

**CONNECTIVITY BETWEEN MATHEMATICS AND SCIENCE  
CONCEPTS AND A PLAN FOR ORGANIZATION OF  
EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS  
-FOCUSED ON MARGINALIZED LEARNERS<sup>†</sup>**

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**ABSTRACT.** In this paper, the connection and convergence between mathematics and science (physics) concepts were investigated. In addition, methods to closely analyze the degree of mathematics and science (physics) learning were looked into. Furthermore, methods to express and analyze the learning states of individual learners were investigated and a plan to organize educational programs was sought.

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## 1. Introduction

As the polarization of social classes has intensified due to social imbalance, the population of the underprivileged has continued to increase. The intensification of social class polarization as such is a problem that our society must overcome. To resolve the problem of polarization, various welfare support and policies should be implemented. First of all, our society should enable students who are alienated from learning to enjoy the benefits of education. As part of the foregoing, many studies have been conducted to help the education of socially underprivileged students. Nam Sang-il and two others (2017) analyzed 272 papers on science education (125 papers published in journals listed in KCI and candidate journals for listing from 1994 to February 2017 and 147 domestic master's and doctoral dissertations) conducted with underprivileged students. According to the results, 61% of those papers are studies related to dual disabilities, 6% are studies related to North Korean defector students, 20% are studies related

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to underachievers, 5% are studies related to the remaining other underprivileged student groups. In addition, as for the contents of the studies, core terms that were dealt with continuously and intensively were not observed, and studies on various topics and concepts were sporadically conducted ([8]). In the fields of mathematics and science, various studies have been conducted such as studies related to affective and cognitive domains and studies related to educational programs ([1]-[7], [9], [14], [15], [16]). As for papers targeting the underprivileged in the field of science or mathematics, studies on a certain topic or concept are insufficient, studies were conducted in the short-term, and the development of educational programs intended to provide practical help to the learning of underprivileged students is lacking. Therefore, it is necessary to closely examine the learning situation of students who are alienated from learning mathematics and science and prepare a plan to establish educational programs. In addition, such studies should be conducted from a long-term perspective. Therefore, in this paper, the connectivity between mathematics and science concepts was investigated, and a plan to organize educational programs that can help students who were alienated from learning mathematics and science was sought.

## 2. Connection of mathematics concepts ([10]-[13])

The connections of mathematics concepts based on the results of learner's problem-solving can be expressed on a plane. These expressions are simple when expressing a connection between one or two concepts, but are usually complex or difficult to express when expressing a connection between many concepts. If a sphere is used, expressions on a plane as such will be expressed visually simply, and it will be easy to evaluate how much the learner connects concepts and use the evaluation result. Here, the contents studied already will be examined.

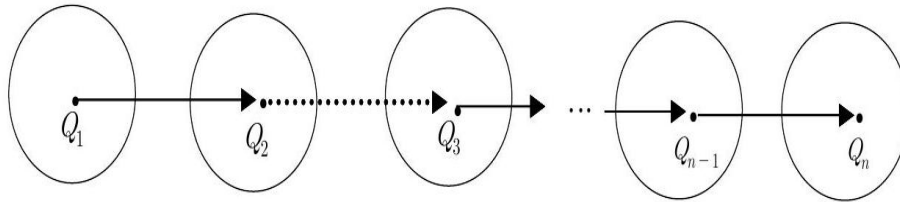
**2.1. SINGLE PLANE, CONNECTED SINGLE PLANE.** Let us consider the inside of a circle of which the center is  $p$  and the radius is  $r$ . Let us assume that the inside of the circle is composed of infinite points, and let the center of the circle be  $p_k$  (lower level problem) and the radius be  $r_k$ . Let a set of infinitely many upper level problems directly related to the  $p_k$  inside of the circle as such be  $\langle \text{single Plane } P_k \rangle$ . In this case,  $\downarrow \text{single plane } p_k \rangle$  means a set of finite upper level problems directly related to the  $p_k$  inside the circle, and a set composed of minimum problems directly related to the lower level problem  $p_k$ .  $\downarrow \text{Plane } P_k \rangle$  refers to the state in which all the concepts on  $\langle \text{single Plane } P_k \rangle$  are understood, and  $\downarrow \text{plane } p_{ki} \rangle$  means that all 'minimum upper level problems' directly related to the lower level problem  $p_k$  have been solved. Since there is no room for confusion about  $\langle \text{single plane } \rangle$  and  $\langle \text{plane } \rangle$ ,  $\langle \text{single plane } \rangle$  and  $\langle \text{plane } \rangle$  are used interchangeably. Here, if the learner has solved the minimum problem inside  $\langle \text{plane } p_k \rangle$ , he/she will be considered to have solved infinite number of problems inside  $\langle \text{Plane } P_k \rangle$ .

In general, the state in which all of problem types  $Q_1$  from  $Q_n$  have been solved is called  $\downarrow \text{connected single plane } \rangle$ .  $\langle k\text{-connected single plane } \rangle$  means

the state in which some of the problem types ( $k$  pieces of problem types) out of problem types  $Q_1$  from  $Q_n$  have been solved. Here, problem type  $Q_i$  means an infinitely many upper level problems (problems of the same type) inside a circle of which the center is  $p_i (i = 1, 2, 3, \dots, n)$ .

Let us assume that the learner has partially solved each of  $Q_i$  (for each  $1 \leq i \leq n$ ). In this case, the learner is said to be in the  $\langle n$ - partially connected single plane  $\rangle$  state ( $\langle$  Figure 1  $\rangle$ ).

(2) The state in which  $k (1 \leq k \leq n - 1)$  types of problems have been partially solved out of problem types  $Q_i (1 \leq i \leq n)$  is called  $\langle k$ - partially connected single plane $\rangle_i$ . For example, if a learner has partially solved the problem laid on  $Q_2$  and  $Q_3$ , the learner will be said to be in the  $\langle 1$ - partially connected single plane  $\rangle$  state ( $\langle$  Figure 1  $\rangle$ ). That is, let us assume that a learner is in the state. This means that the learner partially understands the mathematics concepts related to each type of problems among problem types  $Q_i$ .

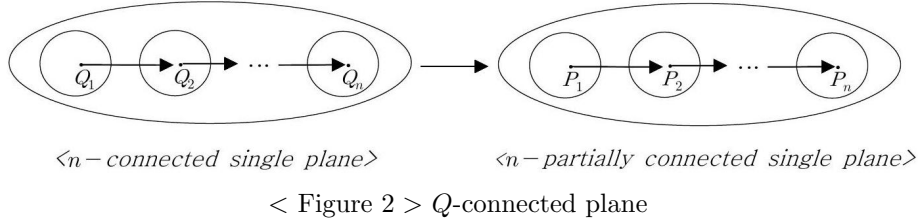


$\langle$  Figure 1  $\rangle$ 1- partially connected single plane

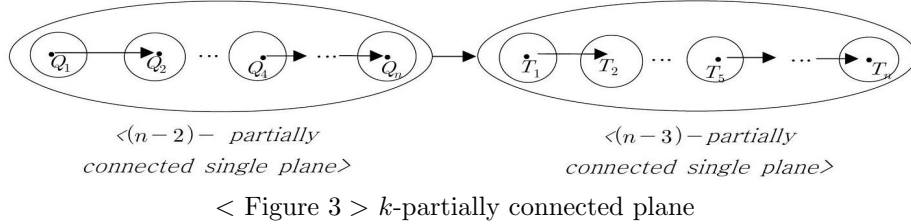
**2.2. CONNECTED PLANE AND CONNECTED CYCLE.** Let  $Q$  (problem type) be a problem type directly related to 'mathematics concept  $G$ ' or 'science concept  $G$ ', or 'mathematics and science concept  $G$ '. That is,  $Q = \{Q_i, 1 \leq i \leq n, n : \text{finite}\}$ . And let  $P$  (problem type) be a problem type directly related to 'mathematics concept  $C$ ' or 'science concept  $C$ ', or 'mathematics and science concept  $C$ ', that is,  $P = \{P_i, 1 \leq i \leq n, n : \text{finite}\}$ .

**2.2.1. CONNECTED PLANE, K-PART. CONNECTED PLANE.** Being in the state means that 'concept  $G$ ' and 'concept  $C$ ' are connected. In addition, it means that the learner is in the state of  $\langle n$ -connected single plane $\rangle_i$ . Let us assume that a learner is in the  $\langle n$ - partially connected single plane  $\rangle$  state. Then, it means that the learner partially knows 'concept  $G$ ' or 'concept  $C$ ' and that learning correction is needed.

Let us assume that the learner is in the state of  $\langle n$ - connected single plane  $\rangle$  for  $Q$  and in the state of  $\langle n$ -partially connected single plane $\rangle_i$  for  $P$ . Then, the learner is said to be in the  $\langle Q$ -connected plane $\rangle_i$  state ( $\langle$  Figure 2  $\rangle$ ). That is, the learner knows 'concept  $G$ ' but partially knows 'concept  $C$ '.



Let us assume that a learner is in the  $\langle k$ -partially connected single plane $\rangle$  state. This partially connects  $Q$  and  $P$ , and is called to be in a  $\langle k$ -partially connected plane $\rangle$  or  $\langle k$ -partially connected concept plane $\rangle$  state ( $k = 1, 2, \dots, n$ ). In detail, this state is also called a  $\langle (n-2 : Q) - (n-3 : P)$ -partially connected plane $\rangle$  state. This means that learners in this state partially understand 'concept  $G$ ' and 'concept  $C$ '. In addition, a large value of  $k$  means that there are many unconnected. This indicates a very poor learning situation in learning. This means that a learner in this state is lacking connection between mathematics concepts, between science concepts, or between mathematics and science concepts. Therefore, this means that learners in this state of learning must be taught learning from the basic concepts related to the lower level problems.



**2.2.2. CONNECTED CYCLE.** How learners connect the concepts they have learned affects their next learning. In the previous section, the connectivity between the learned concepts was explained on a plane. Connections between concepts are often difficult or complicated to map on a plane. Therefore, in , connectivity on a plane can be effectively utilized by expressing it three-dimensionally. That is, it can be seen that if a  $\langle$ connected cycle $\rangle$  is formed in , it will become a  $\langle$ connected plane $\rangle$ .

For example, if a learner is said to be in the learning state of  $[S_{q_1} \rightarrow S_{q_2}, S_{q_2} \rightarrow S_{q_3}]$  and  $[S_{t_1} \rightarrow S_{t_2}, S_{t_2} \rightarrow S_{t_3}]$ , it will mean that the learner is forming a relation network by connecting the two concepts. This fact expressed on the  $\langle$ plane $\rangle$  is represented visually in the  $\langle$ sphere $\rangle$ . Therefore, since  $\langle$ connected plane $\rangle$  can be expressed as , a lot of information about the learner's learning state can be expressed visually. That is,

$$\begin{aligned}
& [S_{q_1} \cup S_{q_2} \cup S_{q_3}] \cup [S_{t_1} \cup S_{t_2} \cup S_{t_3}] \\
& \equiv \langle 3\text{-connected single plane} \rangle \cup \langle 3\text{-connected single plane} \rangle \\
& \equiv \langle \text{Plane } Q \rangle \cup \langle \text{Plane } T \rangle \\
& \equiv \langle \text{connected plane} \rangle \equiv \langle \text{connected cycle} \rangle .
\end{aligned}$$

### 3. Connections between mathematics and science concepts

Here, to examine the connectivity between mathematics and science (physics) concepts, convergence and connectivity ([11]-[14]) in the sphere are used after being modified and supplemented. Thereafter, based on the results, learners' learning states will be analyzed and an educational program for guidance will be discussed.

**3.1. Definition of terms.** Students from the underprivileged and those experiencing difficulties in learning receive insufficient educational benefits compared to students from other classes or students who have little difficulty in learning. This is a social phenomenon. Therefore, it is very important to ensure that underprivileged learners are provided with learning opportunities. In this sense, a student from an underprivileged class or a student experiencing learning difficulties is defined as an underprivileged learner. Hereinafter, a learner or student means a student from the underprivileged or a student experiencing difficulties in learning.

**3.2. Organization of problems.** In order to examine the connection between mathematics and science (physics) concepts, two problem types,  $Q$  and  $T$  are considered. Problem type  $Q$  was organized around the basic concepts related to the limit, continuity, differentiation, and speed of a function, and problem type  $T$  was organized around the basic concepts related to the definition, operation, components of vectors and the decomposition of velocity vectors. In addition, in order to find out how much the learner connects between basic concepts, each of methods  $[D_i, E_i, M_i, N_i, V_i, O_i, R_i, F_i (i = 1, 2, 3)]$  was composed of at least 4 items. Type  $Q (Q_i, i = 1, 2, 3, 4)$  and type  $T (T_i, i = 1, 2, 3, 4)$  were organized considering the complementary connections and convergence between concepts ( $\langle$  Table 1  $\rangle, \langle$  Table 2  $\rangle$ ).

**3.2.1. Problem type  $Q_i (i = 1, 2, 3, 4)$ .** Each type  $(Q_i, i = 1, 2, 3, 4)$  was constructed considering the learning hierarchy, and each type was constructed in three methods. Also, the three methods  $(R_i, i = 1, 2, 3)$  as such were constructed considering connections between concepts. The contents of individual types are as follows ( $\langle$  Table 1  $\rangle$ ).

(1)  $D_1$  : This is a problem of finding the limit value of a linear function.  $D_2$  is a problem of finding the left and right limits of a linear function.  $D_3$  is a problem asking the existence of a limit in a discontinuous function.

(2)  $E_1$  is a problem of intuitively distinguishing a continuous function from a discontinuous function.  $E_2$  is a problem of finding the function value and the limit value of a rational function.  $E_3$  is a problem of distinguishing between continuous and discontinuous functions according to the definition of the continuity of functions.

(3)  $M_1$  is a problem of finding the differential coefficients of a linear function and a quadratic function using the formula of differentiation.  $M_2$  is a problem of finding the differential coefficient according to the definition of the differential coefficient.  $M_3$  is a problem of finding the derivative according to the definition of the derivative.

(4)  $N_1$  is a problem of finding the horizontal and vertical speeds when time  $t$  and the position vector components of point  $P$  are given as functions.  $N_2$  is a problem of finding the velocity of point  $P$  at time  $t$  when the component of the position vector is given as a function.  $N_3$  is a problem of finding the acceleration of point  $P$  at time  $t$  when the component of the position vector is given as a function.

Problem type	Content	Method	Concept
$Q_1$	Limit	$D_1$	Limit value
		$D_2$	Left-hand limit, right-hand limit
		$D_3$	Left-hand limit, right-hand limit
$Q_2$	Continuity of function	$E_1$	Intuitively continuous and discontinuous
		$E_2$	Function value, limit value
		$E_3$	Definition of continuity
$Q_3$	Differentiation	$M_1$	Differential coefficient
		$M_2$	Definition of differential coefficients
		$M_3$	Definition of derivatives
$Q_4$	Velocity, acceleration	$N_1$	Velocity in position vector
		$N_2$	Velocity
		$N_3$	Acceleration

< Table 1 > Concept of  $Q_i (i = 1, 2, 3, 4)$

**3.2.2. Problem type  $T_i (i = 1, 2, 3, 4)$ .** Each type ( $T_i, i = 1, 2, 3, 4$ ) was constructed considering the learning hierarchy, and each type was constructed in three methods. Also, the three methods ( $T_i, i = 1, 2, 3$ ) as such were constructed considering connections between concepts. The contents of individual types are as follows (< Table 2 >).

(1)  $V_1$  is a problem of distinguishing between scalars and vectors, and  $V_2$  is a problem of finding the magnitude of a vector when the length is given.  $V_3$  is a problem of finding vectors with the same direction and vectors with the opposite directions when vectors with different magnitudes and directions are given.

(2)  $O_1$  is a problem of expressing the addition and subtraction of vectors on a coordinate plane where there are two vectors, and  $O_2$  is a problem of expressing the addition and subtraction of vectors when multiplied by real numbers.  $O_3$  is a problem of adding and subtracting vectors when vectors are given.

(3)  $R_1$  is a problem of distinguishing the same position vectors.  $R_2$  is a problem of expressing a vector as position vectors of two points and expressing them as components.  $R_3$  is a problem related to the components and magnitude of a vector composed of two points.

(4)  $F_1$  is a problem of finding the resultant force of forces.  $F_2$  is a problem of finding the change amount of the velocity vector and the direction of the acceleration.  $F_3$  is a problem of finding the magnitudes of the components of the velocity vector.

Problem type	Content	Method	Concept
$T_1$	Definition of vectors	$V_1$	Scalar, vector
		$V_2$	Definition of vectors, magnitudes of vectors
		$V_3$	Vectors according to the direction and magnitude of a vector
$T_2$	Operations of vectors	$O_1$	Vector addition and subtraction
		$O_2$	Real number multiple of a vector
		$O_3$	Vector addition and subtraction
$T_3$	Components of a vector	$R_1$	Position vector
		$R_2$	Representation of the components of a vector
		$R_3$	Magnitude of a vector
$T_4$	Components of a velocity vector	$F_1$	Resultant force of forces
		$F_2$	Amount of change in velocity, direction of acceleration
		$F_3$	Decomposition of a velocity vector

Table 2 > Concept of  $T_i (i = 1, 2, 3, 4)$

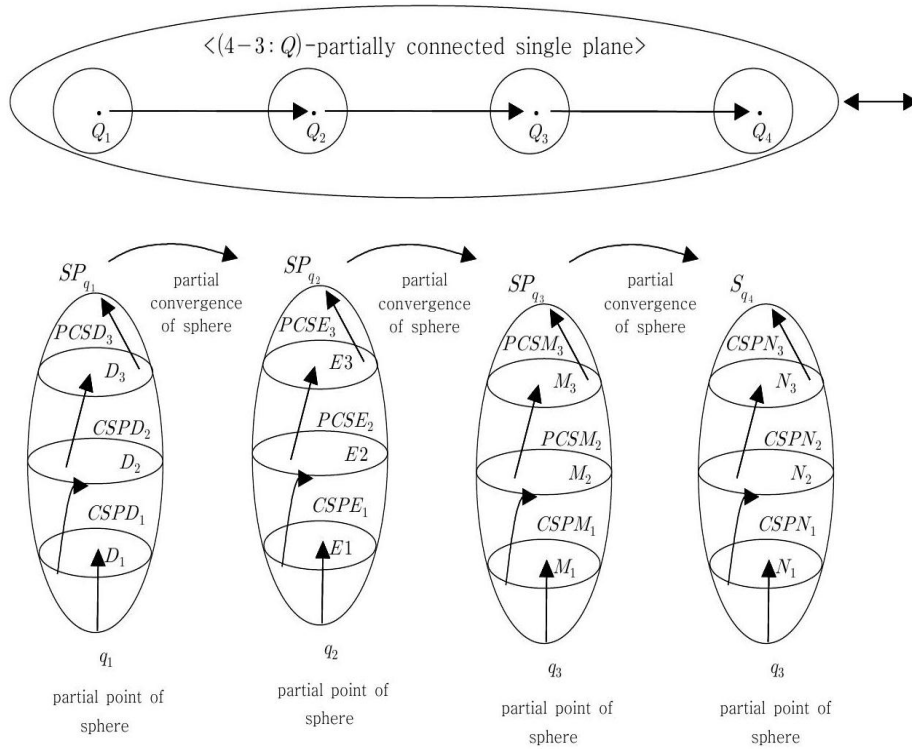
### 3.3. Expression of and analysis learning states.

**3.3.1. Expression of the learner's learning state.** We virtually set the learner's learning results for the problem types  $Q$  and  $P$  (< table 1 >, < table 2 >) and visually expressed them in the sphere. Thereafter, the learner's learning state was virtually set and analyzed. In the expression, complementary connections and convergence between concepts were considered. The mutually complementary connections and convergence enables understanding the learner's learning state a little more closely. In addition, analyzing how much mutually complementarily the learner connects concepts can be of great help to teaching and learning.

< Fig 1 > is called '  $(4 - 3Q_i, i = 1, 2, 3)$ -partially connected cycle.' CSP is called , and means that the concept on the plane is understood. PCS is called , and means that the concept on the plane is partially understood. Since  $Q_i (i = 1, 2, 3, 4)$  partially converges on  $Q_i (i = 1, 2, 3)$  and totally converges on  $Q_4$ , it is called . That is, concepts on  $Q_i (i = 1, 2, 3, 4)$  are said to be partially connected.

Plane  $D_i (i = 1, 2)$  converges on  $D_i (i = 1, 2)$  and partially converges on  $D_3$ . That is, CSPD $_i (i = 1, 2)$  means that the learner understands how to find the limit value on plane  $D_i (i = 1, 2)$ , and PCSD $_3$  means that the learner partially

understands the concept of the limit on plane  $D_3$ . Plane  $E_1$  converges on  $Q_2$ , and partially converges on  $E_i(i = 2, 3)$ . This means that continuous and discontinuous functions on plane  $E_1$  can be intuitively distinguished, and that the function value and limit value of the rational function on plane  $E_i(i = 2, 3)$  can be partially obtained, and the concepts of continuity and discontinuity are understood. Plane  $M_1$  converges on  $Q_3$ , and partially converges on  $M_i(i = 2, 3)$ . This means that the differential coefficient on plane  $M_1$  can be obtained using the formula of differentiation, and the concept of the differential coefficient or derivative on  $M_i(i = 2, 3)$  is partially understood. Inside  $Q_4$ , plane  $M_1$  totally converges. That is, this means that the learner knows how to find the velocity and acceleration at the position vector on plane  $N_i(i = 1, 2, 3)$ ( < Fig 1 > ).



< Fig 1 >  $(4 - 3Q_i, i = 1, 2, 3)$ -partially connected cycle

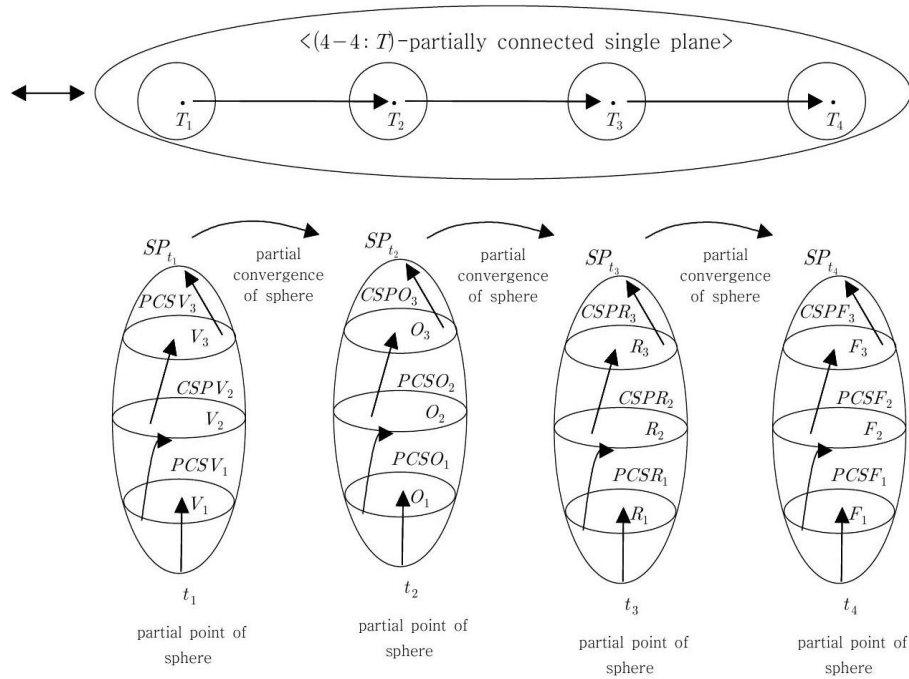
[Fig 2 > is called ' $(4 - 4T_i, i = 1, 2, 3)$ -partially connected cycle.' In addition, since plane  $M_1$  partially converges on  $T_i(i = 1, 2, 3, 4)$ , it is called as a whole. That is, it means that the learner partially understands the partial connections of the concepts on  $T_i(i = 1, 2, 3, 4)$ . Therefore, it means that learning correction with this type should be made.

Plane  $T_i(i = 1, 3)$  converges on  $T_1$  and partially converges  $T_2$ . That is,  $PCSV_i(i = 1, 3)$  means that the learner can partially distinguish the scalars



and vectors on plane  $V_i(i = 1, 3)$ , the same vectors and vectors in different directions.  $CSPV_2$  means that the learner can find the magnitude of the vector on  $V_2$ .

Plane  $O_i(i = 1, 2)$  partially converges on  $T_2$ , and partially converges on  $T_2$ . This indicates that the learner partially understands the addition and subtraction of vectors on the coordinate plane and the addition and subtraction of vectors multiplied by real numbers. On  $T_3$ ,  $R_1$  partially converges and  $R_i(i = 2, 3)$  converges. Therefore, the learner as such experiences difficulties in distinguishing the same position vectors but understands the concepts related to the components and magnitudes of vectors. Since  $F_3$  partially converges and  $F_i(i = 1, 2)$  converges on  $T_4$ , it is analyzed that the learner knows how to find the resultant force of forces, the amount of change in the velocity vector, and the direction of acceleration (< Fig 2 >).



<Fig2>(4-4  $T_i, i = 1, 2, 3, 4$ )-partially connected cycle

< Fig 2 > (4 - 4  $T_i, i = 1, 2, 3, 4$ )-partially connected cycle

**3.3.2. Analysis of learning state.** Student A is in the learning state of  $\langle S_{q_1}, S_{q_2}, SP_{q_3}, S_{q_4} \rangle$  on  $Q(Q_i, i = 1, 2, 3, 4)$  and in the learning state of  $\langle SP_{T_1}, S_{t_2}, S_{t_3}, SP_{t_4} \rangle$  on  $T(T_i, i = 1, 2, 3, 4)$ . The means that student A state converges on  $Q_i(i = 1, 2, 4)$  and partially converges on  $Q_3$ . In addition, the student A converges on  $T_i(i = 1, 4)$  and converges on  $T_t(i = 2, 3)$ . Student B

is in the learning state of  $\langle S_{q_1}, SS_{q_2}, SP_{q_3}, S_{q_4} \rangle$  on  $Q(Q_i, i = 1, 2, 3, 4)$  and in the learning state of  $\langle SP_{T_1}, S_{t_2}, SS_{t_3}, SP_{t_4} \rangle$  on  $T(T_i, i = 1, 2, 3, 4)$ . This means that student B converges on  $Q_i (i = 1, 2)$  and partially converges on  $Q_i (i = 3, 4)$ . In addition, student B partially converges on  $T_i (i = 1, 4)$  and converges on  $T_t (i = 2, 3)$ . Student C is in the state of  $\langle SP_{q_1}, SP_{q_2}, STP_{q_3}, STP_{q_4} \rangle$  on  $Q(Q_i, i = 1, 2, 3, 4)$  and in the state of  $\langle STP_{T_1}, STP_{T_2}, SP_{T_3}, STP_{T_4} \rangle$  on  $T(T_i, i = 1, 2, 3, 4)$ . This means that student C partially converges on  $D_i (i = 1, 2)$  and partial converges on  $Q_i (i = 3, 4)$ . In addition, student C totally partially converges on  $T_i (i = 1, 2, 4)$  and partially converges on  $T_3$ .

student	form of problem	$Q_1$	$Q_2$	$Q_3$	$Q_4$
A	method 1	$CSPD_1$	$CSPE_1$	$CSPM_1$	$CSPN_1$
	method 2	$CSPD_2$	$CSPE_2$	$PCSM_2$	$CSPN_2$
	method 3	$CSPD_3$	$CSPE_3$	$PCSM_3$	$CSPN_3$
	evaluation	$S_{q_1}$	$S_{q_2}$	$SP_{q_3}$	$S_{q_4}$
B	method 1	$CSPD_1$	$CSPE_1$	$CSPM_1$	$CSPN_1$
	method 2	$CSPD_2$	$CSPE_2$	$PCSM_2$	$CSPN_2$
	method 3	$CSPD_3$	$CSPE_3$	$PCSM_3$	$CSPN_3$
	evaluation	$S_{q_1}$	$S_{q_2}$	$SP_{q_3}$	$S_{q_4}$
C	method 1	$CSPD_1$	$CSPE_1$	$PCSM_1$	$PCSN_1$
	method 2	$PCSD_2$	$PCSE_2$	$PCSM_2$	$PCSN_2$
	method 3	$PCSD_3$	$PCSE_3$	$PCSM_3$	$PCSN_3$
	evaluation	$SP_{q_1}$	$SP_{q_2}$	$STP_{q_3}$	$STP_{q_4}$
D	method 1	$CSPD_1$	$CSPE_1$	$CSPM_1$	$PCSN_1$
	method 2	$CSPD_2$	$PCSE_2$	$PCSM_2$	$CSPN_2$
	method 3	$PCSD_3$	$PCSE_3$	$PCSM_3$	$PCSN_3$
	evaluation	$SP_{q_1}$	$SP_{q_2}$	$SP_{q_3}$	$SP_{q_4}$
E	method 1	$CSPD_1$	$CSPE_1$	$CSPM_1$	$CSPN_1$
	method 2	$CSPD_2$	$PCSE_2$	$PCSM_2$	$CSPN_2$
	method 3	$PCSD_3$	$PCSE_3$	$PCSM_3$	$CSPN_3$
	evaluation	$SP_{q_1}$	$SP_{q_2}$	$SP_{q_3}$	$S_{q_4}$

table 3 > Results for problem types related to the limit, continuity, and differentiation of functions

Student D is in the state of  $\langle SP_{q_1}, SP_{q_2}, SP_{q_3}, SP_{q_4} \rangle$  on  $Q(Q_i, i = 1, 2, 3, 4)$  and in the state of  $\langle STP_{T_1}, SP_{T_2}, SP_{T_3}, STP_{T_4} \rangle$  on  $T(T_i, i = 1, 2, 3, 4)$ . This means that student D partially converges on  $D_i (i = 1, 2, 3, 4)$  and partially converges on  $Q_i (i = 1, 4)$ . In addition, student D totally partially converges on  $T_i (i = 1, 4)$  and partial converges on  $T_i (i = 2, 3)$ . The evaluation of student E is shown to be  $SP_{q_1}, SP_{q_2}, SP_{q_3}, S_{q_4}$  on problem type Q and  $SP_{T_1}, SP_{T_2}, SP_{T_3}, SP_{T_4}$  on problem type T (< table 3 >, < table 4 >).

student	form of problem	$T_1$	$T_2$	$T_3$	$T_4$
A	method 1	$PCSV_1$	$CSPO_1$	$CSPR_1$	$PCSF_1$
	method 2	$CSPV_2$	$CSPO_2$	$CSPR_2$	$CSPF_2$
	method 3	$CSPV_3$	$CSPO_3$	$CSPR_3$	$CSPF_3$
	evaluation	$SP_{t_1}$	$S_{t_2}$	$S_{t_3}$	$SP_{t_4}$
B	method 1	$CSPV_1$	$CSPO_1$	$PCSR_1$	$CSPF_1$
	method 2	$CSPV_2$	$CSPO_2$	$CSPR_2$	$CSPF_2$
	method 3	$CSPV_3$	$CSPO_3$	$CSPR_3$	$CSPF_3$
	evaluation	$S_{t_1}$	$S_{t_2}$	$SP_{t_3}$	$SP_{t_4}$
C	method 1	$PCSV_1$	$PCSO_1$	$PCSR_1$	$PCSF_1$
	method 2	$PCSV_2$	$PCSO_2$	$PCSR_2$	$PCSF_2$
	method 3	$PCSV_3$	$PCSO_3$	$CSPR_3$	$PCSF_3$
	evaluation	$STP_{t_1}$	$STP_{t_2}$	$SP_{t_3}$	$STP_{t_4}$
D	method 1	$PCSV_1$	$PCSO_1$	$PCSR_1$	$PCSF_1$
	method 2	$PCSV_2$	$CSPO_2$	$PCSR_2$	$PCSF_2$
	method 3	$PCSV_3$	$CSPO_3$	$CSPR_3$	$PCSF_3$
	evaluation	$STP_{t_1}$	$SP_{t_2}$	$SP_{t_3}$	$STP_{t_4}$
E	method 1	$PCSV_1$	$PCSO_1$	$PCSR_1$	$PCSF_1$
	method 2	$CSPV_2$	$PCSO_2$	$CSPR_2$	$PCSF_2$
	method 3	$PCSV_3$	$CSPO_3$	$CSPR_3$	$CSPF_3$
	evaluation	$SP_{t_1}$	$SP_{t_2}$	$SP_{t_3}$	$SP_{t_4}$

&lt; table 4 &gt; Results for types of problems related to vector

#### 4. Educational program development plan and discussion

Educational programs related to science, mathematics, and engineering have been studied and developed extensively. The developed educational programs do not provide practical help to students' learning due to the short-term studies and applications. Such programs should be made to help students' learning in the long run. In addition, the research environment should be improved so that studies related to the development of educational programs can be conducted in tandem. In addition, educational programs should be developed and applied for purposes that consider various factors such as the benefits of education, the effects of education, and the improvement of education, rather than the purpose of research.

Educational programs have been developed for students who experience difficulties in learning mathematics or science subjects. In these studies, the effectiveness of the educational program is proven by investigating and analyzing what difficulties students are experiencing after applying the educational programs. And it is true that these educational programs have helped students who experience difficulties in learning. However, there still remain things that need to be supplemented in the analysis of students' learning situations. That is, most studies are constrained in applying and developing due to social conditions. This is a phenomenon that can be sufficiently overcome if the method of

analyzing the learner's learning state is modified and supplemented. Therefore, educational programs considering the learning difficulties of individual learners can be developed by breaking away from various situations. There are many difficulties in learning experienced by individual learners. Although it is impossible to consider everything, methods to analyze learners' learning states should be developed considering the minimum time and economic feasibility.

As shown in < table 3 > and < table 4 >, learner C is experiencing the following difficulties with concepts related to the limit, continuity, and differential of vectors and functions. Learner C can find the limit value of a linear function, but he lacks the understanding of the concept of the left-hand limit and the right-hand limit. In addition, while he can distinguish between continuity and discontinuity by intuition, he experiences difficulties in finding function values and limit values. Furthermore, he lacks the understanding of the continuity and discontinuity of a function according to the definition of continuity. With regard to the concept of differentiation, he is experiencing difficulties in finding the differential coefficient using the formula of differentiation. He partially understands the concepts of differential coefficients and derivatives. He also has difficulties with how to find velocity and acceleration. With regard to the concept of vectors, he has difficulties in finding scalars and vectors, the same vector and different vectors, and the magnitude of vectors. He can partially perform operations (addition, subtraction) of vectors on the coordinate plane. However, he solved well the operation of real number multiples of vectors. With regards to the components of vectors, although he partially understands the indications of the components of position vectors and vectors, he well solve the problem of finding the size of a vector using the formula. With regard to velocity vectors and the components, he partially understands the concepts of the resultant force of forces, the amount of changes in velocity, the direction of acceleration, and the decomposition of velocity vectors. As such, the learning state of learner C is complex and diverse. Therefore, finding the method to simply express in what learning state learner C is and a teaching plan is very important in education. There may be many things, but educational programs considering the minimum time and economic feasibility should be organized. One method can be analyzed considering the connectivity and convergence between mathematics and scientific concepts described above. That is, learner C is in the state of  $\langle SP_{q_1}, SP_{q_2}, STP_{q_3}, STP_{q_4} \rangle$  on  $Q(Q_i, i = 1, 2, 3, 4)$  and in the state of  $\langle STP_{T_1}, STP_{T_2}, SP_{t_3}, STP_{t_4} \rangle$  on  $T(T_i, i = 1, 2, 3, 4)$ . Therefore, learner C partially converges on  $D_i(i = 1, 2)$  and partially converges on  $T_3$ . The analysis as such can simply express the learning state of learner C. In addition, if we organize and utilize the education system based on the results, we can easily use it to guide individual learners' learning. However, it takes a lot of time and requires a lot of data to prepare the system at first. However, once the system is constructed, there is an advantage that it can be easily modified and supplemented there after.

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