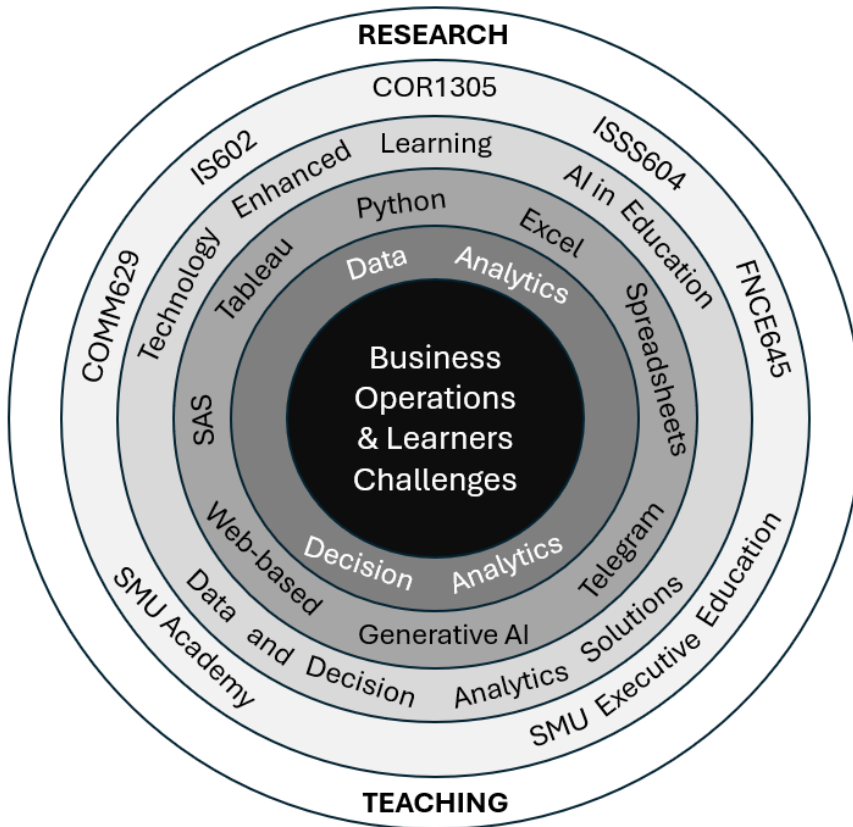


# Research Statement

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## Background

My research has evolved over the years across four main areas: *Learning Analytics and AI in Education*, *Data Analytics & Decision Analytics*, *Spreadsheets Modeling & Pedagogy*, and *Operations Management*. These four areas have overlapping time periods and the progression from one to the next has been natural. These research areas have close synergies and are tightly integrated with my teaching as depicted in the figure below. I believe that it is this tight integration that made my research interesting and important, where real-life implementations can be carried out and data can be collected for meaningful analysis to achieve better insights.



## Research Areas

### a) Learning Analytics and AI in Education (2018 ~ today)

This research involves the development of effective systems to enhance student learning using machine learning algorithms to automate learning tasks, as well as collecting the user data to analyse the effectiveness of using such systems to achieve the desired learning outcomes. One such system is the integrated Telegram and web-based Q&A platform where students can post questions and answer questions, openly and freely, with the goals of achieving collaborative learning and mutual support, throughout the course. The new related areas which I have started to explore with my Doctor of Engineering (EngD) students from 2021 include assessments in digital education, the ethical issues in AI-driven assessments, and technology-enabled informal learning and workplace learning. With the launch of Generative AI tools, my recent research work has moved towards assessing the impact of GAI and applications of GAI in teaching and learning.

### b) Data Analytics and Decision Analytics (2012 ~ today)

Practitioners would know that real business problems do not present themselves clearly, often resulting in people solving the wrong problem. Thus, my proposed *Data and Decision Analytics Framework* aims to help the analyst to first identify the actual cause of business problems by collecting, preparing, and exploring data to gain business insights, before proposing what objectives and solutions can and should be done to solve the problems. Such a framework combines identification of the root causes by data analytics, and proposing solutions supported by decision analytics. This research area involves close collaboration with industry partners, with interesting and important problems, to solve and create positive economic impact for companies.

### c) Spreadsheets Modeling (2008 ~ today)

This research is influenced by the courses I teach at SMU, my role as the Associate Dean of Postgraduate Professional Education, and the pedagogical concerns related to teaching and learning. The ability to model open, unstructured business problems into spreadsheet models for detail analysis has become increasingly important in the fast-changing business environment. My research focused on developing good teaching cases to teach effective modelling skills, and designing, developing and delivering a professional programme to address the knowledge and skills gap in the industry, so as to train the next generation of leaders for the industry.

### d) Operations Management (2004 ~ 2014)

This research focused on how supply and demand within a logistic network can be coordinated through different mechanisms such price discount, combinatorial auction, allocation algorithm, better network design and better flow. These questions are important to solve as real problems faced in logistics and supply chains require solutions which are quick to solve, superior in terms of effectiveness and efficiency, and most importantly are practical for implementation. My background in Operations Management has evolved into data and decision analytics research in later years.

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