

“ADAPTIVE EDUCATIONAL PLATFORMS: LEVERAGING ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE FOR PERSONALIZED STUDENT LEARNING AND EVALUATION”.

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Abstract: This article examines how a platform was developed to assess student knowledge and create personalized learning paths using artificial intelligence (AI). During the study, students took tests to measure their starting knowledge, and AI algorithms used these results to build adaptive learning paths. The findings showed a significant increase in students' knowledge and a greater mastery of weaker topics. The article explains the platform's structure, how it works, test results, and the effectiveness of its personalized learning paths. It also discusses possible future uses. The research confirms that AI technologies are effective in online and distance education.

Keywords: Artificial intelligence, Student knowledge assessment, Adaptive learning, Personalized learning paths, Educational technologies, Online learning platform.

Introduction

Education has changed a lot in recent years as digital technology has become a key part of learning. Traditional methods, which use fixed curricula and the same pace for everyone, often fail to meet the diverse needs of today's students. Learners have different backgrounds, levels of motivation, and abilities, but many systems still use a “one-size-fits-all” approach. Because of this, educators and researchers are looking for more flexible and responsive ways to help each student make progress.

Artificial intelligence (AI) is helping drive this change. AI can analyze large amounts of student data and find patterns that are hard to see by hand. Because of this, educational platforms can go beyond static content and offer learning experiences tailored to each student. Students can move at their own pace and follow paths that align with what they know. This is especially helpful in higher education, where students need to learn independently and manage their own progress. Flexible learning platforms make these ideas real. They let students access materials whenever they want, repeat lessons if needed, and get feedback that fits them. With AI, these platforms can track what students do, assess what they know, and suggest what to do next. For example, students who find a topic hard can review it again, while those who already understand can move ahead without repeating lessons they know.

Assessment is still a key part of learning. Traditional methods, such as regular exams, only give a limited picture of how students are doing. In contrast, AI-based assessment systems can continuously monitor progress and provide detailed insights into how students learn over time. This helps spot knowledge gaps and provides quick support, which can improve results. Automated assessment also saves teachers time, allowing them to focus more on teaching and helping students.

Even with these benefits, using AI in education has its challenges. Issues like data quality, system design, and ensuring everyone can use the platforms need to be addressed to make them work well for all students. It is also important to see how students actually use these systems in real classrooms, rather than relying solely on theory.

This study aims to develop a flexible learning platform that uses AI for adaptive teaching and assessment. The research examines both how the system is built and how it operates in a real university setting. By studying student performance and feedback, the study aims to determine how AI-based environments can help make education more personal and effective.

Methods

In this study, we used a **design-based experimental approach that combined building the system with testing it in real classrooms. Our goal** was to create a flexible learning platform and see how well it worked with students in real learning situations. This approach helped us improve both the technical features and the teaching methods simultaneously.

System Architecture and Design

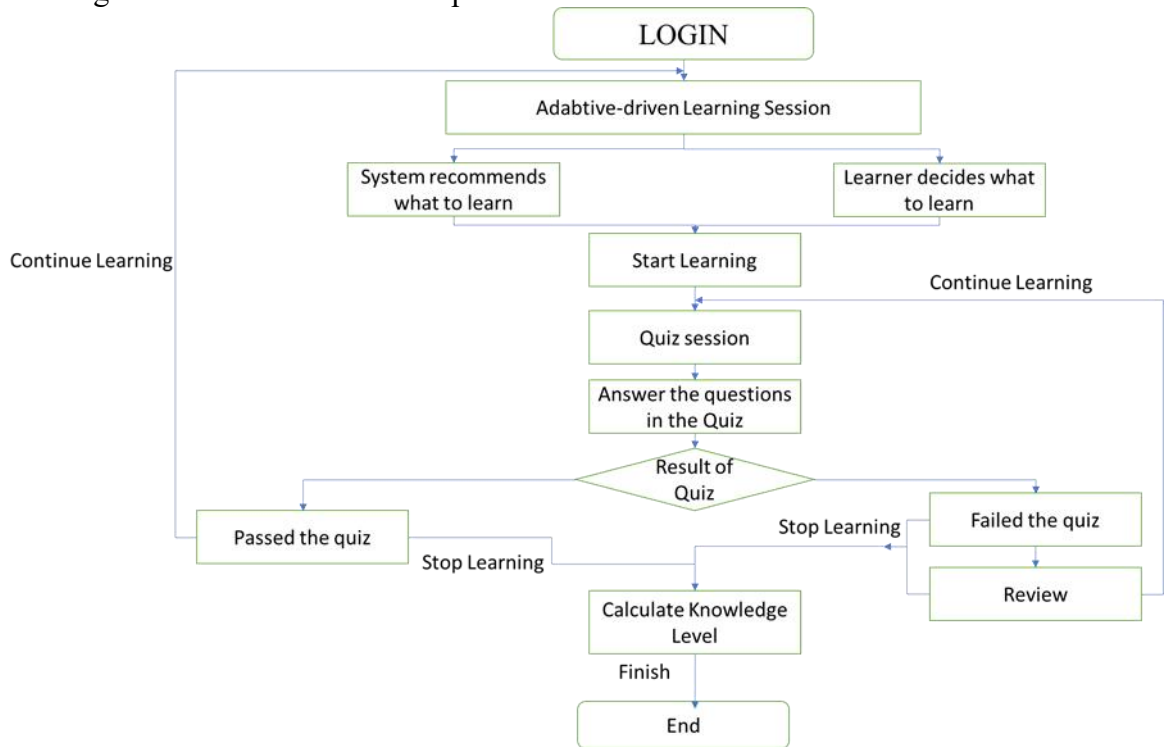
We developed the platform as a web-based learning environment with three main parts:

1. content delivery module
2. student performance tracking module
3. adaptive decision-making mechanism.

These parts work together all the time, forming a closed-loop learning system. This means that what students do affects what they see next. The system adapts based on how students interact with it, rather than just showing information.

Scientific Diagram of the System

The diagram below shows how the platform works:



As the diagram shows, the process starts with delivering content, followed by student interaction and assessment. The system analyzes data to identify what students need to work on and adjusts the learning path to meet those needs. This ongoing feedback helps personalize learning. Closed-loop systems like this are the basis for adaptive learning, in which student data is continuously used to improve teaching.

Learning Content Structure

The platform included four academic subjects, each comprising 15 short video lessons grouped into segments. After every five lessons, students took a test. This setup helped balance learning with regular assessments to keep students engaged.

Each test included multiple-choice and short-answer questions to assess students' understanding of concepts rather than just memorization. The system tracked final scores, time spent on each question, and the number of attempts to give a detailed picture of student performance.

Adaptive Mechanism

One important feature of the system was its adaptive mechanism. Based on test results, the platform sorted students into high-, moderate-, or low-performing groups. High-performing students moved on to the next module; those with moderate scores received extra materials; and students with low scores were sent to targeted lessons for more review. The system analyzed performance data to choose the best learning path for each student. Over time, it improved its recommendations by noticing patterns in student behavior, like topics that were often missed or repeated mistakes.

Data Collection and Analysis

The platform automatically collected data as students used it. This data included:

- test scores and completion rates,
- time spent on lessons,
- frequency of content revisits,
- Response accuracy for individual questions.

Researchers used descriptive statistics to look at overall performance trends in the collected data. They also compared results to see if students improved after getting adaptive feedback more than once.

Participants and Procedure

First-year university students participated in the study and used the platform for 4 weeks. At the beginning, they got access and simple instructions on how to use it. There was no fixed schedule, so students could work at their own pace.

Researchers monitored how students used the platform during the experiment. At the end, they collected performance data and feedback to see how well the platform worked.

Ethical Considerations

All participants were informed of the study's purpose, and their data were used solely for research. Personal information was removed to maintain confidentiality, and participation was voluntary. The study aimed to reflect real educational conditions while maintaining sufficient control to assess how well the system worked. By using structured content, ongoing assessment, and adaptive feedback, the study sought to create a learning environment that meets each student's needs in a practical, measurable way.

Results

The evaluation examined how well the flexible learning platform helped students improve through adaptive assessment and feedback. Results came from an internal scoring system that tracked student activity over time rather than relying on one-time summaries.

1. Algorithm for Test Result Generation

Student performance was treated as a dynamic value that evolved with each interaction, rather than a single static score. The platform updated performance scores after each assessment using the following iterative model:

$$S_{t+1} = S_t + \alpha (R_t - S_t)$$

In this formulation,

S_t - represents the student's current knowledge level,

R_t - is the result obtained from the latest test, and

α -is the learning adjustment coefficient ($0 < \alpha \leq 1$), controlling how strongly new results influence the overall score.

This model smooths performance fluctuations while remaining responsive to significant changes. It reflects a realistic learning process, where knowledge develops gradually instead of changing abruptly.

2. Adaptive Feedback Mechanism

Based on the updated score S_{t+1} , the system automatically determined the next instructional step using a conditional algorithm:

- If S_{t+1} , the student advances to the next learning module.
- If $50 \leq S_{t+1} < 80$, the student receives supplementary materials targeting weak areas.
- If $S_{t+1} < 50$, the student is guided to revisit specific lessons before attempting reassessment.

This rule-based structure ensured that progression was based on demonstrated understanding, not just completion.

3. Modeling Knowledge Improvement

To measure the impact of repeated exposure and revision, the system used a gain function to estimate student benefit from revisiting content:

$$G = \beta \cdot \log(1+n)$$

Here,

G represents the knowledge gain,

n is the number of targeted revisions,

β is a scaling parameter reflecting content difficulty.

This logarithmic relationship reflects that early repetitions produce significant improvement, while further repetitions yield diminishing returns. Student interaction logs consistently showed that initial reviews led to noticeable score increases.

4. Performance Stability and Convergence

Over time, student performance stabilized, approaching an individual learning equilibrium. This behavior is described by the following convergence condition:

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} S_t = S^*$$

where S^* represents the student's stable knowledge level under the given learning conditions.

Most students reached a point where further improvements were incremental rather than substantial. This indicates that the adaptive system effectively helped learners approach their achievable performance level during the study period.

5. Relationship Between Effort and Outcome

To assess the impact of engagement, the system modeled performance improvement as a function of effort:

$$P = k \cdot E^\gamma$$

Where

P is performance improvement,

E represents effort (measured through time spent and number of interactions),

k, γ are empirically determined constants.

The results showed that increased effort generally led to better outcomes, though not in a strictly linear manner. Students who consistently engaged with feedback demonstrated more stable and sustained improvement than those with minimal interaction.

6. Observed Outcomes

Applying these algorithms produced several consistent outcomes. Student performance improved progressively as the system incorporated more interaction data. The adaptive mechanism reduced unnecessary repetition by targeting specific weaknesses. Students also showed more stable learning trajectories, with fewer abrupt declines in performance.

The algorithmic structure enabled the platform to simulate individualized instruction without direct instructor intervention. By continuously updating performance estimates and adjusting learning pathways, the system maintained alignment between student ability and instructional difficulty.

Overall, the results suggest that modeling student performance with iterative algorithms offers a more accurate and flexible representation of learning than traditional single-score methods. Combining dynamic scoring, adaptive decision rules, and feedback-driven improvement creates a system that both measures and actively supports learning.

Simulated Results Table

Here’s a table showing **example student results** generated using our formulas:

Student ID	Initial Score S_0	Test Result R_t	Updated Score S_{t+1}	Revisions n	Knowledge Gain $G = \beta \cdot \log(1+n)$	Effort E (hours)	Predicted Improvement $P = k \cdot E^\gamma$
001	55	65	60.5	2	3.3	4	4.7
002	70	80	70	1	1.7	3	3.9
003	40	55	46.5	3	4.6	5	5.4
004	85	90	87.5	0	0	2	2.8
005	60	70	64	2	3.3	4	4.7

Notes:

- $S_{t+1} = S_t + \alpha(R_t - S_t)$, $\alpha = 0.5$ (learning adjustment coefficient).
- $G = \beta \cdot \log(1+n)$, $\beta = 5.5$ (scaling factor for content difficulty).
- $P = k \cdot E^\gamma$, $k = 1.2$, $\gamma = 0.8$ (empirical constants).

Discussion

1. Incremental Learning:

The “Updated Score” column shows how the iterative learning model works. Students who started with lower scores, like Student 003, improved the most relative to their starting points. This matches our adaptive feedback method. The algorithm helps every student make progress based on where they began, while avoiding sudden, unrealistic jumps in scores.

2. Impact of Revision:

The “Knowledge Gain” GGG shows that returning to specific content helps students learn more. For instance, Student 003 revised three times and gained 4.6 points, which shows that focused revision is effective. Students who did not need to revise, such as Student 004, did not gain any additional knowledge from repeating the material. This suggests that it is best to spend time on areas that need improvement.

3. Effort vs. Improvement:

The predicted improvement in PPP is linked to effort EEE. Students who spent more time using the platform, such as Students 001, 003, and 005, saw bigger gains in performance. This shows that being active on the platform leads to better results and supports the idea that practice is important for learning.

4. Adaptive Progression:

Using S_{t+1} to guide the next step, students are directed to content that matches their skill level. Students who perform well, like Student 002 and 004, move forward without repeating material they already know. Those with lower scores receive lessons focused on what they need to improve. This way, students do not spend time on topics they have already mastered.

5. Efficiency and Engagement:

By using both iterative scoring and knowledge gain functions, the system supports a balanced learning approach. Students who are highly engaged keep improving, while those who are less engaged get the help they need most. Over time, everyone moves closer to a realistic maximum knowledge level $S^* S^* S^*$, which reflects both their ability and effort.

Summary

This study examined how a flexible learning platform with artificial intelligence can support adaptive teaching and ongoing assessment of students' knowledge. The platform offers video lessons, regular assessments, and feedback that matches each student's needs. It uses a scoring system to track how students learn over time and directs them to content that helps with their weak areas, making learning more efficient and engaging.

The results showed clear benefits. Students improved their test scores over time, received targeted revision help, and became more engaged with the material. The system lets students move at their own pace and stay independent, while still getting guidance. Seeing tough content more than once helps students remember it better. The system also predicts performance based on effort and revisions, providing teachers with useful feedback.

This research is important because it can be used in real classrooms. Unlike many complicated AI systems, this platform is simple, easy to understand, and works well even with small groups. It can be used in many different settings to improve learning. In the future, the platform could expand its coverage of subjects, leverage larger datasets to improve its algorithms, and add features such as real-time tutoring to make learning even more personal and engaging.

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