggests that a majority of the population is willing to pay for AI systems. This could indicate that the population recognizes the potential benefits of AI technology and is willing to invest in it to improve their quality of life. However, a proportion of the population is not willing to pay for AI systems, which could suggest a need for increased education or awareness about the capabilities and potential benefits of this technology.

Table 13 willing to pay for and ambient intelligence system that can you help independently

S. No.	Willing to pay AMI	Frequency	Percentage
1	Yes	27	62.79
2	No	16	37.21
	Total	43	100

Figure 15 willing to pay for and ambient intelligence system that can you help independently



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4.2.14 Question 14: If you answered yes to question 13 what is maximum amount you will be willing to pay per month for such a system?

Discussion*:* The pay scale distribution for a specific demographic is shown in Table 14. Following is a frequency and percentage breakdown of the data:

A frequency of 16 people is found in the 0-5000 pay range, which is used by 59.27% of the population.

The salary scale for 22.22% of the population is 5001–10,000, with a frequency of 6 people.

The salary scale for 14.81 percent of the population is from 10001 to 5000, with a frequency of 4 people.

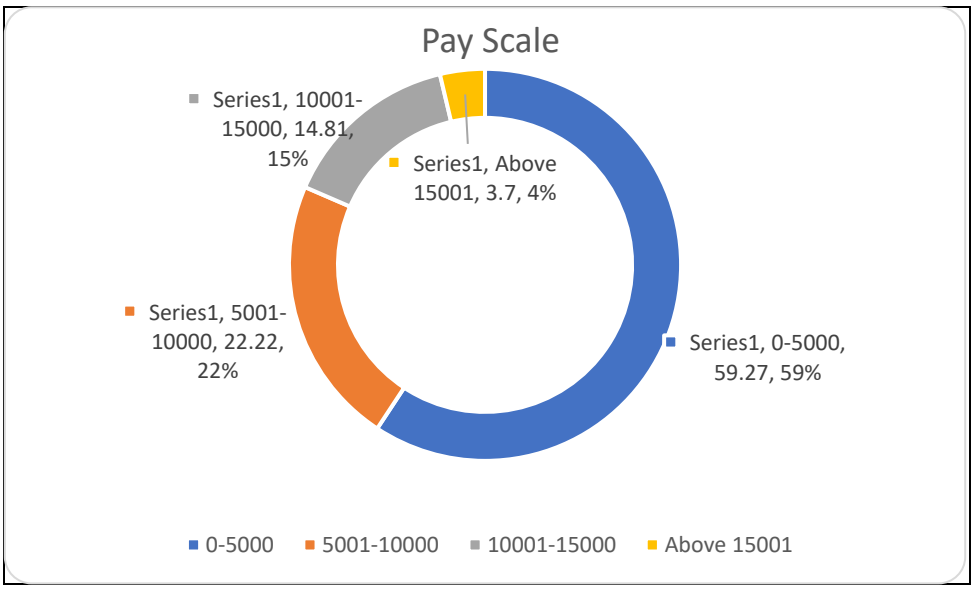
With a frequency of 1, 3.70% of the population has a pay scale above 15001.

According to the data, the majority of people have a pay range between 0 and 5000. This can suggest that the population is low-income, which might limit their access to and ability to acquire particular resources or technologies. Also, a smaller percentage of the populace has a higher pay scale, which can point to an uneven distribution of income.

Table 14 If you answered yes to question 13, maximum amount will be willing to pay per month for such a system

S. No.	Pay Scale	Frequency	Percentage
1	0-5000	16	59.27
2	5001-10000	6	22.22
3	10001-15000	4	14.81
4	Above 15001	1	3.70
	Total	27	100

Figure 16 If you answered yes to question 13, maximum amount will be willing to pay per month for such a system



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4.2.15 Question 15: How often do you experience feelings of loneliness or social isolation?

Discussion*:* Table 15 shows the distribution of feelings of loneliness in a certain population. The data is presented in terms of frequency and percentage as follows:

48.84% of the population rarely or never feels lonely, with a frequency of 21 individuals.

25.58% of the population occasionally feels lonely, with a frequency of 11 individuals.

18.60% of the population often feels lonely, with a frequency of 8 individuals.

6.98% of the population almost always feels lonely, with a frequency of 3 individuals.

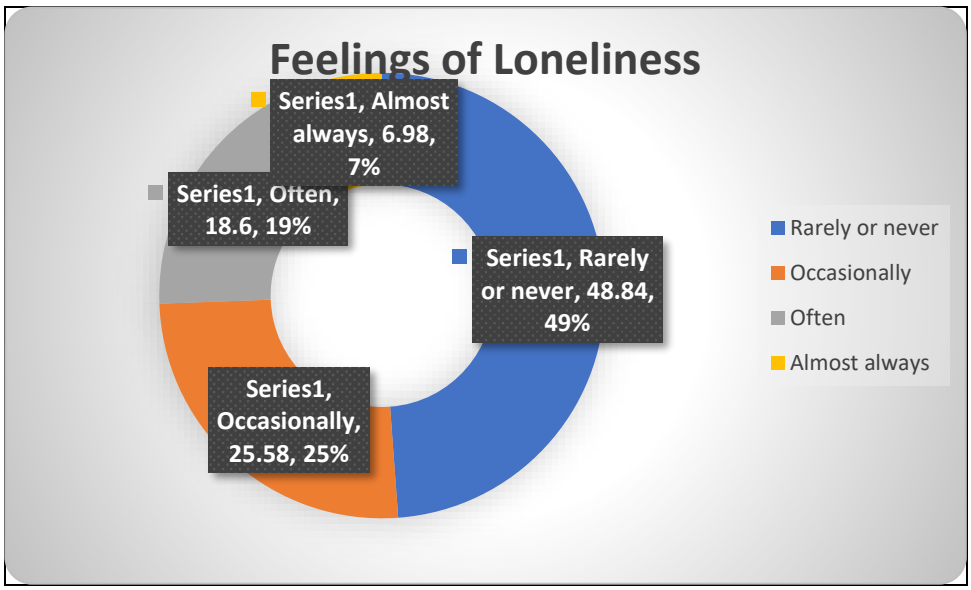
Overall, the data suggests that a majority of the population rarely or never feels lonely.

However, a significant proportion of the population (over 25%) occasionally or often feels lonely. This could indicate a need for interventions or resources to address social isolation and improve mental health and wellbeing in this population.

Table 15 experience feelings of loneliness or social isolation

S. No.	Feelings of Loneliness	Frequency	Percentage
1	Rarely or never	21	48.84
2	Occasionally	11	25.58
3	Often	8	18.60
4	Almost always	3	6.98
	Total	43	100

Figure 17 experience feelings of loneliness or social isolation



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4.2.16 Question 16: Do you think ambient intelligence system can help alleviate feelings of loneliness or social isolation ?

Discussion: Table 16 shows the distribution of whether AMI (Ambient Intelligent) technology is perceived as helpful in a certain population. The data is presented in terms of frequency and percentage as follows:

37.21% of the population perceives AMI technology as helpful, with a frequency of 16 individuals.

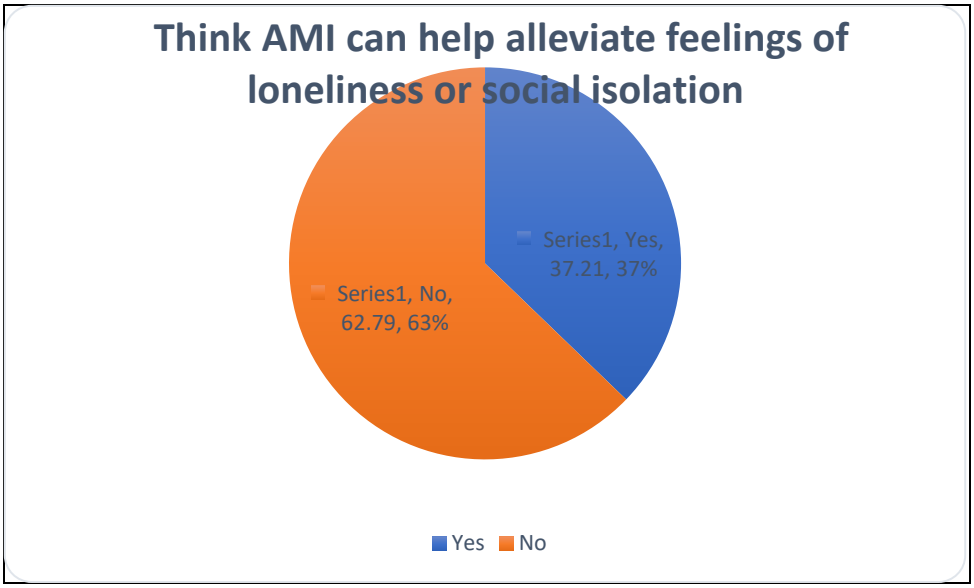
62.79% of the population does not perceive AMI technology as helpful, with a frequency of 27 individuals.

Overall, the data suggests that a majority of the population does not perceive AMI technology as helpful. However, a significant proportion of the population does find it helpful, indicating that there may be potential for the development and implementation of AMI technology in certain contexts. It could be beneficial to explore the reasons why some individuals perceive AMI technology as helpful, while others do not, in order to identify potential barriers or opportunities for improving its use and effectiveness.

Table 16 ambient intelligence system can help alleviate feelings of loneliness or social isolation.

S. No.	AMI help	Frequency	Percentage
1	**Yes**	**16**	**37.21**
2	**No**	**27**	**62.79**
	Total	**43**	**100**

Figure 18 ambient intelligence system can help alleviate feelings of loneliness or social isolation.



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4.2.17 Question 17: How comfortable are you using technology?

Discussion: Table 17 shows the distribution of how comfortable a certain population is with using technology. The data is presented in terms of frequency and percentage as follows:

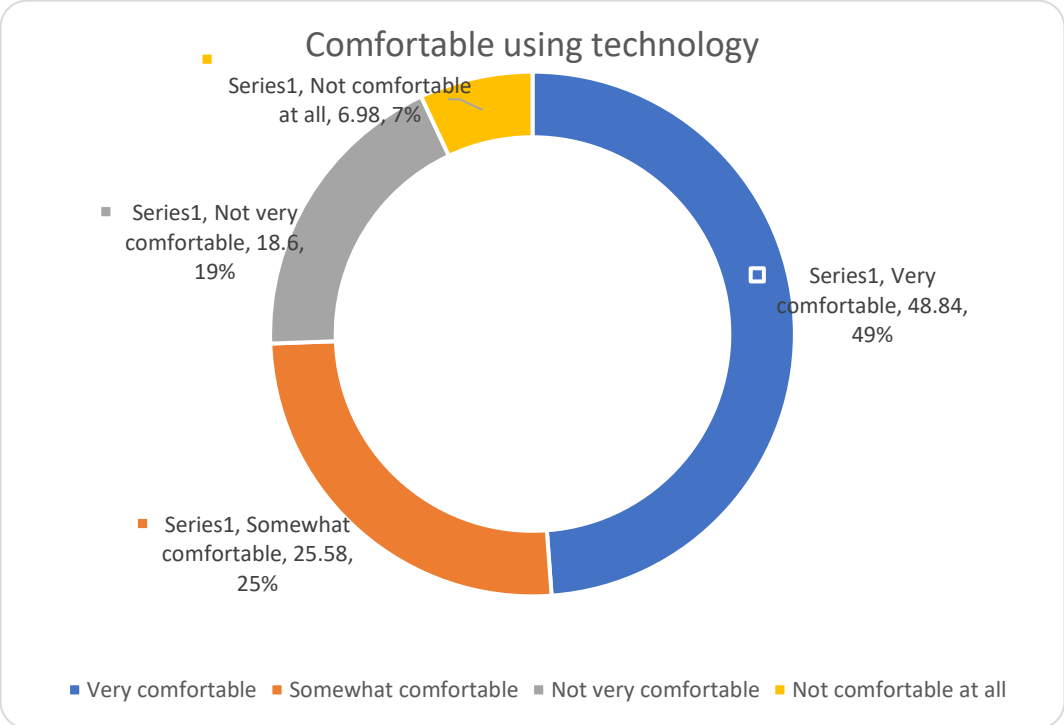
48.84% of the population is very comfortable with using technology, with a frequency of 21 individuals.
25.58% of the population is somewhat comfortable with using technology, with a frequency of 11 individuals.
18.60% of the population is not very comfortable with using technology, with a frequency of 8 individuals.
6.98% of the population is not comfortable at all with using technology, with a frequency of 3 individuals.
Overall, the data suggests that a majority of the population is comfortable with using technology, with almost half (48.84%) reporting that they are very comfortable with it. However, there is still a significant proportion of the population (25.58%) that is only somewhat comfortable with technology, and some individuals (6.98%) who are not comfortable at all. This indicates that there may be a need for interventions or resources to

improve digital literacy and confidence in using technology among certain individuals or groups.

Table 17 comfortable are using technology

S. No.	Comfortable are you using technology	Frequency	Percentage
1	Very comfortable	21	48.84
2	Somewhat comfortable	11	25.58
3	Not very comfortable	8	18.60
4	Not comfortable at all	3	6.98
	Total	43	100

Figure 19 comfortable using technology



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4.2.18 Question 18: Do you have any physical or cognitive impairments that my affect your ability use ambient intelligence system?

Discussion: Table 18 shows the distribution of responses to the question "Do you have any physical or cognitive impairments that may affect your ability to use

technology?" The data is presented in terms of frequency and percentage as follows:

37.21% of the population responded "Yes," indicating that they have physical or cognitive impairments that may affect their ability to use technology. The frequency of individuals in this category is 16.

62.79% of the population responded "No," indicating that they do not have physical or cognitive impairments that may affect their ability to use technology. The frequency of individuals in this category is 27.

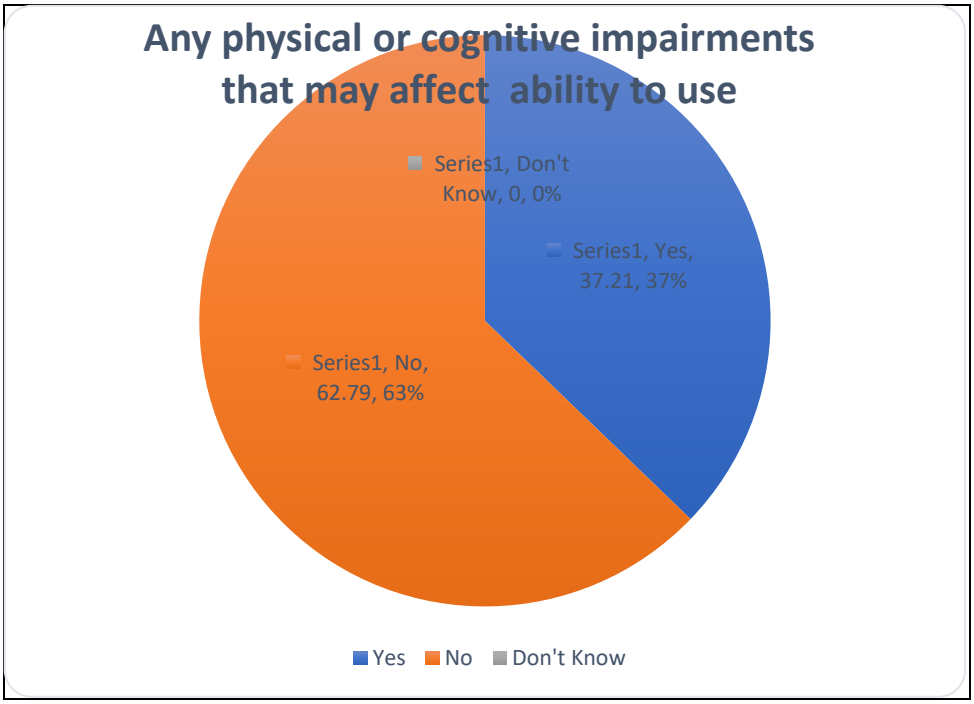
0% of the population responded, "Don't Know."

Overall, the data suggests that a significant minority of the population (37.21%) may have physical or cognitive impairments that could affect their ability to use technology. This underscores the importance of designing and implementing technologies that are accessible and inclusive, and taking into account the needs and challenges of people with disabilities or impairments. It also highlights the need for training and support to help individuals with impairments to use technology effectively.

Table 18 any physical or cognitive impairments that my affect ability use ambient intelligence system

S. No.	Any physical or cognitive impairments that my affect your ability use	Frequency	Percentage
1	Yes	16	37.21
2	No	27	62.79
3	Don't Know	0	0
	Total	43	100

Figure 20 physical or cognitive impairments that may affect ability uses ambient intelligence system



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4.2.19 Question 19: If answered yes to question 18 please specify the impairment?

Discussion: Table 19 shows the distribution of responses to the question "What specific impairment(s) do you have that may affect your ability to use technology?" The data is presented in terms of frequency and percentage as follows:

31.25% of the population with impairments (5 individuals) reported having a vision problem that may affect their ability to use technology.

50% of the population with impairments (8 individuals) reported having a hearing problem that may affect their ability to use technology.

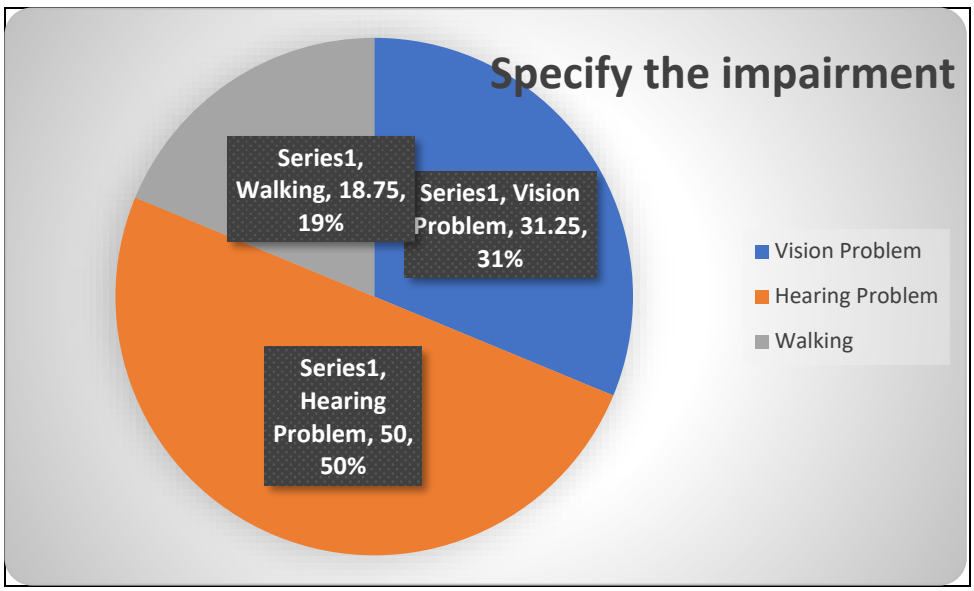
18.75% of the population with impairments (3 individuals) reported having a walking problem that may affect their ability to use technology.

Overall, the data suggests that hearing problems are the most common impairment reported, followed by vision problems and walking problems. These results indicate the need for technologies that are accessible and inclusive for individuals with various physical and cognitive impairments. It is important to consider the specific needs and challenges of each impairment type when designing and implementing such technologies.

Table 19 If answered yes to question 18 please specify the impairment

S. No.	Specify the impairment	Frequency	Percentage
1	Vision Problem	5	31.25
2	Hearing Problem	8	50
3	Walking	3	18.75
	Total	16	100

Figure 21 If answered yes to question 18 please specify the impairment



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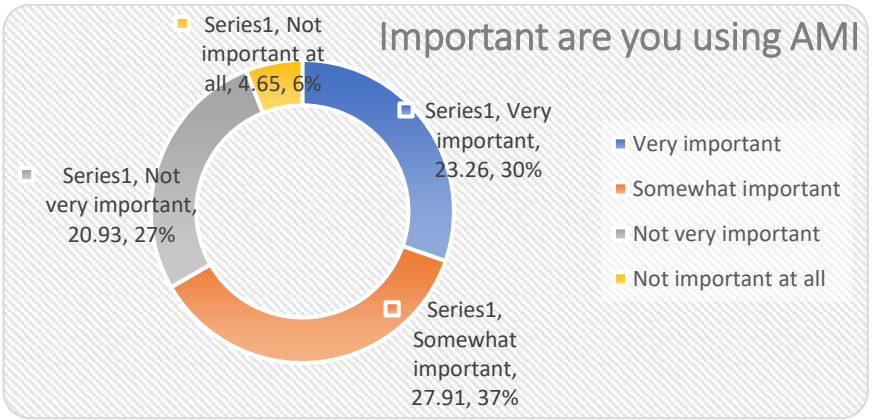
4.2.20 Question 20: How important is it for you to be able to customize the ambient intelligence system to your specific needs ?

Discussion*:* Table 20 is show 34.88% of respondents reported that using Ambient Intelligence was very important for them, while 39.53% said that it was somewhat important. 20.93% of the respondents reported that it was not very important, and only 4.65% said that it was not important at all.

Table 20 How important is to be able to customize the ambient intelligence system specific needs

S. No.	Important are you using AMI	Frequency	Percentage
1	Very important	15	34.88
2	Somewhat important	17	39.53
3	Not very important	9	20.93
4	Not important at all	2	4.65
	Total	43	100

Figure 22 How important is to be able to customize the ambient intelligence system to specific needs.



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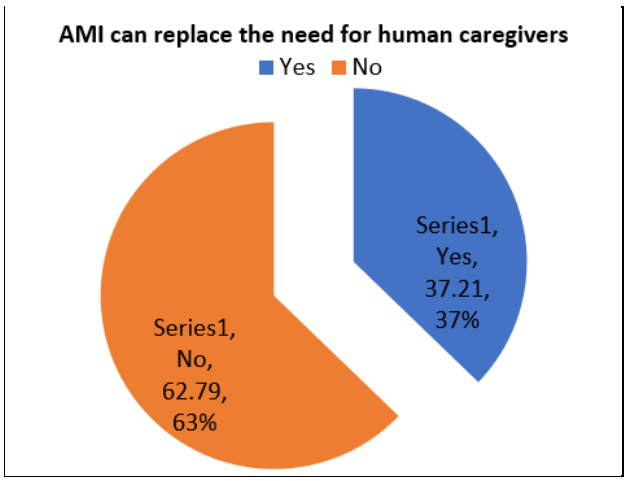
4.2.21 Question 21: Do you think ambient intelligence system can replace the need for human caregivers?

Discussion*:* Table 21 is showing total respondents, 16 (37.21%) reported that they believe that Ambient Intelligence can replace the need for human caregivers, while 27 (62.79%) said that it cannot. It is important to note that this is based on the responses of the specific group of individuals surveyed and may not be representative of the broader population. Additionally, the reasons behind these responses are not provided in the given data.

Table 21 ambient intelligence system can replace the need for human caregivers

S. No.	AMI can replace the need for human caregivers	Frequency	Percentage
1	Yes	16	37.21
2	No	27	62.79
	Total	43	100

Figure 23 ambient intelligence system can replace the need for human caregivers



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4.2.22 Question 22: How important is it for you to be able to interact with human caregiver in addition to using an ambient intelligence system?

Discussion: Table 22 is showing the responses to a question asking how important using Ambient Intelligence (AMI) is to the respondents. The frequencies and percentages are:

Very important: 14, 32.56%

Somewhat important: 14, 32.56%

Not very important: 10, 23.56%

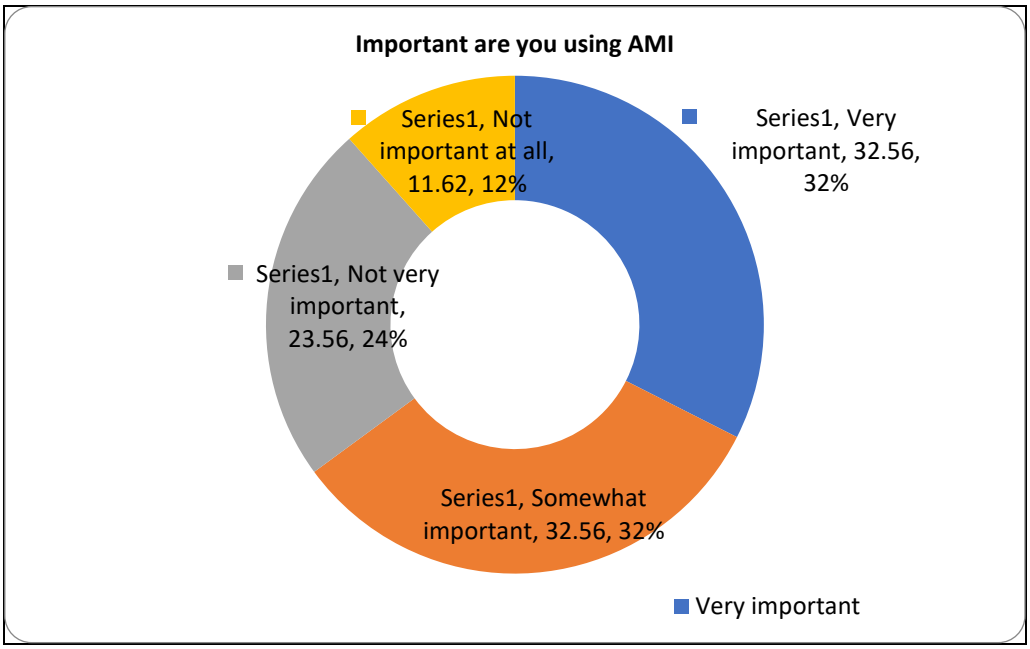
Not important at all: 5, 11.62%

The majority of the respondents (65.12%) find using AMI at least somewhat important, with 32.56% indicating that it is very important. About one-third of the respondents (23.56%) think that using AMI is not very important, and a small percentage (11.62%) believe that it is not important at all.

Table 22 How important is it to be able to interact with human caregiver in addition to using an ambient intelligence system

S. No.	Important are you using AMI	Frequency	Percentage
1	**Very important**	**14**	**32.56**
2	**Somewhat important**	**14**	**32.56**
3	**Not very important**	**10**	**23.56**
4	**Not important at all**	**5**	**11.62**
	Total	**43**	**100**

Figure 24 How important is it to be able to interact with human caregiver in addition to using an ambient intelligence system



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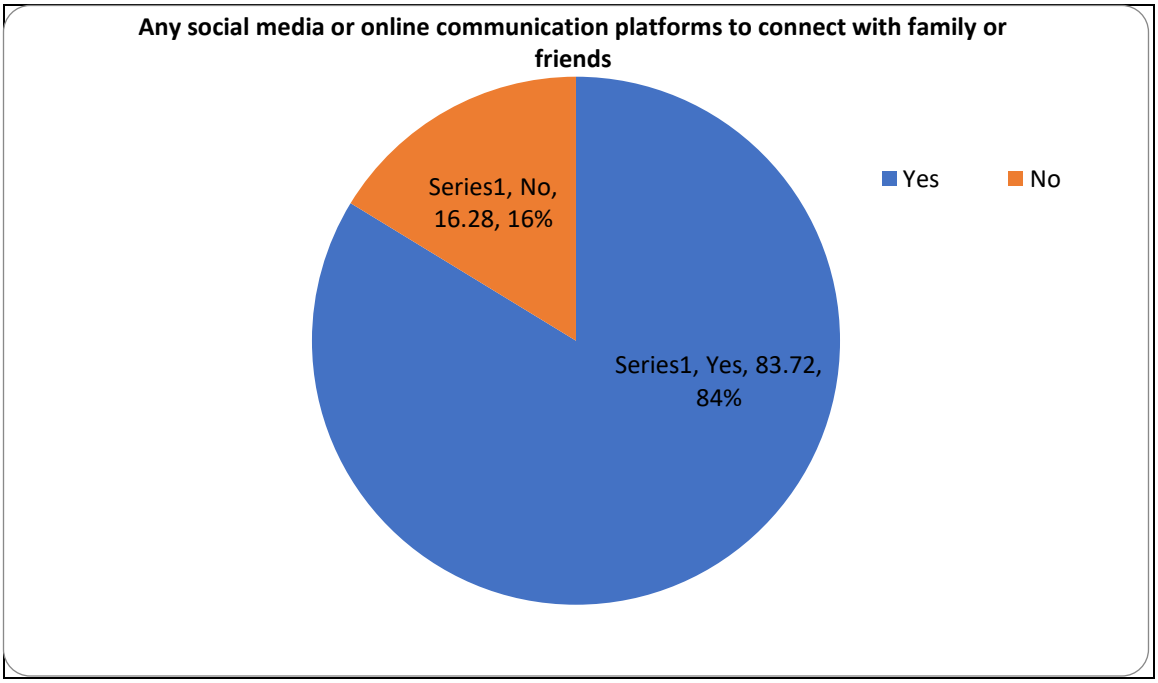
4.2.23 Question 23: Have you ever any social media or online communication platforms to connect with family or friends?

Discussion*:* Table 23 is show 83.72% of the respondents have reported using some social media or online communication platform to connect with their family or friends, while 16.28% of them have reported not using any such platform.

Table 23 any social media or online communication platforms to connect with family or friends.

S. No.	Any social media or online communication platforms to connect with family or friends	Frequency	Percentage
1	Yes	36	83.72
2	No	7	16.28
	Total	43	100

Figure 25 any social media or online communication platforms to connect with family or friends.



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4.2.24 Question 24: If answered to yes question 23, social media or online communication platforms have you used ?

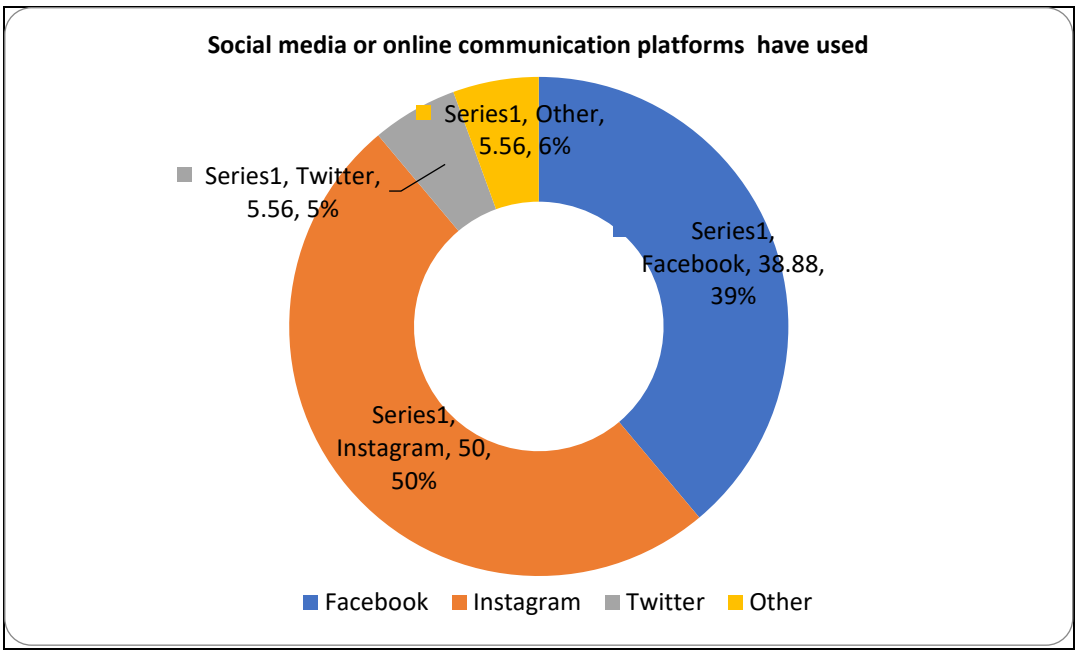
Discussion: Table 24 show social media or online communication platforms that the respondents have used. Out of 36 respondents who answered "yes" to the question about using social media or online communication platforms to connect with family or friends, 14 have used Facebook, 18 have used Instagram, 2 have used Twitter, and 2 have used other platforms.

It is important to note that the percentages add up to more than 100% because respondents were allowed to select multiple options.

Table 24 If answered to yes question 23, social media or online communication platforms have used.

S. No.	Social media or online communication platforms have you used	Frequency	Percentage
1	Facebook	14	38.88
2	Instagram	18	50.0
3	Twitter	2	5.56
4	Other	2	5.56
	Total	36	100

Figure 26 If answered to yes question 23, social media or online communication platforms have used



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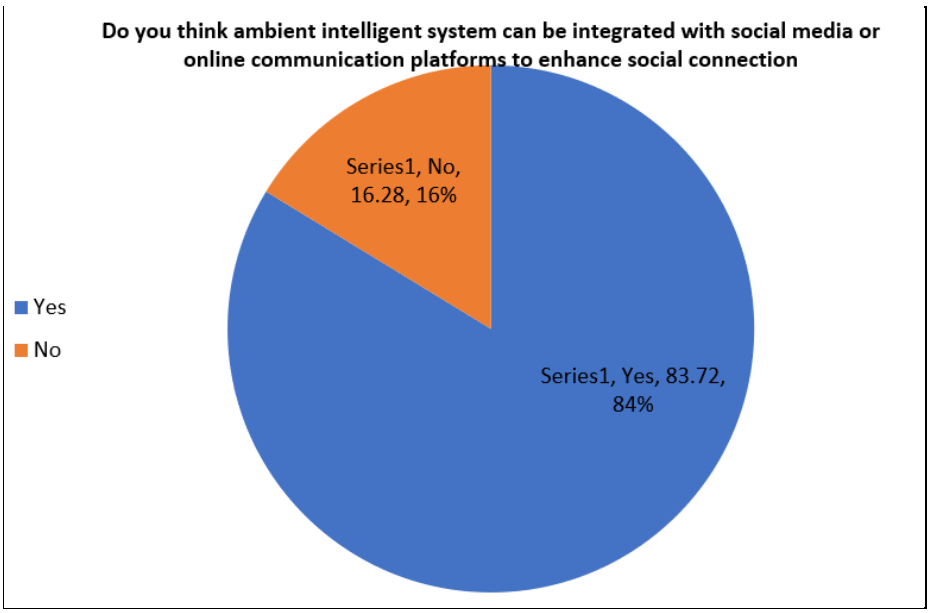
4.2.25 Question 25: Do you think ambient intelligence system can be integrated with social media or online communication platforms to enhance social connection ?

Discussion: Table 25 is show 83.72% of the respondents think that ambient intelligence system can be integrated with social media or online communication platforms to enhance social connection, while 16.28% of the respondents think otherwise.

Table 25 any social media or online communication platforms to connect with family or friends.

S. No.	Do you think ambient intelligence system can be integrated with social media or online communication platforms to enhance social connection	Frequency	Percentage
1	Yes	36	83.72
2	No	7	16.28
	Total	43	100

Figure 27 any social media or online communication platforms to connect with family or friends.



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5: DISCUSSION

Ambient Intelligence (AmI) is an emerging field that refers to the development of intelligence environments that are capable of recognizing the needs of users and adapting to their preferences and behavior. One potential application of AmI is in supporting elderly people, who may face challenges in managing their daily activities and maintaining their independence as they age.

There are several ways that AmI can be used to support elderly people. For example, AmI can be used to monitor the health and well-being of elderly individuals, by tracking vital signs such as heart rate, blood pressure, and oxygen levels. This information can then be used to alert caregivers or healthcare professionals if any abnormalities are detected, enabling early intervention and treatment.

AmI can also be used to provide assistance with activities of daily living, such as cooking, cleaning, and personal grooming. For example, smart appliances such as ovens and washing machines can be designed to be user-friendly for elderly people, with larger buttons and clearer displays. Smart sensors can also be used to detect when a person is in need of assistance, such as if they have fallen or are experiencing a medical emergency.

AmI can also be utilized to support elderly people who may be at risk for loneliness and social isolation by offering them social and emotional support. For instance, interactive technology like chatbots and virtual assistants can be created to converse with senior citizens and offer companionship.

Thus, AmI has the potential to significantly improve elderly people's quality of life by allowing them to remain independent for longer and by giving them the help they need

to preserve their health and well-being. But it's crucial to make sure that these technologies are made with older users' requirements and preferences in mind, and that they are usable and accessible to those with different levels of technology literacy.

5.1 PREDICTED IMPROVEMENTS USING AMI

AmI, or Ambient Intelligence, has the potential to bring about a number of improvements in various areas. Here are some possible predictions for improvements that could be achieved through the use of AmI:

1. Smart homes: With AmI technology, homes can become smarter and more efficient. By using sensors and smart devices, homes can automatically adjust lighting, temperature, and other settings to optimize energy use and improve comfort for occupants. The origin of Smart home technology dates back to 1970s' home automation technologies (Hersh, 2015). A Smart home can be defined as a 'residence equipped with a high-tech network, linking sensors and domestic devices, appliances, and features that can be remotely monitored, accessed or controlled, and provide services that respond to the needs of its inhabitants' (Balta-Ozkan et al., 2013).

Figure 28 An Example of Smart Home

Figure 3.2 Source: http://smarthomeenergy.co.uk

The concept of the Smart home is to allow facilities to provide home care for elderly people in an encouraging and cost-effective manner (Liu et al., 2016; Mageroski et al., 2016). All Smart homes can be placed into different categories, depending on the equipment and systems installed. The main benefits of Smart homes are: improving healthcare, security, and safety, saving energy, ensuring comfort (Hafidh et al., 2017), monitoring health conditions, providing remote control and surveillance (Cai et al., 2016), controlling appliances and devices such as heating and lighting (Wilson et al.,2017), and assisting in performing daily activities (Pardo et al., 2016). For example, an assisted living Smart home provides elderly people with the help necessary to be independent; it can take action when unusual activities happen, such as contacting a nominated carer (Balta-Ozkan et al., 2013). Several technologies and initiatives have been implemented and tested, including the LOBIN project, which keeps track of the position and remotely gauges the respiration rate of elderly patients in medical settings.

2. Healthcare: AmI can be used to keep track of the health of two patients, particularly one who has a chronic illness. Vital signs and other health parameter data can be gathered by sensors and used to provide individualized treatment and early interventions. AAL technology promises to offer senior citizens services that can keep them safe by tracking their travels, identifying falls, and avoiding dangers. . Many systems can assist elderly people to monitor requirements and conditions, such as with a reminder system for them to take a medicine, or turning off a stove, a microwave, etc. Video-based monitoring systems, monitor heart beats, etc. Therefore, the number of professional carers can be reduced, which leads to a lower cost of healthcare when AAL technology is considered as a backbone for healthcare providers (Memon et al., 2014; Arshad et al., 2014; Pantelopoulos & Bourbakis, 2010; Rashidi & Mihailidis, 2013; Arning & Ziefle, 2015; Bygholm & Kanstrup, 2015; Siegel & Dorner, 2017).

   3 Transportation: AmI can be used to improve the efficiency and safety of transportation systems. By using sensors and smart devices, traffic flow can be optimized, and accidents can be prevented. Additionally, AmI can be used to improve the experience of passengers by providing personalized information and entertainment.

4 Manufacturing: AmI can be used to optimize manufacturing processes by providing real-time monitoring and analysis of equipment and production lines. This can help to reduce downtime, improve quality control, and increase overall efficiency.

Education: AmI can be used to enhance the learning experience by providing personalized feedback and adaptive learning systems. By using sensors and smart devices, educators can track student progress and adjust teaching methods to better meet the needs of individual students.

5.2 AMBIENT ASSISTED LIVING (AAL)

Ambient Assisted Living (AAL) first became popular in the 1990s and was beginning to be taken into consideration by the middle of the 2000s. In order to improve the quality of life for all elderly people at all stages of their lives, AAL "relates to 1 intelligence systems of assistance for a better, healthier, and safer life in the preferred living environment and covers concepts, products, and services that interlink and improve new technologies and the social environment." (AALIANCE2, 2014).

Additionally, AAL is regarded as a technological innovation 1 that aims to enhance the quality of life for the elderly and has the capacity to support their needs through the use of technology in their later years (Ansari et al., 2014). It is developed through assistive domesticity and home automation. It assists persons in this age group (elders) with performing everyday tasks, increases their life expectancy, and enhances their social and communication lives. (Blasco et al., 2014).

The definition of quality of life (QOF) is "an individual's judgment of his or her place in life in relation to their objectives, aspirations, standards, and worries, and in the context of the culture and value system where they live." A person's physical health, psychological state, amount of independence, social interactions, personal ideas, and relationship to important characteristics in the environment are all complexly included into this wide-ranging term. (WHO, 1994). As people become older, their quality of life can be determined by their ability to retain autonomy and independence (World Health Organization, 2002).

The International Summit Conference on Independent Living in 1999 adopted what is known as the Washington Declaration. This states that all human life has value and every human being should have meaningful options to make choices about issues that affect our lives. "Independent living" is therefore closely associated with the words "choice and control" and is usually applied to both the environment in which someone lives and the assistance they might need in order to go about their daily lives' (Morris, 2003).

6: CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

6.1 CONCLUSION:

The way we care for elderly people could be revolutionized by ambient intelligence.

AmI can help with daily tasks, monitor health and well-being, and offer social and emotional support thanks to its capacity to adapt to user preferences and behavior. AmI can significantly improve the quality of life of older people by allowing them to remain independent for longer.

Nonetheless, it is crucial to consider the requirements and preferences of senior people while designing AmI technology. AmI ought to be simple to use and open to everyone with different levels of technical literacy. Clear privacy and security policies should also be in place to safeguard senior citizens' personal information.

Our research floated 23 questions among the elder and take their opinion. 74 users fill the google form and gave opinions, but many users did not give proper answers, so we select 27 users who gave proper questions answer. After the collection of data analysis with the help of Microsoft excel mine the opinion of the user.

6.2 RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. Involve elderly individuals in the design and development of AmI technologies to ensure they meet their needs and preferences.
2. Provide training and support to elderly individuals to help them use AmI technologies effectively.
3. Ensure that AmI technologies are accessible and user-friendly for individuals with varying degrees of technological literacy.
4. Develop clear privacy and security protocols to protect the personal information of elderly individuals using AmI technologies.
5. Continue to research and develop AmI technologies to improve their effectiveness and usability in supporting elderly individuals.

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