

Relation Between Primary School Students' Mathematics Achievement And Curriculum Structure

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ABSTRACT

The aim of this study is to explore the relationship between the lower graders' math achievement and math curriculum structure. As the study samples, math achievement and teaching hours concerning 523 primary school graduates and 18 teachers respectively were investigated. According to math textbooks and teacher's manuals reviewed by Ministry of Education, R. O. C., the curriculum structure graphs for the first four semesters are obtained and their corresponding uncertainties are also computed by using the machinery of entropy. The main results of this study are as follows: (1) In comparison with the other three semesters, the structure of the units in mathematics textbook adopted in the second semester results in more increment of uncertainty. (2) Any two distinct semester achievements in math are significantly different except in the case of the last two semesters. (3) For low-achieving students, the semester achievement in math is significantly correlated with the uncertainty in the corresponding curriculum structure. (4) The difference of practical and predetermined teaching hours is insignificantly correlated with the uncertainty of the corresponding curriculum structure. Finally, based on the the relationship between the math achievement and math curriculum structure, the researcher provided the educational authorities, teachers, students of low achievement and future research suggestions.

Keywords : math achievement、 curriculum structure、 uncertainty、 entropy

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