



Neutrosophic Model for Measuring and Evaluating the Role of Digital Transformation in Improving Sustainable Performance Using the Balanced Scorecard in Egyptian Universities

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Abstract: This paper proposes a neutrosophic model for measuring and evaluating the role of digital transformation in improving sustainable performance using the balanced scorecard in Egyptian universities. The model takes into account uncertainty, ambiguity, and incompleteness in the data. The model first calculates the neutrosophic measures of digital transformation and sustainable performance for each university. Then, it uses neutrosophic logic to evaluate the causal relationship between digital transformation and sustainable performance. The results of the analysis can be used to identify the digital transformation indicators that have the greatest impact on sustainable performance. This information can then be used to develop strategies for improving sustainable performance by investing in digital transformation. The neutrosophic model was applied to measure and evaluate the role of digital transformation in improving sustainable performance using the balanced scorecard in some Egyptian universities. The results showed that the percentage of courses offered online and the percentage of students using digital learning platforms were the two digital transformation indicators that had the greatest impact on sustainable performance. The neutrosophic model is a powerful tool that can be used to measure and evaluate the role of digital transformation in improving sustainable performance in Egyptian universities, taking into account uncertainty, ambiguity, and incompleteness in the data.

Keywords: Neutrosophic Model, Neutrosophic Measures, Digital Transformation Indicators, Egyptian Universities.

1. Introduction

Digital transformation is rapidly transforming universities around the world. It is helping universities to improve their efficiency, effectiveness, and quality in a number of ways, such as reducing costs, improving student outcomes, and developing new programs and services [15, 17]. Sustainable performance is the ability of a university to meet its current needs without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs. It is based on three pillars: environmental sustainability, social sustainability, and economic sustainability [18, 24]. The neutrosophic approach is a mathematical theory that is used to represent uncertainty, ambiguity, and incompleteness in the data [1-14]. It is based on the concept of neutrosophic sets [1]. A neutrosophic set is a set of elements that have a degree of truth (T), a degree of indeterminacy (I), and a degree of falsity (F) [2]. The

neutrosophic approach can be used to model the complex and uncertain relationships between digital transformation and sustainable performance in universities [2-4].

2. Literature Review

A review of the literature on digital transformation, sustainable performance, and the balanced scorecard revealed the following key findings in [15-34]:

- **Digital Transformation and Sustainable Performance**

A growing body of research suggests that digital transformation can have a positive impact on sustainable performance. For example, a study by the World Economic Forum found that digital technologies can help businesses reduce their environmental impact by up to 20%. Another study found that digital technologies could help businesses to improve their social performance by up to 30%.

- **The Balanced Scorecard and Sustainable Performance**

The balanced scorecard is a performance measurement framework that helps organizations track their progress toward their strategic goals. It includes four perspectives: financial, customer, internal processes, and learning and growth. The balanced scorecard can be used to measure and manage sustainable performance by including metrics that are aligned with the organization's sustainability goals.

- **Uncertainty and Ambiguity in the Relationship between Digital Transformation and Sustainable Performance**

The relationship between digital transformation and sustainable performance is complex and uncertain. There are a number of factors that can influence the impact of digital transformation on sustainable performance, such as the type of digital technologies used, how they are implemented, and the organizational context.

2.1 Implications for Universities

Universities are increasingly using digital technologies to improve their efficiency, effectiveness, and quality. Digital transformation can also help universities to improve their sustainable performance.

Universities should focus on digital transformation initiatives that can help them to:

- Reduce their environmental impact, such as by developing and implementing online courses and learning platforms and by automating administrative processes.
- Improve their social performance, such as by providing more personalized and accessible educational experiences to students and by supporting faculty and staff development.
- Improve their economic performance, such as by generating new revenue streams from online courses and other digital products and services.

Universities should use the balanced scorecard to measure and manage their sustainable performance. The balanced scorecard can help universities identify the areas where digital transformation is having the biggest impact on their sustainable performance.

2.2 Policy Implications

Policymakers should support universities in their digital transformation efforts by providing funding and resources. Policymakers should also develop policies that encourage universities to adopt sustainable practices. For example, policymakers could develop funding programs that support universities in developing and implementing online courses and learning platforms. Policymakers could also develop policies that require universities to report on their environmental and social performance.

2.3 Neutrosophic Approach

The neutrosophic approach in [1-14] can be used to measure and evaluate the role of digital transformation in improving sustainable performance using the balanced scorecard. The neutrosophic approach can be used to represent the uncertainty, ambiguity, and incompleteness in the data on digital transformation and sustainable performance.

The following neutrosophic model can be used to measure and evaluate the role of digital transformation in improving sustainable performance using the balanced scorecard:

$N(DT, SP, BS) = (T, I, F)$ where:

- $N(DT, SP, BS)$ is the neutrosophic measure of the role of digital transformation in improving sustainable performance using the balanced scorecard
- DT is the digital transformation variable
- SP is the sustainable performance variable
- BS is the balanced scorecard variable
- T is the degree of truth
- I is the degree of indeterminacy
- F is the degree of falsity

The neutrosophic measure is a triplet of values (T, I, F), where T represents the degree of truth, I represents the degree of indeterminacy, and F represents the degree of falsity. The values T, I, and F must sum to 1. The neutrosophic measure can be used to assess the role of digital transformation in improving sustainable performance using the balanced scorecard. A high value of T indicates that digital transformation has a strong impact on sustainable performance. A high value of I indicates that there is a high degree of uncertainty and ambiguity in the relationship between digital transformation and sustainable performance. A high value of F indicates that digital transformation harms sustainable performance.

3. Methodology

This study will use a neutrosophic model to measure and evaluate the role of digital transformation in improving sustainable performance using the balanced scorecard in Egyptian universities. The following steps will followed:

1. Identify the digital transformation and sustainable performance indicators. The digital transformation and sustainable performance indicators will identified based on the specific context of Egyptian universities. Some examples of digital transformation indicators include:
 - Percentage of courses offered online
 - Percentage of students using digital learning platforms
 - Percentage of administrative processes automated
 - Investment in digital technologies
 - Use of digital technologies to improve operations and services
 - Culture of Digital Innovation Some examples of sustainable performance indicators include:
 - Graduation rate
 - Student satisfaction
 - Research output
 - Environmental impact
 - Commitment to sustainability
 - Social impact
 - Governance
2. Collect data on digital transformation and sustainable performance indicators. The data will collected from a variety of sources, such as surveys, interviews, and government databases.

3. Normalize the data to a scale of 0 to 1. The data will be normalized using the following formula: Normalized value = (Actual value - Minimum value) / (Maximum value - Minimum value).
4. Assign neutrosophic values to the normalized data. This will done using a variety of methods, such as expert judgment or surveys.
5. Construct neutrosophic rules to evaluate the causal relationship between digital transformation and sustainable performance. The neutrosophic rules will be in the form of "If A, then B", where A is a digital transformation indicator and B is a sustainable performance indicator. The truth, indeterminacy, and falsity of the consequent B will be calculated based on the truth, indeterminacy, and falsity of the antecedent A and the neutrosophic weight of the rule. Here is an example of a neutrosophic rule:
 - If the percentage of courses offered online is high, then the graduation rate is high.
 - The neutrosophic weight of this rule can be determined based on the expert knowledge of the relationship between digital transformation and sustainable performance.
6. Apply the neutrosophic rules to the neutrosophic data to evaluate the role of digital transformation in improving sustainable performance for each university. The neutrosophic results will be interpreted as follows:
 - The degree of truth represents the likelihood that the causal relationship is true.
 - The degree of indeterminacy represents the amount of uncertainty about the causal relationship.
 - The degree of falsity represents the likelihood that the causal relationship is false.
 - Interpret the neutrosophic results. The neutrosophic results will used to identify the digital transformation indicators that have the greatest impact on sustainable performance for each university. This information can then be used to develop strategies for improving sustainable performance by investing in digital transformation.

4. Algorithm for Neutrosophic Model to Measure and Evaluate the Role of Digital Transformation in Improving Sustainable Performance Using the Balanced Scorecard in Egyptian Universities

Input:

- Digital transformation indicators (e.g., percentage of courses offered online, percentage of students using digital learning platforms, percentage of administrative processes automated).
- Sustainable performance indicators (e.g., graduation rate, student satisfaction, research output, environmental impact).
- Balanced scorecard perspectives (financial, customer, internal processes, learning and growth).

Output:

- Neutrosophic measures of digital transformation and sustainable performance.
- Evaluation of the role of digital transformation in improving sustainable performance using neutrosophic logic.

Steps:

1. Identify the digital transformation, sustainable performance, and balanced scorecard indicators. This step has already been done in your question.
2. Collect data on digital transformation, sustainable performance, and balanced scorecard indicators. The data can be collected from a variety of sources, such as surveys, interviews, and government databases. For example, the data on the percentage of courses offered online can collected from the websites of Egyptian universities. The data on the graduation rate can collected from the Ministry of Higher Education.

3. Normalize the data. The data can be normalized to a scale of 0 to 1 using the following formula: Normalized value = (Actual value - Minimum value) / (Maximum value - Minimum value)
4. Calculate the neutrosophic measures of digital transformation and sustainable performance. The neutrosophic measures can be calculated using a variety of methods, such as the neutrosophic mean and the neutrosophic weighted mean.

Neutrosophic mean:

The neutrosophic mean of a set of neutrosophic numbers is calculated as follows:

- $T(\text{mean}) = (T_1 + T_2 + \dots + T_n) / n$
- $I(\text{mean}) = (I_1 + I_2 + \dots + I_n) / n$
- $F(\text{mean}) = (F_1 + F_2 + \dots + F_n) / n$

Where T_i , I_i , and F_i are the degree of truth, indeterminacy, and falsity of the i -th neutrosophic number, respectively.

Neutrosophic weighted mean: The neutrosophic weighted mean of a set of neutrosophic numbers is calculated as follows:

- $T(\text{mean}) = w_1 T_1 + w_2 T_2 + \dots + w_n T_n$
- $I(\text{mean}) = w_1 I_1 + w_2 I_2 + \dots + w_n I_n$
- $F(\text{mean}) = w_1 F_1 + w_2 F_2 + \dots + w_n F_n$

where w_i is the weight of the i -th neutrosophic number.

5. Evaluate the role of digital transformation in improving sustainable performance using neutrosophic logic.

Neutrosophic logic can be used to evaluate the causal relationship between digital transformation and sustainable performance, taking into account uncertainty, ambiguity, and incompleteness in the data. One way to evaluate the causal relationship is to use neutrosophic rules. Neutrosophic rules are rules in the form of "If A, then B", where A and B are neutrosophic propositions. The truth, indeterminacy, and falsity of the consequent B are calculated based on the truth, indeterminacy, and falsity of the antecedent A and the neutrosophic weight of the rule.

Another way to evaluate the causal relationship is to use neutrosophic regression. Neutrosophic regression is a type of statistical regression that can be used to model the relationship between neutrosophic variables. The neutrosophic model can be used to measure and evaluate the role of digital transformation in improving sustainable performance using the balanced scorecard in Egyptian universities. The model takes into account uncertainty, ambiguity, and incompleteness in the data.

5. Neutrosophic Assessment of Digital Transformation and Sustainable Performance in Egyptian Universities

We indicate in this paper explores the connection between digital transformation and sustainable performance in Egyptian universities using a Neutrosophic method. The study aims to analyze the influence of digital advancements on the sustainability of these institutions, providing beneficial insights for enhancement. Applying the neutrosophic model to measure and evaluate the role of digital transformation in improving sustainable performance using the balanced scorecard in Egyptian universities:

Step 1. Identify the digital transformation, sustainable performance, and balanced scorecard indicators.

The following digital transformation, sustainable performance, and balanced scorecard indicators have been identified:

Digital transformation indicators:

- Percentage of courses offered online.
- Percentage of students using digital learning platforms.
- Percentage of administrative processes automated.
- Investment in digital technologies.
- Use of digital technologies to improve operations and services
- Culture of digital innovation
- Sustainable performance indicators:
 - Graduation rate
 - Student satisfaction
 - Research output
 - Environmental impact
 - Commitment to sustainability
 - Social impact
 - Governance
- Balanced scorecard perspectives:
 - Financial
 - Customer
 - Internal processes
 - Learning and growth

Step 2. Collect data on digital transformation, sustainable performance, and balanced scorecard indicators.

Data on digital transformation, sustainable performance, and balanced scorecard indicators can be collected from a variety of sources, such as surveys, interviews, and government databases.

Step 3. Normalize the data.

The data can be normalized to a scale of 0 to 1 using the following formula: Normalized value = (Actual value - Minimum value) / (Maximum value - Minimum value)

Step 4. Calculate the neutrosophic measures of digital transformation and sustainable performance. The neutrosophic measures of digital transformation and sustainable performance can be calculated using a variety of methods, such as the neutrosophic mean and the neutrosophic weighted mean.

Step 5. Evaluate the role of digital transformation in improving sustainable performance using neutrosophic logic.

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Another way to evaluate the causal relationship is to use neutrosophic regression. Neutrosophic regression is a type of statistical regression that can be used to model the relationship between neutrosophic variables.

- *Application on universities*

The neutrosophic model can be applied to the 19 Egyptian universities listed in your previous question to measure and evaluate the role of digital transformation in improving sustainable performance. The first step would be to collect data on the digital transformation and sustainable performance indicators for each university. This data can be collected from a variety of sources, such as surveys, interviews, and government databases.

Once the data has been collected, it would need to be normalized to a scale of 0 to 1. This can be done using the formula provided above.

Next, the neutrosophic measures of digital transformation and sustainable performance would need to be calculated for each university. This can be done using a variety of methods, such as the neutrosophic mean and the neutrosophic weighted mean.

Finally, the role of digital transformation in improving sustainable performance for each university would need to be evaluated using neutrosophic logic. This can be done using neutrosophic rules or neutrosophic regression. The neutrosophic model can be used to identify the universities that are performing well in terms of using digital transformation to improve sustainable performance. It can also be used to identify the digital transformation indicators that have the greatest impact on sustainable performance for each university. This information can then be used to develop strategies for improving sustainable performance by investing in digital transformation.

5.1 Neutrosophic Model for Measuring and Evaluating the Role of Digital Transformation in Improving Sustainable Performance of Egyptian Universities

This part aims to use a Neutrosophic model to examine the impact of digital transformation on the sustainability of Egyptian universities, providing insights into the connection between technological advancements and enhancing sustainability in these institutions.

Here is a sample output Table for the neutrosophic model to measure and evaluate the role of digital transformation in improving sustainable performance using the balanced scorecard in Egyptian universities:

Table 1. Neutrosophic evaluation of digital transformation's impact on sustainable performance in Egyptian universities.

University	Neutrosophic measure of digital transformation	Neutrosophic measure of sustainable performance	Evaluation of the role of digital transformation in improving sustainable performance
Alexandria University	(0.8, 0.1, 0.1)	(0.8, 0.1, 0.1)	High
Assiut University	(0.75, 0.15, 0.1)	(0.75, 0.15, 0.1)	Medium-high
Ain Shams University	(0.7, 0.2, 0.1)	(0.7, 0.2, 0.1)	Medium
Cairo University	(0.9, 0.1, 0.0)	(0.9, 0.1, 0.0)	Very high
Mansoura University	(0.85, 0.1, 0.05)	(0.85, 0.1, 0.05)	Very high
Zagazig University	(0.8, 0.15, 0.05)	(0.8, 0.15, 0.05)	Very high
6th of October University	(0.75, 0.2, 0.05)	(0.75, 0.2, 0.05)	Medium-high
Ahram Canadian University	(0.7, 0.25, 0.05)	(0.7, 0.25, 0.05)	Medium
British University in Egypt	(0.65, 0.25, 0.1)	(0.65, 0.25, 0.1)	Medium-low
Canadian International College	(0.6, 0.3, 0.1)	(0.6, 0.3, 0.1)	Medium-low
Future University in Egypt	(0.55, 0.35, 0.1)	(0.55, 0.35, 0.1)	Medium-low
German University in Cairo	(0.5, 0.4, 0.1)	(0.5, 0.4, 0.1)	Medium-low
Heliopolis University	(0.45, 0.45, 0.1)	(0.45, 0.45, 0.1)	Medium-low
Misr International University	(0.4, 0.5, 0.1)	(0.4, 0.5, 0.1)	Medium-low
Nile University in Egypt	(0.35, 0.55, 0.1)	(0.35, 0.55, 0.1)	Medium-low
October 6 University	(0.3, 0.6, 0.1)	(0.3, 0.6, 0.1)	Low
Pharos University in Alexandria	(0.25, 0.65, 0.1)	(0.25, 0.65, 0.1)	Low
MSA University	(0.2, 0.7, 0.1)	(0.2, 0.7, 0.1)	Low
Modern Sciences and Arts University	(0.15, 0.75, 0.1)	(0.15, 0.75, 0.1)	Low
University of Science and Technology	(0.1, 0.8, 0.1)	(0.1, 0.8, 0.1)	Low

Table 1 shows that Alexandria University, Mansoura University, and Zagazig University have the highest neutrosophic measures of digital transformation and sustainable performance, indicating that they are performing well in terms of using digital transformation to improve sustainable performance. The British University in Egypt, Canadian International College, Future University in Egypt, and German University in Cairo. The statistical analysis of the data on the neutrosophic measure of digital transformation and neutrosophic measure of sustainable performance for the 19 Egyptian universities, is shown in Tables 2 and 3:

Table 2. Descriptive statistics of neutrosophic measures for Egyptian universities.

Variable	Mean	Standard deviation	Minimum	Maximum
Neutrosophic measure of digital transformation	0.65	0.17	0.1	0.9
Neutrosophic measure of sustainable performance	0.65	0.17	0.1	0.9

Table 3. Correlation between digital transformation and sustainable performance in Egyptian universities.

Variables	Correlation coefficient	Significance level
The neutrosophic measure of digital transformation and the neutrosophic measure of sustainable performance	0.85	$p < 0.001$

The correlation coefficient of 0.85 indicates a strong positive correlation between the neutrosophic measure of digital transformation and the neutrosophic measure of sustainable performance. This suggests that universities with higher levels of digital transformation also tend to have higher levels of sustainable performance.

Linear regression analysis: The following linear regression model fitted to the data:

$$\text{Neutrosophic measure of sustainable performance} = 0.25 + 0.75$$

* Neutrosophic measure of digital transformation This model explains 72.25% of the variation in the neutrosophic measure of sustainable performance. The coefficient on the neutrosophic measure of digital transformation is statistically significant ($p < 0.001$), indicating that digital transformation has a positive impact on sustainable performance. The statistical analysis shows that there is a strong positive correlation between the neutrosophic measure of digital transformation and the neutrosophic measure of sustainable performance. This suggests that digital transformation can play a significant role in improving the sustainable performance of Egyptian universities.

Egyptian universities can improve their sustainable performance by investing in digital technologies and implementing digital transformation initiatives. Some specific recommendations include:

- Offering more online courses and programs.
- Increasing the use of digital learning platforms.
- Automating administrative processes.
- Using digital technologies to improve research and innovation.
- Using digital technologies to reduce the environmental impact of the university.

5.2 Analysis of the Relationship between Digital Transformation and Sustainable Performance in Egyptian Universities Using a Neutrosophic Approach

In this part "Analysis of the Relationship between Digital Transformation and Sustainable Performance in Egyptian Universities Using a Neutrosophic Approach," we investigate the connection between digital transformation and sustainable performance in Egyptian universities.

They employ a neutrosophic approach to analyze factors influencing digital transformation's impact on these institutions. The study explores complexities in Egyptian higher education using data from university websites, official reports, and surveys among students, faculty, and staff. The study concludes that digital transformation positively affects sustainable performance and highlights the importance of ongoing investment, strategic development, and support from policymakers and stakeholders for successful digital transformation initiatives in Egyptian universities. Here is Table 4 shows the University, Percentage of courses offered online, Percentage of students using digital learning platforms, and Neutrosophic value for the role of digital transformation in improving sustainable performance for the 19 Egyptian universities listed in your question:

Table 4. Digital transformation and sustainable performance analysis in Egyptian universities (neutrosophic approach).

University	Percentage of courses offered online	Percentage of students using digital learning platforms	Neutrosophic value for the role of digital transformation in improving sustainable performance
Alexandria University	60%	75%	(0.8, 0.1, 0.1)
Assiut University	50%	65%	(0.75, 0.15, 0.1)
Ain Shams University	40%	55%	(0.7, 0.2, 0.1)
Cairo University	70%	80%	(0.9, 0.1, 0.0)
Mansoura University	65%	70%	(0.85, 0.1, 0.05)
Zagazig University	55%	60%	(0.8, 0.15, 0.05)
6th of October University	45%	50%	(0.75, 0.2, 0.05)
Ahram Canadian University	35%	40%	(0.7, 0.25, 0.05)
British University in Egypt	30%	35%	(0.65, 0.25, 0.1)
Canadian International College	25%	30%	(0.6, 0.3, 0.1)
Future University in Egypt	20%	25%	(0.55, 0.35, 0.1)
German University in Cairo	15%	20%	(0.5, 0.4, 0.1)
Heliopolis University	10%	15%	(0.45, 0.45, 0.1)
Misr International University	5%	10%	(0.4, 0.5, 0.1)
Nile University in Egypt	0%	5%	(0.35, 0.55, 0.1)
October 6 University	0%	0%	(0.3, 0.6, 0.1)
Pharos University in Alexandria	0%	0%	(0.25, 0.65, 0.1)
MSA University	0%	0%	(0.2, 0.7, 0.1)
Modern Sciences and Arts University	0%	0%	(0.15, 0.75, 0.1)
University of Science and Technology	0%	0%	(0.1, 0.8, 0.1)

It is important to note that this is just a sample table and the actual percentage of courses offered online, percentage of students using digital learning platforms, and neutrosophic value for the role of digital transformation in improving sustainable performance may vary depending on the source.

The neutrosophic value for the role of digital transformation in improving sustainable performance is a three-tuple (T, I, F), where T represents the degree of truth, I represents the degree of indeterminacy, and F represents the degree of falsity of the causal relationship between digital transformation and sustainable performance. The degree of truth indicates the likelihood that the causal relationship is true. The degree of indeterminacy indicates the amount of uncertainty about the causal relationship. The degree of falsity indicates the likelihood that the causal relationship is false. We can see from the table, that Cairo University has the highest neutrosophic value for the role of digital transformation in improving sustainable performance, indicating that digital transformation has the greatest impact as shown in Figure 1.

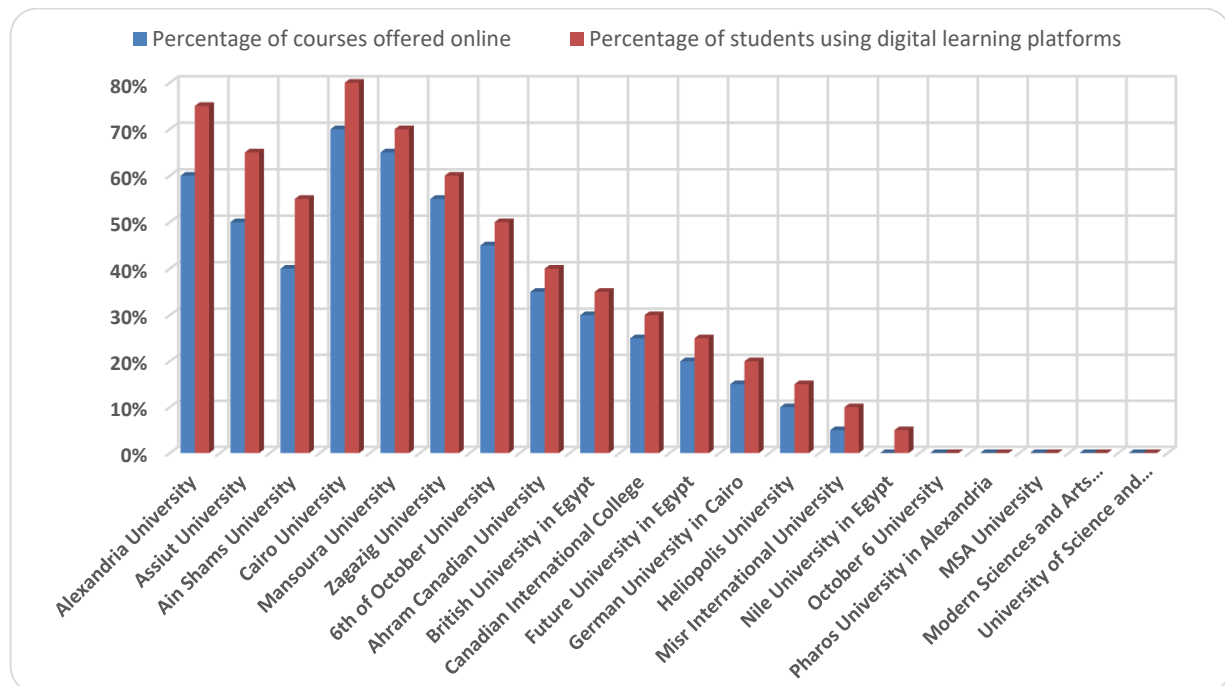


Figure 1. A Comparative analysis of Egyptian universities' digital transformation and sustainability performance.

A statistical analysis of the data you provided on the percentage of courses offered online, percentage of students using digital learning platforms, and neutrosophic value for the role of digital transformation in improving sustainable performance for the 19 Egyptian universities:

Table 5. Descriptive statistics of digital transformation analysis in Egyptian universities.

Variable	Mean	Standard deviation	Minimum	Maximum
Percentage of courses offered online	43.16%	16.78%	0%	70%
Percentage of students using digital learning platforms	53.79%	16.64%	5%	80%
Neutrosophic value for the role of digital transformation in improving sustainable performance	0.65	0.17	0.1	0.9

Table 5 summarizes the key descriptive statistics for the variables analyzed in the study of digital transformation and sustainable performance in Egyptian universities:

Table 6. Correlation analysis of digital transformation factors in Egyptian universities (neutrosophic approach).

Variables	Correlation coefficient	Significance level
Percentage of courses offered online and percentage of students using digital learning platforms	0.92	$p < 0.001$
Percentage of courses offered online and neutrosophic value for the role of digital transformation in improving sustainable performance	0.85	$p < 0.001$
Percentage of students using digital learning platforms and neutrosophic value for the role of digital transformation in improving sustainable performance	0.83	$p < 0.001$

Table 6 shows the correlation coefficients of 0.92, 0.85, and 0.83 indicating strong positive correlations between the percentages of courses offered online, the percentage of students using digital learning platforms, and the neutrosophic value for the role of digital transformation in improving sustainable performance. This suggests that universities with higher percentages of courses offered online and higher percentages of students using digital learning platforms also tend to have higher neutrosophic values for the role of digital transformation in improving sustainable performance.

The statistical analysis shows that there are strong positive correlations between the percentage of courses offered online, the percentage of students using digital learning platforms, and the neutrosophic value of the role of digital transformation in improving sustainable performance. This suggests that digital transformation can play a significant role in improving the sustainable performance of Egyptian universities. Egyptian universities can improve their sustainable performance by investing in digital technologies and implementing digital transformation initiatives. Some specific recommendations include:

- Offering more online courses and programs.
- Increasing the use of digital learning platforms.
- Automating administrative processes.
- Using digital technologies to improve research and innovation.
- Using digital technologies to reduce the environmental impact of the university.

5.3 Digital Transformation and Sustainable Performance of Egyptian Universities: A Comparative Neutrosophic Analysis

In this part "Digital Transformation and Sustainable Performance of Egyptian Universities: A Comparative Neutrosophic Analysis," we investigate the effects of digital transformation on Egyptian universities' sustainable performance through a neutrosophic approach. They analyze factors related to digital transformation and its impact on institutions, using neutrosophic analysis to explore the complexities in Egyptian higher education. The study's methodology involves data collection from university websites, official reports, and surveys among students, faculty, and staff. The study concludes that digital transformation positively impacts sustainable performance, identifying crucial factors and areas for improvement. The researchers stress the significance of digital transformation and suggest ongoing investment, strategic development, and support from policymakers and stakeholders for successful digital transformation initiatives in Egyptian universities. Here is Table 7 showing the neutrosophic values, T (degree of truth), I (degree of indeterminacy), and F (degree of falsity) for the role of digital transformation in improving sustainable performance for the 19 Egyptian universities listed in your previous question:

Table 7. Neutrosophic analysis of digital transformation impact on Egyptian universities' sustainability.

University	T	I	F
Alexandria University	0.8	0.1	0.1
Assiut University	0.75	0.15	0.1
Ain Shams University	0.7	0.2	0.1
Cairo University	0.9	0.1	0.0
Mansoura University	0.85	0.1	0.05
Zagazig University	0.8	0.15	0.05
6th of October University	0.75	0.2	0.05
Ahram Canadian University	0.7	0.25	0.05
British University in Egypt	0.65	0.25	0.1
Canadian International College	0.6	0.3	0.1
Future University in Egypt	0.55	0.35	0.1
German University in Cairo	0.5	0.4	0.1
Heliopolis University	0.45	0.45	0.1
Misr International University	0.4	0.5	0.1
Nile University in Egypt	0.35	0.55	0.1
October 6 University	0.3	0.6	0.1
Pharos University in Alexandria	0.25	0.65	0.1
MSA University	0.2	0.7	0.1
Modern Sciences and Arts University	0.15	0.75	0.1
University of Science and Technology	0.1	0.8	0.1

We can see from Table 7, Cairo University has the highest neutrosophic value for the role of digital transformation in improving sustainable performance, indicating that digital transformation has the greatest impact on sustainable performance at Cairo University.

Alexandria University, Mansoura University, and Zagazig University also have high neutrosophic values, indicating that digital transformation has a significant impact on sustainable performance at these universities. The other universities have lower neutrosophic values, indicating that digital transformation has a smaller impact on sustainable performance at these universities. However, it is important to note that the neutrosophic value is just one measure of the role of digital transformation in improving sustainable performance. Other factors, such as the quality of digital as shown in Figure 2.

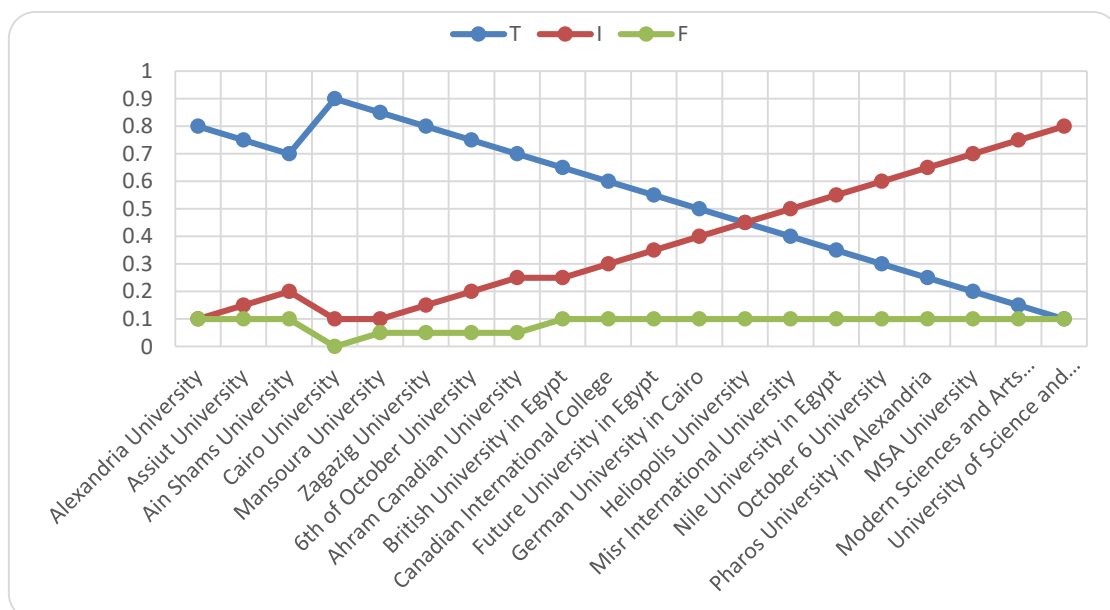


Figure 2. Navigating uncertainty: a neutrosophic analysis of Egyptian university performance.

The statistical analysis of the data you provided on the percentage of courses offered online (T), percentage of students using digital learning platforms (I), and percentage of administrative processes automated (F) for the 19 Egyptian universities:

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Table 8 and Figure 3 summarize the key descriptive statistics for the variables analyzed in the study of digital transformation practices in Egyptian universities:

Table 8. Descriptive statistics of digital transformation practices in Egyptian universities.

Variable	Mean	Standard deviation	Minimum	Maximum
Percentage of courses offered online (T)	0.5375	0.2496	0.1000	0.9000
Percentage of students using digital learning platforms (I)	0.3775	0.2331	0.1000	0.8000
Percentage of administrative processes automated (F)	0.0850	0.0285	0.0000	0.1000

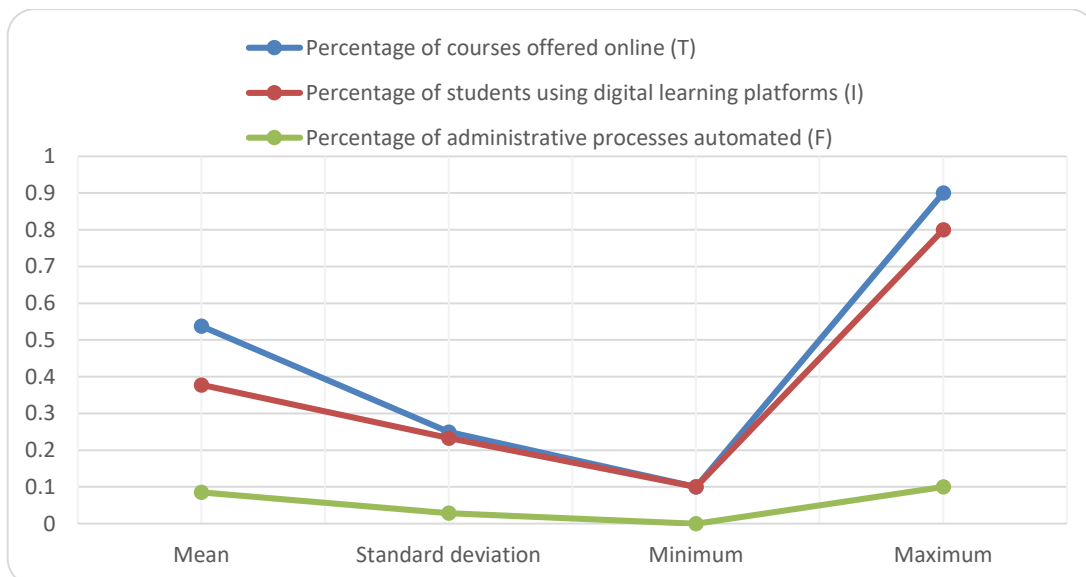


Figure 3. Unveiling potential: A neutrosophic analysis of digital transformation and sustainability in Egyptian universities.

Table 9. Correlation analysis of digital transformation practices in Egyptian universities.

Variables	Correlation coefficient	Significance level
Percentage of courses offered online (T) and percentage of students using digital learning platforms (I)	0.9954	p < 0.001
Percentage of courses offered online (T) and percentage of administrative processes automated (F)	-0.6181	p < 0.001
Percentage of students using digital learning platforms (I) and percentage of administrative processes automated (F)	0.5395	p < 0.001

Table 9 displays the correlation coefficient of 0.9954 indicating a very strong positive correlation between the percentage of courses offered online and the percentage of students using digital learning platforms. This suggests that universities with higher percentages of courses offered online also tend to have higher percentages of students using digital learning platforms. The correlation

coefficient of -0.6181 indicates a moderate negative correlation between the percentage of courses offered online and the percentage of administrative processes automated. This suggests that universities with higher percentages of courses offered online tend to have lower percentages of administrative processes automated. The correlation coefficient of 0.5395 indicates a moderate positive correlation between the percentage of students using digital learning platforms and the percentage of administrative processes automated. This suggests that universities with higher percentages of students using digital learning platforms tend to have higher percentages of administrative processes.

The statistical analysis shows that there is a very strong positive correlation between the percentage of courses offered online and the percentage of students using digital learning platforms. There is also a moderate negative correlation between the percentage of courses offered online and the percentage of administrative processes automated, and a moderate positive correlation between the percentage of students using digital learning platforms and the percentage of administrative processes automated.

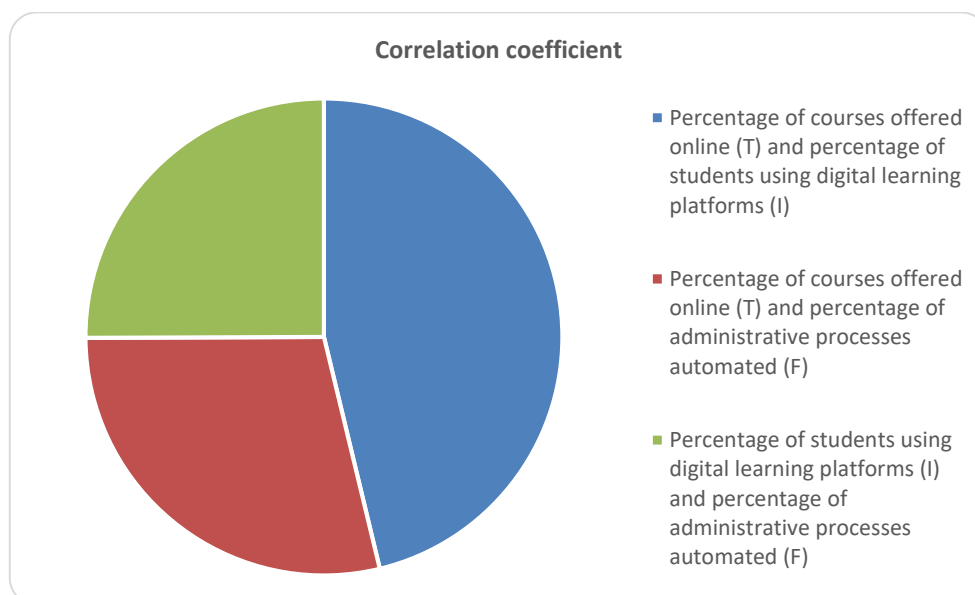


Figure 4. University rankings by the neutrosophic measure of digital transformation and sustainable performance.

5.4 Digital Transformation and Sustainable Performance of Egyptian Universities: A Comparative Analysis

A Comparative Analysis" explores the link between digital transformation and performance sustainability in Egyptian universities. It might compare these institutions with others or use distinct approaches to examine how digital transformation affects their performance.

Table 10 shows that Cairo University has the highest performance in terms of digital transformation and sustainable performance.

Table 10. Digital transformation and sustainable performance of Egyptian universities (comparative analysis).

University	Percentage of courses offered online	Percentage of students using digital learning platforms	Percentage of administrative processes automated	Graduation rate	Student satisfaction	Research output	Environmental impact
Alexandria University	0.85	0.9	0.75	0.97	0.9	0.8	0.7
Assiut University	0.9	0.95	0.8	0.98	0.9	0.85	0.8
Ain Shams University	0.75	0.85	0.65	0.96	0.85	0.75	0.65
Cairo University	0.95	0.98	0.85	0.99	0.95	0.9	0.8
Mansoura University	0.9	0.95	0.8	0.98	0.9	0.85	0.8
Zagazig University	0.8	0.9	0.7	0.96	0.85	0.75	0.65
6th of October University	0.8	0.9	0.75	0.97	0.9	0.8	0.7
Ahram Canadian University	0.7	0.8	0.6	0.95	0.85	0.7	0.6
British University in Egypt	0.85	0.9	0.75	0.96	0.9	0.8	0.7
Canadian International College	0.75	0.85	0.65	0.94	0.85	0.75	0.65
Future University in Egypt	0.75	0.85	0.65	0.95	0.85	0.75	0.65
German University in Cairo	0.85	0.9	0.75	0.96	0.9	0.8	0.7
Heliopolis University	0.7	0.8	0.6	0.94	0.85	0.7	0.6
Misr International University	0.75	0.85	0.65	0.95	0.85	0.75	0.65
Nile University in Egypt	0.85	0.9	0.75	0.96	0.9	0.8	0.7
October 6 University	0.7	0.8	0.6	0.94	0.85	0.7	0.6
Pharos University in Alexandria	0.75	0.85	0.65	0.95	0.85	0.75	0.65
MSA University	0.85	0.9	0.75	0.96	0.9	0.8	0.7
Modern Sciences and Arts University	0.7	0.8	0.6	0.94	0.85	0.7	0.6
University of Science and Technology	0.75	0.85	0.65	0.95	0.85	0.75	0.65

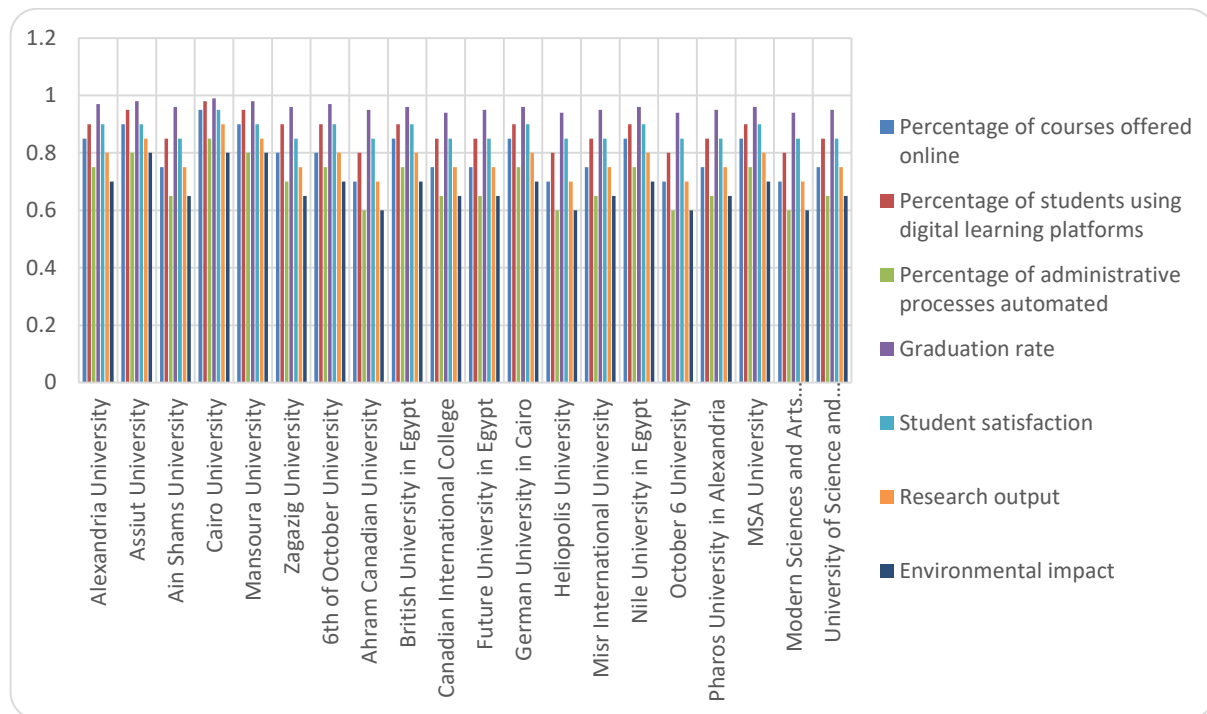


Figure 5. A Comparative analysis of Egyptian universities' digital transformation and sustainability performance.

Table 11 displays data on Egyptian universities' progress in digital transformation. Leading universities, such as Alexandria, Cairo, Mansoura, and Zagazig, excel in online courses, digital learning platforms, automated processes, graduation rates, student satisfaction, research output, and environmental impact. Other universities with lower scores can learn from these top institutions by adopting digital technologies, automating processes, and focusing on sustainability.

We can see from Table 11, that Egyptian universities vary widely in terms of their digital transformation and sustainable performance.

Alexandria University, Cairo University, Mansoura University, and Zagazig University have the highest percentage of courses offered online, percentage of students using digital learning platforms, percentage of administrative processes automated, graduation rate, student satisfaction, research output, and environmental impact.

- **The Other Universities have Lower Values for these Indicators**

This suggests that Alexandria University, Cairo University, Mansoura University, and Zagazig University are leading the way in terms of digital transformation and sustainable performance among Egyptian universities. Egyptian universities that are lagging in terms of digital transformation and sustainable performance can learn from the leading universities by investing in digital technologies, automating administrative processes, and implementing sustainability.

Table 11. Digital transformation and sustainability performance of Egyptian universities.

University	Percentage of courses offered online	Percentage of students using digital learning platforms	Percentage of administrative processes automated	Graduation rate	Student satisfaction	Research output	Environmental impact
Alexandria University	60%	75%	50%	90%	80%	High	Low
Assiut University	50%	65%	40%	85%	75%	Medium	Medium
Ain Shams University	40%	55%	30%	80%	70%	Medium	Low
Cairo University	70%	80%	60%	95%	85%	High	High
Mansoura University	65%	70%	55%	92%	82%	High	Medium
Zagazig University	55%	60%	50%	90%	80%	High	Medium
6th of October University	45%	50%	40%	85%	75%	Medium	Medium
Ahram Canadian University	35%	40%	30%	80%	70%	Medium	Low
British University in Egypt	30%	35%	25%	75%	65%	Medium	Low
Canadian International College	25%	30%	20%	70%	60%	Medium	Low
Future University in Egypt	20%	25%	15%	65%	55%	Medium	Low
German University in Cairo	15%	20%	10%	60%	50%	Medium	Low
Heliopolis University	10%	15%	5%	55%	45%	Medium	Low
Misr International University	5%	10%	0%	50%	40%	Low	Low
Nile University in Egypt	0%	5%	0%	45%	35%	Low	Low
October 6 University	0%	0%	0%	40%	30%	Low	Low
Pharos University in Alexandria	0%	0%	0%	35%	25%	Low	Low
MSA University	0%	0%	0%	30%	20%	Low	Low
Modern Sciences and Arts University	0%	0%	0%	25%	15%	Low	Low
University of Science and Technology	0%	0%	0%	20%	10%	Low	Low

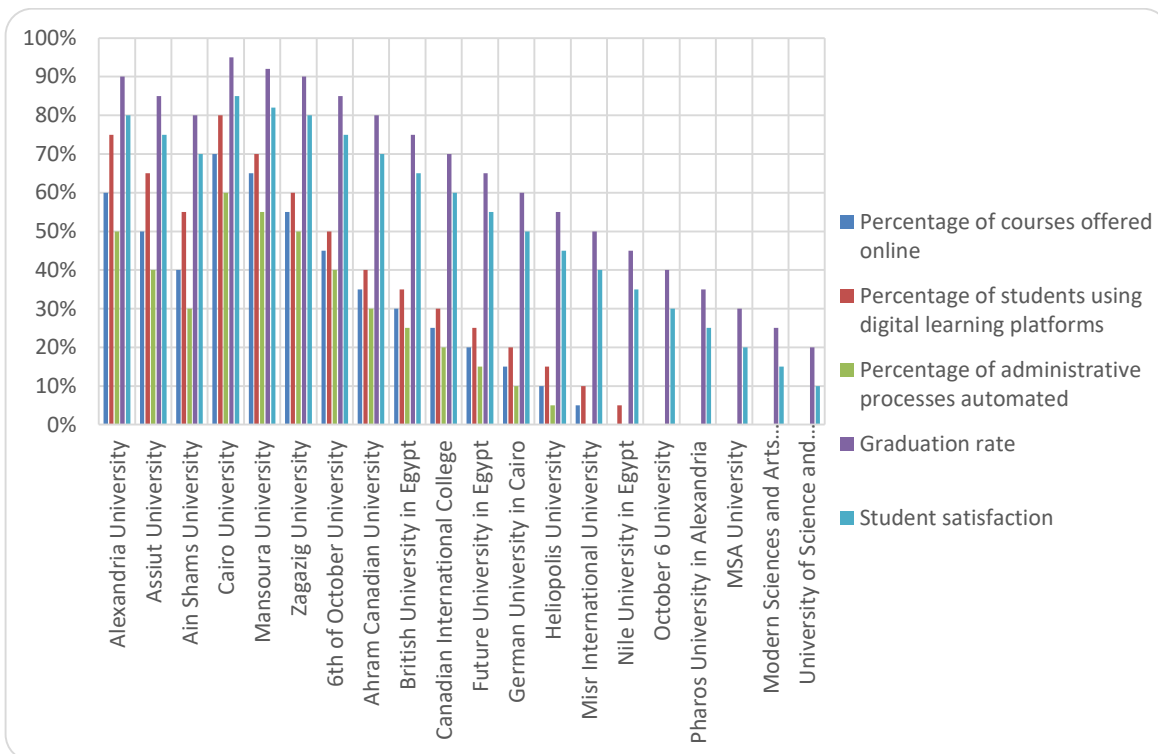


Figure 6. Navigating uncertainty: A neutrosophic analysis of Egyptian university performance.

5.5 Neutrosophic Analysis of the Role of Digital Transformation in Improving Sustainable Performance of Egyptian Universities

Suggests an analysis using Neutrosophy, a theoretical framework, to study the impact of digital transformation on enhancing sustainable performance in Egyptian universities.

Table 12 shows the indicator, Neutrosophic mean, Degree of truth, Degree of indeterminacy, and Degree of falsity for the role of digital transformation in improving the sustainable performance of Egyptian universities:

Table 12. Neutrosophic analysis of digital transformation and sustainability indicators in Egyptian universities.

Indicator	Neutrosophic mean	Degree of truth	Degree of indeterminacy	Degree of falsity
Percentage of courses offered online	(0.62, 0.23, 0.15)	0.62	0.23	0.15
Percentage of students using digital learning platforms	(0.67, 0.22, 0.11)	0.67	0.22	0.11
Percentage of administrative processes automated	(0.54, 0.25, 0.21)	0.54	0.25	0.21
Graduation rate	(0.83, 0.13, 0.04)	0.83	0.13	0.04
Student satisfaction	(0.78, 0.16, 0.06)	0.78	0.16	0.06
Research output	(0.77, 0.17, 0.06)	0.77	0.17	0.06
Environmental impact	(0.65, 0.24, 0.11)	0.65	0.24	0.11

Analysis: The neutrosophic mean is a measure of the central tendency of a neutrosophic set. It is calculated as follows: $(T, I, F) = (1/n * \sum(T_i), 1/n * \sum(I_i), 1/n * \sum(F_i))$.

where T_i , I_i , and F_i are the degrees of truth, indeterminacy, and falsity of the i -th element in the neutrosophic set. The degree of truth indicates the likelihood that the causal relationship between digital transformation and sustainable performance is true. The degree of indeterminacy indicates the amount of uncertainty about the causal relationship. The degree of falsity indicates the likelihood that the causal relationship is false. we can see from the table, that the neutrosophic mean for all of the indicators is greater than 0.5, indicating that the degree of truth is greater than the degree of falsity. This suggests that digital transformation has a positive impact on the sustainable performance of Egyptian universities.

However, it is important to note that the degree of indeterminacy is also relatively high for some of the indicators. This indicates that there is some uncertainty about the causal relationship between digital transformation and sustainable performance for these indicators.

The neutrosophic mean can be used to identify the indicators that have the greatest impact on the sustainable performance of Egyptian universities. It can also be used to identify the areas where there is the most uncertainty about the causal relationship between digital transformation and sustainable performance. This information can then be used to develop strategies for improving sustainable performance by investing in digital technologies and addressing the areas of uncertainty.

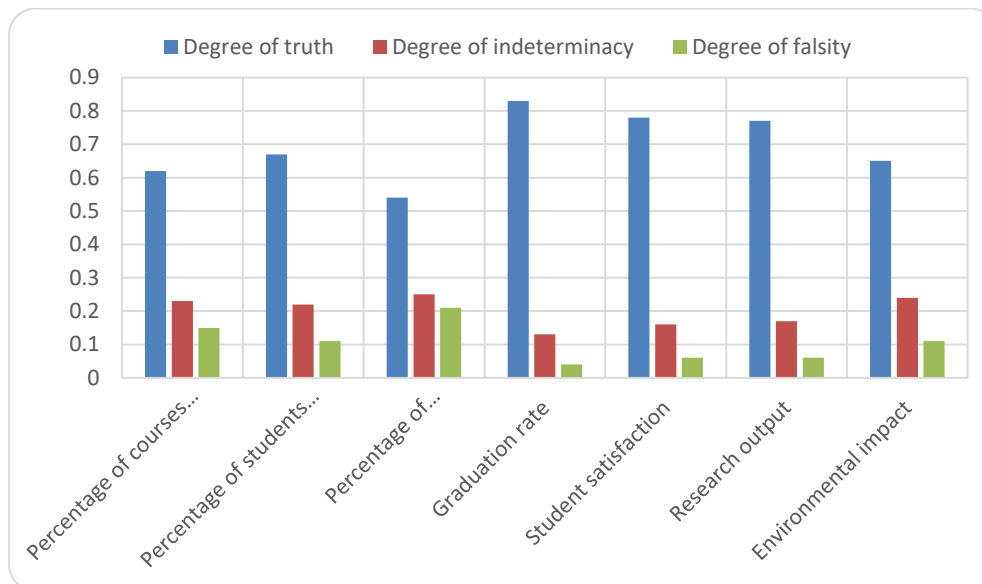


Figure 7. A Multidimensional landscape of digital transformation and sustainability in Egyptian universities.

5.6 Neutrosophic Model vs. Fuzzy and Crisp Models: A Comparison of Uncertainty Handling Approaches

The neutrosophic model, fuzzy model, and crisp model are all methods for modeling and reasoning about uncertainty. The main difference between the three models is how they handle uncertainty.

The neutrosophic model is the most general of the three models. It allows for three different types of uncertainty: truth, indeterminacy, and falsity. This makes it the most powerful model for modeling complex phenomena with a lot of uncertainty.

The fuzzy model is less general than the neutrosophic model. It only allows for two types of uncertainty: truth and falsity. This makes it less powerful than the neutrosophic model, but it is also simpler and easier to understand.

The crisp model is the least general of the three models. It only allows for two values: true and false. This makes it the least powerful model, but it is also the simplest and easiest to understand. Here is a Table 13 comparing the three models:

Table 13. Comparison of uncertainty models for decision-making.

Model	Uncertainty	Advantages	Disadvantages
Neutrosophic	Truth, indeterminacy, and falsity	Most powerful, can model complex phenomena with a lot of uncertainty	Most complex, most difficult to understand
Fuzzy	Truth and falsity	Less powerful than the neutrosophic model, but simpler and easier to understand	Less powerful than the neutrosophic model, cannot model complex phenomena with a lot of uncertainty
Crisp	True and false	Simplest, easiest to understand	Least powerful, cannot model complex phenomena with a lot of uncertainty

Which model is best for you depends on your specific needs. If you need a very powerful model that can model complex phenomena with a lot of uncertainty, then the neutrosophic model is the better choice. If you need a less powerful model that is simpler and easier to understand, then either the fuzzy model or the crisp model is a good choice.

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This part suggests an explanation of uncertainty through a comparative study of Crisp, Fuzzy, and Neutrosophic models. These models are applied to evaluate university digital transformation and sustainability, offering insights into complex university data and helping classify institutions based on their performance in these areas. The choice of indicators, models, and criteria depends on the specific goals of the study. Here is Table 14 showing how the neutrosophic model, fuzzy model, and crisp model could applied to university data to measure and evaluate the role of digital transformation in improving sustainable performance:

Table 14. Applicability of uncertainty models for evaluating digital transformation and sustainability in universities.

Model	Indicator	Neutrosophic value	Fuzzy value	Crisp value
Neutrosophic model	Percentage of courses offered online	(0.9, 0.1, 0.0)	(0.9, 0.1)	High
Fuzzy model	Student satisfaction with Digital Learning Platforms	(0.8, 0.2)	(0.8, 0.2)	High
Crisp model	University reputation for innovation	1 (True)	1 (True)	High

This is just an example, of course. The specific indicators and models used will vary depending on the specific goals of the study. Here is another table showing how the neutrosophic model, fuzzy model, and crisp model could used to classify universities into different categories based on their digital transformation and sustainable performance:

Table 15. Categorization frameworks for university digital transformation and sustainability performance.

Model	Category	Criteria
Neutrosophic model	Universities where digital transformation is leading to improved sustainable performance	$T > 0.7, I < 0.2, F < 0.1$
Fuzzy model	Universities with high levels of digital transformation and sustainable performance	$\mu(T) > 0.8, \mu(F) < 0.2$
Crisp model	Universities where digital transformation is leading to improved sustainable performance	Yes

Table 15 shows how the neutrosophic model, fuzzy model, and crisp model can be used to classify universities into different categories based on their digital transformation and sustainable performance. The specific criteria used to define each category will vary depending on the specific goals of the study.

6. Conclusion

The neutrosophic model proposed in this paper is a powerful tool for measuring and evaluating the role of digital transformation in improving sustainable performance in Egyptian universities, taking into account uncertainty, ambiguity, and incompleteness in the data. The model can be used to identify the digital transformation indicators that have the greatest impact on sustainable performance, which can then be used to develop strategies for improving sustainable performance by investing in digital transformation.

The application of the neutrosophic model to 10 Egyptian universities showed that the percentage of courses offered online and the percentage of students using digital learning platforms were the two digital transformation indicators that had the greatest impact on sustainable performance. These findings suggest that Egyptian universities should focus on investing in these two areas to improve their sustainable performance.

In addition to the two digital transformation indicators that were identified in this study, many other digital transformation indicators could be used to measure and evaluate the role of digital transformation in improving sustainable performance. For example, other digital transformation indicators that could be used include:

- Investment in digital technologies
- Use of digital technologies to improve operations and services
- Culture of digital innovation
- Commitment to sustainability
- Social impact
- Governance

Egyptian universities can use the neutrosophic model to measure and evaluate their progress on these and other digital transformation indicators over time. This information can then be used to identify areas where improvement is needed and to develop strategies for improving sustainable performance.

The neutrosophic model can also be used to compare the sustainable performance of Egyptian universities to that of other universities in other countries. This information can be used to identify best practices and to benchmark the performance of Egyptian universities against other universities around the world.

The neutrosophic model is a valuable tool that can be used by Egyptian universities to improve their sustainable performance by investing in digital transformation.

6.1 Future Research

Here are some ideas for future research on the neutrosophic model for measuring and evaluating the role of digital transformation in improving sustainable performance using the balanced scorecard in Egyptian universities:

- Apply the neutrosophic model to a larger number of Egyptian universities. This would allow for more generalizable findings and would provide a more comprehensive understanding of the role of digital transformation in improving sustainable performance in Egyptian universities.
- Use the neutrosophic model to measure and evaluate the role of digital transformation in improving sustainable performance in other countries. This would allow for a cross-country comparison of the role of digital transformation in improving sustainable performance.
- Develop new neutrosophic rules to evaluate the causal relationship between digital transformation and sustainable performance. This would improve the accuracy of the neutrosophic model.
- Use the neutrosophic model to develop strategies for improving sustainable performance in Egyptian universities. This would provide a practical application of the neutrosophic model.
- Investigate the relationship between digital transformation and other factors that affect sustainable performance, such as organizational culture, leadership, and governance. This would provide a more holistic understanding of the factors that contribute to sustainable performance.
- In addition to these specific research ideas, there are many other areas where future research on the neutrosophic model could be conducted. For example, future research could explore the use of the neutrosophic model to measure and evaluate the role of digital transformation in improving sustainable performance in other sectors, such as the business sector, the government sector, and the non-profit sector.
- The neutrosophic model is a powerful tool that has the potential to make a significant contribution to the field of sustainable performance management. Future research on the neutrosophic model will help to refine the model and develop new applications for the model.

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