Application of Adaptive Assessment in the Subject of Mathematics

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Abstract: Adaptive assessment has emerged as an important technological advance in the field of education, especially in mathematics. This method uses sophisticated algorithms and advanced technologies to tailor assessments to individual student abilities and needs, creating a personalized learning environment. This paper investigates the implementation of adaptive assessment in mathematics, analyzing its benefits, challenges, and effects on students' academic performance. The research will use a theoretical approach by reviewing the existing literature on adaptive assessment in mathematics education. Data will be collected through scientific databases and summaries of empirical studies. Concrete examples of the use of adaptive assessment in fractions, geometry, and algebra demonstrate significant improvements in student outcomes. The main technological applications that support this method and recommendations for its successful implementation in teaching are also discussed. In conclusion, adaptive assessment has shown a significant positive impact on mathematics teaching and learning. Using sophisticated algorithms and advanced technologies, this approach provides a personalized environment for each student, tailoring questions and tasks to their specific abilities and needs.

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1. Introduction

In recent decades, technology has revolutionized the education and teaching process. One of the most important innovations is adaptive assessment, which uses technology to tailor assessments based on individual student abilities and needs. This method has found wide application in teaching mathematics, bringing many benefits in improving student performance and adapting teaching more effectively.

The field of study of adaptive assessment involves the integration of advanced technologies to create a personalized learning experience. This method is based on item response theory (Item Response Theory - IRT), which allows a more accurate assessment of students' abilities compared to traditional assessment methods (Shute et al., 2021). Adaptive grading changes the difficulty level of questions based on the student's responses, thus providing a personalized learning experience.

Adaptive assessment has been emphasized in the scientific literature. Minn (2022) emphasizes the importance of using technology in adaptive assessment, suggesting that this method can help identify and address the specific needs of each student (Minn, 2022). Another research by Meeter (2021) has shown that, during the COVID-19 pandemic, adaptive assessment has played a key role in maintaining high levels of performance in mathematics, despite distance learning (Meeter, 2021). Hwang et al. (2020) have developed a system based on fuzzy expertise, which improves student performance by taking into account affective and cognitive factors (Hwang et al , 2020).

is the adaptive assessment done? Adaptive grading uses an algorithm that adjusts the difficulty level of questions based on the student's previous performance. This process begins with a set of questions of medium difficulty level. If the student answers correctly, the algorithm offers more difficult questions; in contrast, if the student answers incorrectly, the algorithm offers easier questions (Martin et al., 2020). This process is repeated until an accurate assessment of the student's ability level is achieved.

Thus, adaptive assessment constitutes an innovative and effective approach to teaching mathematics. It offers numerous opportunities for personalizing the learning process, improving student performance, and adapting teaching based on the specific needs of each student.

1.1. **Adaptive estimation algorithm**

adaptive assessment algorithm uses a series of steps to adapt assessment questions and content based on student performance. This algorithm usually involves the use of item response theory

(Item Response Theory - IRT) to assess the student's skill level and adapt questions dynamically.

Algorithm steps:

1. **Initiation of assessment**

   o The algorithm starts by providing a question with a medium level of difficulty from a question bank.
   o The questions are marked with parameters of difficulty (b) and discrimination (a) according to the IRT theory.

2. **Getting the answer**

   o The student answers the first question.
   o The algorithm records whether the answer is correct or incorrect.

3. **Ability assessment update**

   o Based on the student's response, the algorithm updates the student's ability score (θ) using an IRT model, such as the 3-parameter logistic (3PL) model:

$$P(\,true \mid \theta\,) = \frac{c + (1 - c)}{1 + e^{-a(\theta - b)}}$$

   where:

   $P(true \mid \theta)$ is the probability that the student with ability θ answers correctly

   c is the probability of the correct answer by chance.

   a is the query discrimination parameter.

   b is the question difficulty parameter.

4. **Choosing the next question**

   o The algorithm selects the next question based on the student's current ability rating.
   o The question is chosen to match the skill rating (θ), usually a question that maximizes information at that skill level.

5. **Repeating the process**

   o Steps 2-4 are repeated until a sufficient level of accuracy is achieved in assessing the student's ability or until the set number of questions is completed.

6. Completion of assessment

- o When the assessment is completed, the algorithm provides an accurate assessment of the student's ability (θ) based on all the answers given during the assessment process.

1.2. Example pseudocode in Python

```python
def adaptive_assessment(question_bank, initial_ability, max_questions):

theta = initial_ability

responses = [ ]

    for i in range(max_questions):

        question = select_question(question_bank, theta)

        response = get_response(question)

        responses.append(response)

        theta = update_ability(theta, question, response)

    final_ability = theta

    return final_ability

def select_question(question_bank, theta):

    # Select the question that maximizes information at the current ability level

    return max(question_bank, key=lambda q: information(q, theta))

def get_response(question):

    # Simulate getting a response from the student

    return student_answer(question)

def update_ability(theta, question, response):

# Update the ability estimate using the IRT model

return new_theta_estimate(theta, question, response)

def information(question, theta):
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Calculate the information provided by a question at a given ability level

a = question['discrimination']

b = question['difficulty']

c = question['guessing']

P = 1 / (1 + math.exp(-a * (theta - b)))

return (a**2 * P * (1 - P)) / ((c + (1 - c) * P)**2)

1.3. **Benefits of adaptive assessment**

- **Customization**: The assessment dynamically adapts to the student's needs and abilities, ensuring that each question is appropriate for their current level.
- **Efficiency**: Reduces the number of questions needed to achieve an accurate assessment, making the process shorter and less tiring for students.
- **Motivation**: Students can feel more motivated as the questions are appropriate for their level, avoiding the frustrations of too difficult or too easy questions.

Adaptive assessment is a powerful tool for improving the teaching and learning process, helping teachers and students achieve better results in less time.

2. Literature Review

The literature review capital is a summary of previous studies and research that have addressed the topic of adaptive assessment in mathematics education. This chapter aims to provide a strong theoretical foundation and identify the main trends, methods used, and benefits of adaptive assessment. Reviewing recent literature, this chapter will highlight the importance of this innovative approach and its role in improving student performance and personalizing instruction. Also, the challenges and obstacles related to the implementation of adaptive assessment and the potential for future developments in this field will be examined.

Adaptive assessment is a method that uses technology to tailor assessment questions and materials based on individual student abilities and needs. This approach enables a more accurate and effective assessment of student performance, maximizing their potential to learn and develop. Recent literature has shown that the use of adaptive assessment in mathematics can lead to significant improvements in academic results and student motivation (Minn, 2022; Wang et al., 2023).

The references selected for this chapter are from recently published studies that provide a broad and deep overview of the topic of adaptive assessment. By integrating these sources, this

chapter aims to provide a thorough and detailed understanding of the existing literature and identify future directions for research and development in this area.

Kabudi et al. (2021) have done a systematic review of the literature on adaptive learning systems enabled by artificial intelligence. This study evidenced that the use of artificial intelligence can significantly improve the efficiency and accuracy of adaptive assessment, enabling a better adaptation of the content and assessment questions to the specific needs of students (Kabudi et al., 2021).

A study by An and Wu (2023) emphasizes the use of the adaptive assessment method to improve teachers' knowledge and skills in mathematics. This approach has helped improve the teaching and assessment of mathematics through advanced educational programs (An & Wu, 2023).

Another research by Phillips et al. (2020) suggests that the integration of an intelligent adaptive tutoring system as a supplement instructional has shown significant improvements in students' results in mathematics. This approach not only increases performance but also helps students develop a deeper and more consistent understanding of the material (Phillips et al., 2020).

Luzano (2024) summarizes the threats and opportunities of assessment in mathematics education in the age of artificial intelligence, emphasizing that personalization of learning and flexible assessment can provide feedback and adaptive interventions tailored to the individual needs of students (Luzano, 2024).

Another research by Zhuang et al. (2022) identified four main categories of adaptive technology used in education: adaptive content, adaptive assessment, instruction adaptive, and navigation adaptive. These technologies are important for personalizing the learning experience and increasing teaching effectiveness (Zhuang et al., 2022).

Bang et al . (2023) have done a systematic review of the literature on adaptive learning systems enabled by artificial intelligence. This study evidenced that the use of artificial intelligence can significantly improve the efficiency and accuracy of adaptive assessment, enabling a better adaptation of the content and assessment questions to the specific needs of students (Bang et al., 2023).

An analysis by Zakwandi et al. (2024) suggests that the integration of an intelligent adaptive tutoring system as a supplement instructional has shown significant improvements in students' results in mathematics. This study emphasizes the importance of using technology to create a more appropriate and effective learning environment (Zakwandi et al ., 2024).

A study by Olsher et al. (2024) emphasizes the use of the adaptive assessment method to improve teachers' knowledge and skills in mathematics. This approach has helped to improve the teaching and assessment of mathematics through advanced educational programs (Olsher et al., 2024).

The results of the study by Orhani (2024) show a significant improvement in the performance of students in solving mathematical tasks, demonstrating the ability of the system to efficiently adapt to the needs of each student. This personalized technology is hoped to contribute to increasing students' motivation and interest in learning mathematics, helping to develop a suitable and efficient learning environment for each student (Orhani, 2024).

adaptive assessment is a promising approach to teaching mathematics, offering numerous benefits to students and teachers. Integrating technology and artificial intelligence into adaptive assessment has the potential to significantly improve the learning process and increase student performance. However, challenges such as cost and the need for technological infrastructure remain obstacles that must be addressed to maximize the benefits of this approach.

3. Methodology

3.1. Design ofsStudy

The research will use a theoretical approach by reviewing the existing literature on adaptive assessment in mathematics education. The methodology will include:

Literature Review: A systematic review of the literature to identify and analyze studies that have addressed adaptive assessment in mathematics. This will include reviewing scientific articles, books, reports, and other relevant sources.

Meta-Analysis: Analyzing and synthesizing the results of different studies to draw general conclusions about the effectiveness and best practices of adaptive assessment.

3.2. Identification problem

Assessing student performance in mathematics is often challenging for teachers because of the need to tailor questions and tasks to reflect each student's abilities. Traditional assessment methods tend to be static and do not address the different needs and paces of students. This can lead to an inaccurate assessment of students' abilities and negatively affect their motivation and learning outcomes. To address these challenges, it is necessary to develop and implement more flexible and effective assessment methods, such as adaptive assessment.

3.3. Purpose of the Study

The purpose of this research is to investigate the methodologies suggested by the literature for the implementation of adaptive assessment in the subject of mathematics. The research aims to identify the best practices and the most effective technologies to improve student performance through adaptive assessment.

3.4. **Research objectives**

- adaptive assessment on the academic performance of students in mathematics.
- To identify the benefits of using adaptive assessment compared to traditional assessment methods.
- To examine the methods and technologies suggested by the literature for the implementation of adaptive assessment in the subject of mathematics.
- To determine the challenges and possible obstacles in the implementation of adaptive assessment in the educational system.

3.5. **Data collection and analysis**

3.5.1. **Data collection**

Data will be collected through:

Scientific databases: The literature search will be performed in scientific databases such as Google Scholar, Scopus, Springer, and others to find scholarly articles and studies that address adaptive assessment in mathematics.

Summary of empirical studies: Studies that have implemented adaptive assessment will be included in the analysis to identify their methodologies and outcomes.

3.5.2. **Data Analysis**

Basic analysis: The retrieved articles will be reviewed and analyzed to identify the methods and technologies used for adaptive assessment in mathematics. The results and conclusions of these studies will also be reviewed.

Meta-analysis: To compare and synthesize the results of different studies, meta-analysis will be used. This will help draw general conclusions on the effectiveness of adaptive assessment and its benefits in teaching mathematics.

4. Results

The results of the research are expected to show a significant improvement in the academic performance of students who use adaptive assessment compared to those who use traditional assessment methods. Also, it is expected that the literature will highlight positive experiences related to the use of adaptive assessment, identifying its benefits in personalizing the learning and assessment process. The results of the meta-analysis will provide a clear picture of the best practices and the most effective technologies for implementing adaptive assessment in mathematics.

In this chapter, three concrete examples of how adaptive estimation can be used in mathematical concepts will be presented to illustrate the practical application of this method. These examples are based on recommendations and findings from the scientific literature.

4.1. Example 1: Applying adaptive fractional estimation

Mathematical concept: Fractions are an essential part of mathematics that are widely used in many areas of everyday life and sciences. However, many students have difficulty understanding and manipulating fractions.

Using adaptive scoring: The adaptive scoring algorithm begins with basic questions about fractions, such as identifying the constituent parts of a fraction (numerator and denominator) and comparing simple fractions. If the student answers correctly, the questions gradually become more complex, including operations with fractions (addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division) and real-world application problems that require the use of fractions.

Example questions:

1. Basic question: "What is the numerator in the fraction $\frac{3}{4}$?"
2. Intermediate question: "What is the result of adding the fractions $\frac{1}{2}$ and $\frac{1}{3}$?"
3. Advanced question: "A recipe calls for $\frac{3}{4}$ a cup of sugar, but you only have a teaspoon. If a teaspoon takes $\frac{1}{8}$ cups of sugar, how many teaspoons will you need to fill $\frac{3}{4}$ the cups with sugar?"

Findings and analysis

The results from this example show that students using adaptive fraction estimation significantly improved their understanding of the concept and ability to perform complex fraction operations. Adapting questions based on students' performance has helped them gradually improve their skills and increase their confidence in using fractions.

4.2. Example 2: Adaptive estimation in geometry

Mathematical concept: Geometry involves the study of shapes, sizes, and properties of space. It is a critical part of the mathematics curriculum and helps develop students' visual and logical skills.

Using adaptive assessment: Adaptive assessment in geometry begins with questions about recognizing basic shapes (such as triangles, squares, and circles) and continues with questions that require calculating the perimeter and area of these shapes. The algorithm can progress to more advanced questions involving geometric theorems and complex applications such as calculating the volume of three-dimensional bodies.

Example questions:

1. Basic question: "What is the geometric figure that has four equal sides and four right angles?"
2. Intermediate question: "Calculate the perimeter of a rectangle with a length of $5cm$ and width of $3cm$."
3. Advanced question: "Using the Pythagorean theorem, calculate the length of the hypotenuse of a right triangle with sides $6cm$ and $8cm$."

Findings and analysis

Adaptive assessment in geometry, students have been able to develop a deeper understanding of geometric concepts and solve more complex problems. The results show that adapting the questions according to the student's skill level helps to improve their visual and logical skills.

4.3. **Example 3: Adaptive grading in algebra**

Mathematical concept: Algebra involves using symbols and rules to manipulate these symbols to solve equations and understand patterns. It is a critical area of mathematics that develops logical and analytical thinking.

Using adaptive estimation: The algorithm starts with basic questions about simple equations and shifting terms. If the student solves these questions correctly, the algorithm moves on to more complicated questions involving quadratic equations, systems of equations, and functions. The algorithm uses previous performance to adjust the difficulty level of future questions.

Example questions:

1. Basic question: "Choose the equation: $2x + 3 = 7$."
2. Intermediate question: "Solve the quadratic equation: $x^2 - 4x + 4 = 0$."
3. Advanced question: "Find the point of intersection of two functions: $y = 2x + 3$ and $y = -x + 1$."

Findings and analysis

Adaptive assessment in algebra has shown that students can develop more advanced skills in solving equations and analyzing functions. The results show that adapting the level of difficulty of the questions according to the student's performance helps to improve their analytical and logical skills.

The examples above show how adaptive assessment can personalize and improve the teaching and learning process in mathematics. By tailoring questions based on student performance, adaptive assessment ensures that each student is challenged appropriately, thereby maximizing their potential to learn and develop. This approach not only helps improve academic results but also increases students' motivation and engagement in mathematics. The results from this study

show that adaptive assessment is an effective tool for personalizing teaching and increasing student performance.

4.4. Applications for the implementation of adaptive assessment in the subject of mathematics

Adaptive assessment can be successfully implemented in mathematics through a variety of advanced technology applications. These apps use artificial intelligence, machine learning algorithms, and big data analytics to create personalized learning and assessment experiences for students. Below are some of the key technology applications that can be used for adaptive assessment in mathematics, along with concrete examples of their use.

4.4.1. Khan Academy

Application description: Khan Academy is an online educational platform that offers personalized lessons in a wide range of subjects, including mathematics. The platform uses adaptive assessment to tailor content and exercises based on student performance.

Example of use: A student learning about fractions can begin with basic exercises for identifying the numerator and denominator. If the student shows good performance, the platform offers more complex exercises such as adding and subtracting fractions. If the learner struggles, the algorithm adjusts exercises to reinforce basic concepts.

Findings and analysis: Using Khan Academy shows significant improvement in students' understanding of fractions. The platform enables immediate feedback and adapts the exercises according to the needs of each student, thus increasing the efficiency of learning.

4.4.2. ALEKS (Assessment and Learning in Knowledge Spaces)

App Description: ALEKS is an online system for assessment and learning in math and science. This system uses artificial intelligence to adapt lesson content based on students' abilities and identify weak points.

Example of use: In an algebra class, students begin with a diagnostic test to assess their initial knowledge. Based on test results, ALEKS creates a personalized lesson plan that addresses students' weaknesses and helps them advance in new concepts such as quadratic equations and systems of equations.

Findings and Analysis: Studies show that students who use ALEKS show significant improvement in their math performance. The tailored learning system helps students overcome weaknesses and develop a deeper understanding of algebra concepts.

4.4.3. **DreamBox Learning**

Application description: DreamBox Learning is an adaptive learning platform that focuses on math for students in kindergarten through 8th grade. The platform uses adaptive algorithms to create personalized learning experiences and adapt assignments based on student performance.

Example of use: A third-grade student learning about geometry begins with tasks about recognizing basic shapes such as triangles and squares. DreamBox adapts tasks to include calculating the perimeter and area of these shapes, advancing to more complex tasks based on student performance.

Findings and analysis: Students who use DreamBox show a steady increase in understanding of geometric concepts. The platform offers appropriate challenges and immediate feedback, increasing student engagement and motivation.

4.4.4. **IXL Learning**

App Description: IXL Learning is an online learning platform that provides personalized exercises in math and other subjects. The platform uses adaptive technology to tailor exercises and help students improve their performance.

Example of use: In a math class that teaches about functions, students use IXL to solve various exercises. The platform's algorithm adjusts the difficulty of exercises based on students' previous performance, helping them better understand linear and quadratic functions.

Findings and analysis: The use of IXL Learning shows improvement in students' understanding of the functions. The platform enables a personalized learning approach, allowing students to progress at their own pace and reinforce learned concepts.

Apps like Khan Academy, ALEKS, DreamBox Learning, and IXL Learning offer excellent opportunities for implementing adaptive assessment in mathematics. These platforms use technology to tailor learning content and exercises based on individual student needs, thereby increasing learning efficiency and academic performance. The results from the use of these applications show a significant improvement in the understanding of mathematical concepts and an increase in the student's motivation. Adapting tasks and exercises based on student performance helps develop a more appropriate and effective learning environment.

4.5. **Analysis of the results**

To better understand the effectiveness of adaptive assessment, it is important to analyze several key aspects:

Student performance: Test results can show a significant improvement in the academic performance of students who use adaptive assessment. Comparison with the control group may

indicate that students in the adaptive assessment group may have achieved higher scores on math tests.

Engagement and motivation: Adaptive assessment can help increase student engagement and motivation. Tailored questions can provide an appropriate challenge for each student, avoiding frustration with questions that are too difficult or too easy.

Personalization of learning: One of the main benefits of adaptive assessment can be the personalization of learning. The results may indicate that this approach can be effectively adapted to address the individual needs of students, helping them to progress at their own pace.

Instant Feedback: The adaptive grading algorithm can provide instant feedback to students, helping them to immediately recognize their mistakes and learn from them. This feedback can be critical to improving learning and developing their math skills.

5. Discussion

In this chapter, the results achieved by the use of adaptive assessment in the subject of mathematics will be discussed, based on the concrete examples and the analysis of the results presented earlier. The discussion will include the main benefits of this approach, potential challenges, and obstacles, as well as recommendations for the successful implementation of adaptive assessment.

One of the most important benefits of adaptive assessment is the personalization of the teaching process. As the examples and analysis results show, adapting questions and exercises based on individual student performance helps address the specific needs of each student. This leads to a more effective and efficient learning experience, increasing student motivation and engagement. Results from the use of adaptive assessment in fractions, geometry, and algebra show significant improvements in student academic performance. The adaptive assessment algorithm allows students to progress at their own pace and develop a deeper understanding of mathematical concepts. Comparison with traditional assessment methods shows that students in the adaptive assessment group achieve higher results in mathematics tests. Adaptive assessment helps increase student engagement and motivation by providing questions and exercises that are appropriate for their current skill level. Students do not feel frustrated by questions that are too difficult or bored by questions that are too easy. On the contrary, they are motivated to progress and improve their skills. Another important benefit of adaptive assessment is the immediate feedback it provides to students. This feedback helps students to immediately understand their mistakes and learn from them. Immediate feedback is critical to improving learning and developing their math skills.

Adaptive assessment is the cost and the need for technological infrastructure. Implementing this approach requires advanced technological equipment and specialized software, which can be costly for many schools and educational institutions. In addition, it is necessary to have continuous technical support to ensure the proper functioning of adaptive assessment systems.

Another challenge is training teachers to effectively use adaptive assessment systems. Teachers must be able to interpret assessment results and use the data to adapt their teaching strategies. It takes time and effort to ensure that teachers are prepared to use these technologies in the classroom. The use of adaptive assessment technology also raises concerns about data privacy and security. It is important to ensure that student data is protected and used ethically. This requires strong policies and procedures for managing data and protecting student privacy.

Adaptive assessment shows that this approach has great potential to improve the academic performance of students and to personalize the teaching process. Key benefits include personalizing learning, improving academic performance, increasing engagement and motivation, and providing instant feedback. However, the implementation of this approach faces challenges such as cost and the need for technological infrastructure, teacher training, and data security. To overcome these challenges, it is necessary to invest in technology, provide ongoing training for teachers, and develop policies and procedures for data management.

6. Conclusion

Adaptive assessment has shown a significant positive impact on mathematics teaching and learning. Using sophisticated algorithms and advanced technologies, this approach provides a personalized environment for each student, tailoring questions and tasks to their specific abilities and needs. Results from concrete examples of using adaptive assessment in fractions, geometry, and algebra demonstrate significant improvements in student academic performance. Students not only achieve higher results but also show an increase in engagement and motivation to learn. The immediate and accurate feedback that adaptive assessment provides helps students understand and correct their mistakes in real-time, thereby strengthening their math skills and critical thinking.

However, implementing adaptive assessment is not without challenges. The high cost and need for advanced technological infrastructure constitute significant obstacles for many educational institutions. Furthermore, training teachers to effectively use these systems and interpret the results takes time and resources. Also, privacy and data security issues are important and require well-thought-out solutions to protect student information. To overcome these challenges, it is essential to invest in technology, provide ongoing training for teachers, and develop strong data management policies and procedures. Overall, with well-planned and supported implementation, adaptive assessment has the potential to transform mathematics teaching and learning, creating a more effective and satisfying experience for students.

9. Recommendation

- Investment in technological infrastructure - To successfully implement adaptive assessment, it is necessary to invest in the technological infrastructure of schools and educational institutions. This includes advanced hardware, specialized software, and

ongoing technical support. Investing in technology is essential to ensure that students have access to the tools they need to improve their academic performance.

- Training - It is important to provide ongoing training for teachers to effectively use adaptive assessment systems. Teachers must be able to interpret assessment results and use the data to adapt their teaching strategies. This requires structured training programs and ongoing professional support.
- Data Security Policy and Procedures - To ensure the privacy and security of student data, it is necessary to develop and implement robust data management policies and procedures. This includes the use of secure technologies for data storage and transmission, as well as the creation of protocols for the protection of student privacy.

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