

Learning From Pioneers

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What is the Open Learning Initiative?

Open online learning environments based on the **science of learning** and designed to improve both quality & productivity in higher education.



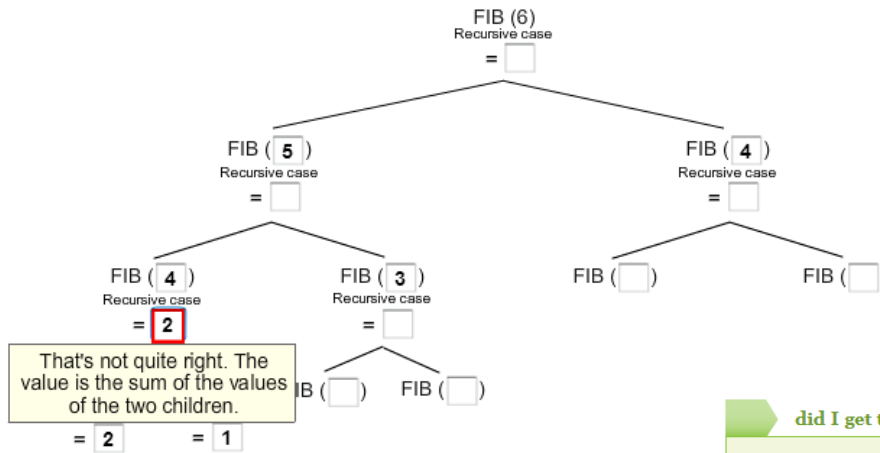
The screenshot shows the iMolChemistryLab software interface. The main window displays a virtual laboratory setup with a 10mL Pipet, two flasks containing 1M $\text{C}_2\text{H}_5\text{NH}_2$ and 1M NaHCO_3 , and a pH meter. The interface includes a menu bar (File, Edit, Tools, View, Help), a Stock Solutions Explorer on the left, and a Solubility Info panel on the right. The Solubility Info panel shows the following data:

Species	Molarity
H^+	4.624E-9
OH^-	2.163E-6
Na^+	1.000E0
HCO_3^-	9.797E-1
H_2CO_3^*	1.015E-2
CO_3^{2-}	1.015E-2

The interface also features a bar chart showing the log Molarity of various species and a pH meter reading of 25.0°C.

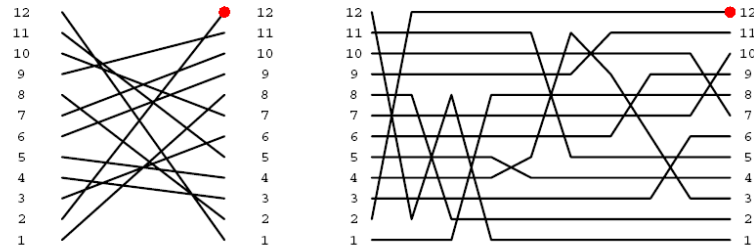
The diagram illustrates the science of learning through a grid of black and white squares. The top part shows a small grid with a few black squares, representing a simple cell. Below it, a larger grid shows a more complex pattern of black squares, representing a cell that has developed over generations. The text "d cell in the next generation." is positioned above the top grid, and "ion develops over generations." is positioned above the bottom grid. A "NEXT GROUP" button is visible between the two grids.

Goal directed practice & targeted feedback enhances the quality of students' learning



So (1, 2)(2, 3)(3, 4)(4, 5) = (5, 4, 3, 2, 1).

Here is a more complicated permutation on $n = 12$, and its decomposition into transpositions.



There are many other identities relating to transpositions. For the next proposition, we abuse notation and use exponents for permutations given in cycle notation.

Proposition

$$(a, b) \circ (b, c) \circ (a, b) = (a, c)$$

$$(1, \dots, n)^i \circ (1, 2) \circ (n, \dots, 1)^i = (i + 1, i + 2)$$

where $0 \leq i \leq n - 2$

As already mentioned, the decomposition into transpositions is not unique. In fact, not even the number of transpositions used is unique. However, there is still an invariant.

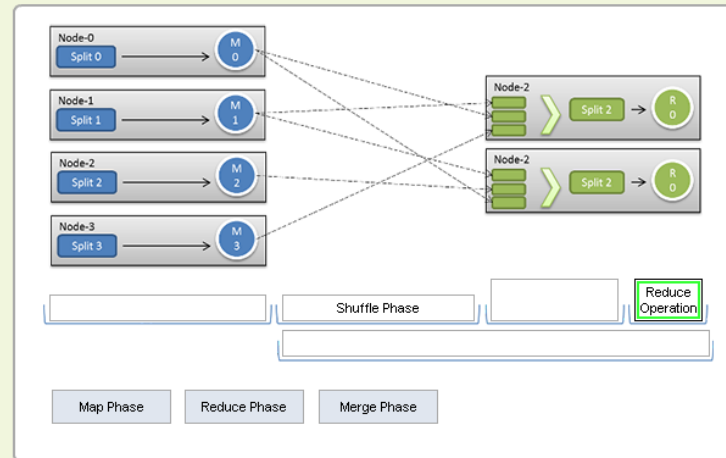
Even permutation

(definition) A permutation is even if it can be written as the product of an **even** number of transpositions, and **odd** if it can be written as the product of an odd number of transpositions.

did I get this

MapReduce Phases

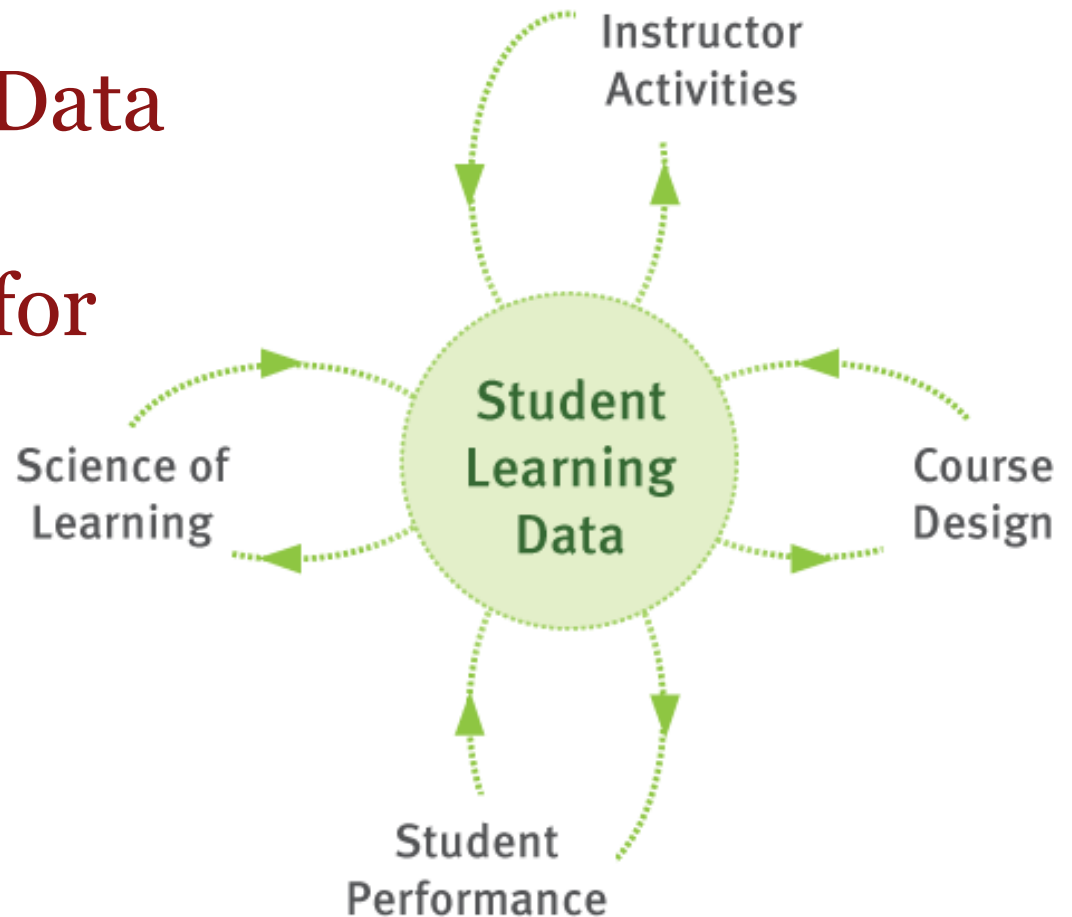
The following image illustrates the various phases of MapReduce. Match the letters (A,B,C,D and E) with their corresponding phase names below:



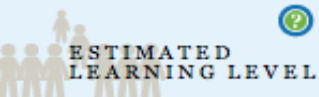
✓ Correct. The Reduce Operation refers to the reduce function (or reducers) being applied to the merged intermediate outputs.

[Learning Dashboard](#)

The “Killer App” Data Collection & Feedback Loops for Continuous Improvement



Examining Distributions



Learning Objectives



Summarize and describe the distribution of a categorical variable in context.

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Generate and interpret several different graphical displays of the distribution of a quantitative variable (histogram, stemplot, boxplot).

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Summarize and describe the distribution of a quantitative variable in context: a) describe the overall pattern, b) describe striking deviations from the pattern.

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Relate measures of center and spread to the shape of the distribution, and choose the appropriate measures in different contexts.

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Compare and contrast distributions (of quantitative data) from two or more groups, and produce a brief summary, interpreting your findings in context.

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Apply the standard deviation rule to the special case of distributions having the "normal" shape.

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Class Participation


39 of 40 students participated

48% of 43 activities started on average

[» View Participation in Module by Student](#)

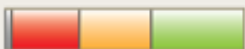
Open-ended Responses

- [» One Categorical Variable > Learn By Doing \[11 \]](#)
- [» Histogram > Learn By Doing \[4 \]](#)
- [» My Response: About Stemplots \[9 \]](#)
- [» Measures of Center > Learn By Doing \[12 \]](#)

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Checkpoints and Quizzes

- [» Checkpoint: Examining Distributions Checkpoint 1 \[38 \]](#)
- [» Checkpoint: Examining Distributions Checkpoint 2 \[36 \]](#)



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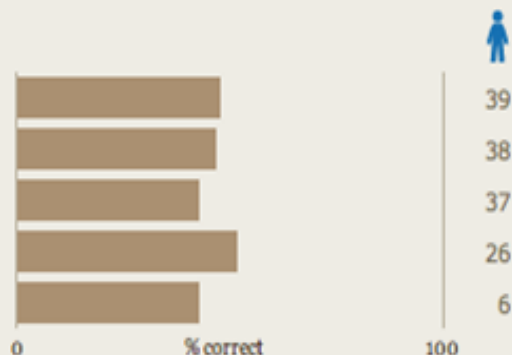
Estimated Learning by Student ?

40 students
1 dot = 1 students



Class Accuracy by Sub-Objective ?

- Predicting...
- Mean vs median
- Compute median
- Identify outlier
- Select appropriate...



Students with Moderate Estimated Learning X

ACTIVITIES
ATTEMPTED

Student names removed

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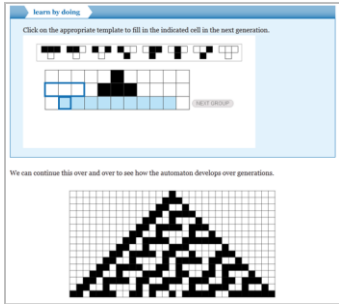
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LearnLab: Transforming Education Research



Ed tech + wide use = “Basic research *at scale*”

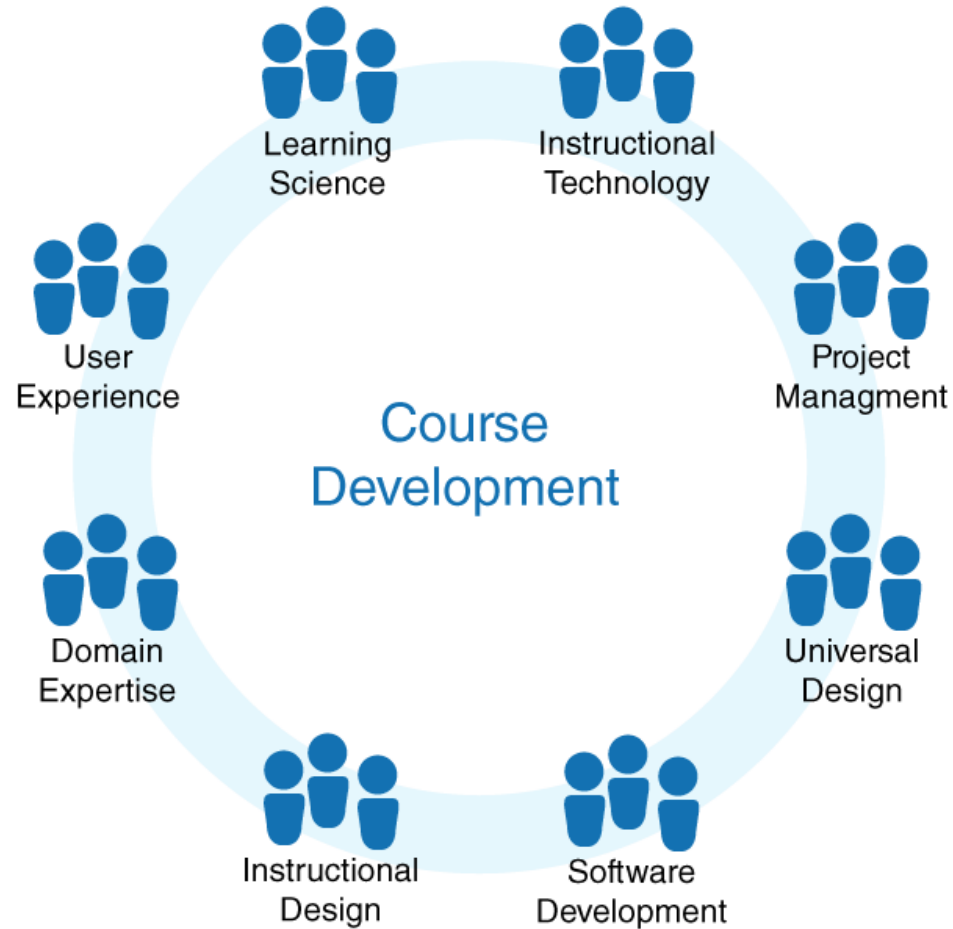
- NSF Science of Learning Center
- 10 years, ~\$50 million
- Tech enhanced courses, assessment, & research
- School cooperation for data collection

Learning Curve Analysis



DataShop: Pittsburgh Science of Learning Center

Team-based design and development

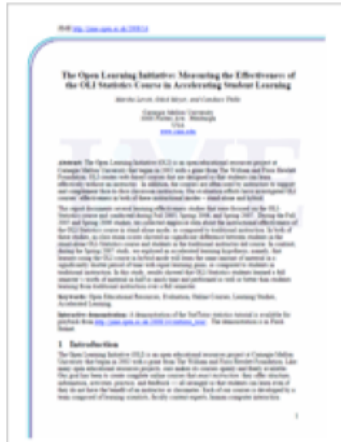


Review:

- Apply learning science research and scientific method to course development, implementation and evaluation.
- Develop interactive learning environments collaboratively
- Feedback loops for continuous improvement.
- Communities of use, evaluation and improvement.

What Difference Does it Make?

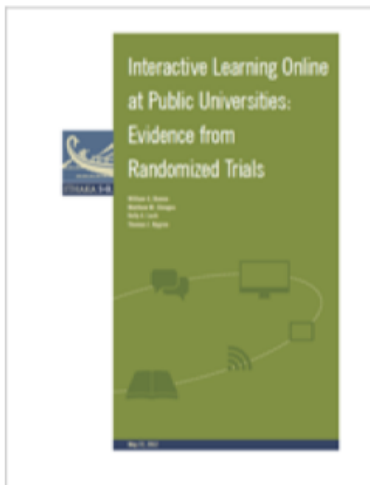
Results



OLI STUDY ON ACCELERATING STUDENT LEARNING WITH OLI STATISTICS

Lovett, M., Meyer, O., & Thille, C. (2008). *The Open Learning Initiative: Measuring the effectiveness of the OLI statistics course in accelerating student learning*. Journal of Interactive Media in Education.

This study, conducted at Carnegie Mellon University, shows that students using the OLI statistics course at Carnegie Mellon achieved the same or better learning outcomes as students in the traditional course in **half the time**.



INDEPENDANT TRIAL OF THE OLI STATISTICS COURSE

Bowen, W.G., Chingos, M.M., Lack, K.L., & Nygren, T.I. (2012). *Interactive Learning Online at Public Universities: Evidence from Randomized Trials*. ITHAKA.

The results of this study are remarkable; they show comparable learning outcomes for this basic course, with a promise of cost savings and productivity gains over time.

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Managing Director, Ithaka S+R

OLI Development and Use (2006)

Use

- 117,963 Course Enrollments (Academic)
- Used by 1,809 Instructors in 1,050 Institutions
- 1,148,807 Independent Learners (Registered and Anonymous)

Development

- 44 Academic courses have been created
- By 104 contributing Faculty from 55 Institutions

OLI Projects

- Open Professionals Education Network (OPEN) free services for TAACCCT grantees
- Community College Open Learning Initiative (CC-OLI)
- Next Generation Learning Challenge Projects
- Evaluation Pilots: WGU, Texas & Washington
- Carnegie Foundation Statway
- Introduction to Computer Science
- UMUC Development/Adaptation project
- OLNet – Open Education Research Network
- Hewlett Packard Catalyst: Measuring Learning

Build OLI Functionality into

A photograph of a large, multi-story stone building with many windows and arches, likely a Stanford University building. The sun is shining brightly from behind the building, creating a lens flare effect. A large, semi-transparent red rectangle is overlaid on the lower half of the image, containing the text 'OpenEdX' and 'opening new possibilities'.

OpenEdX
opening new possibilities

Design Driven

Cognitive Science

Metacognition

Social Context

Learner Identity

Engagement

Neuroscience

Testable Hypotheses

Subject Matter Expertise

Explanatory and Predictive Models

Subject Matter Expertise

Relationships in Data

Data Mining

Statistical Modeling

Network Analysis

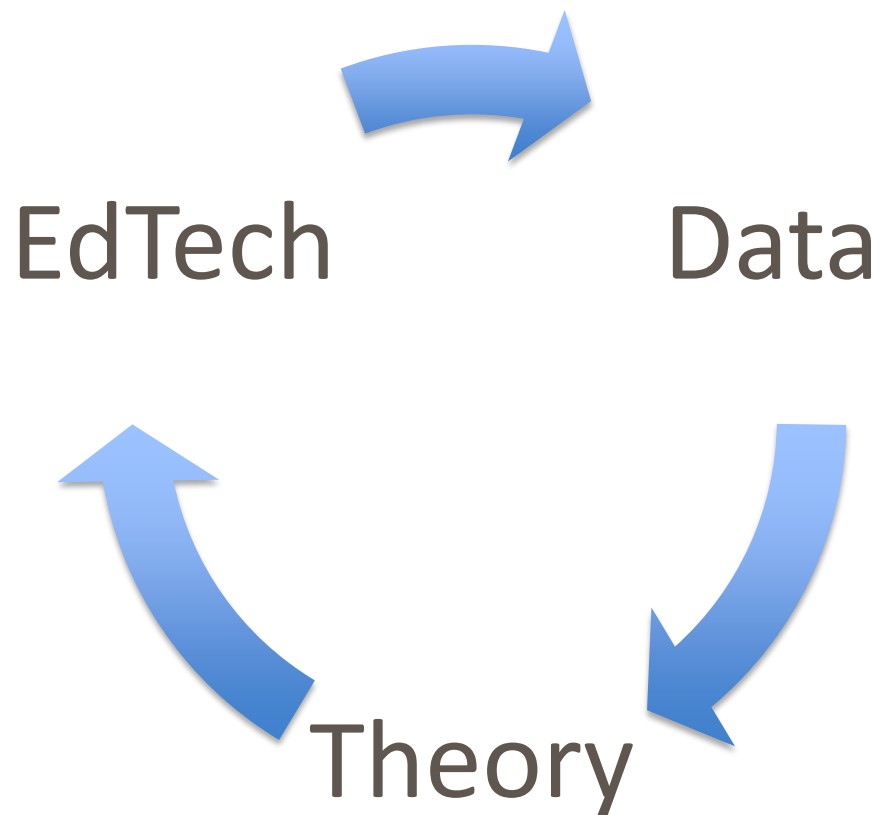
Natural Language

Machine Learning

Artificial Intelligence

Data Driven

Strategy for Educational Improvement



Open Data and Data Formats

Share Alike and Share Data




(This doesn't exist, but we think it should.)

Build and promote communities of research.

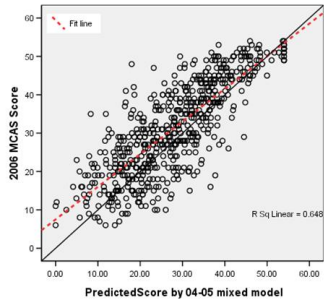
Pasteur's Quadrant

Stokes argues basic/applied goals need not trade off

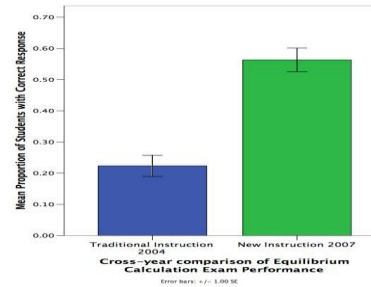
	Low Emphasis on Applied Work	High Emphasis on Applied Work
High Emphasis on Basic Science	How to translate to real world? (Bohr)	 (Pasteur)
Low Emphasis on Basic Science	X	What principle can be derived? (Edison)

Better Science & Technology ...

Improves Assessment

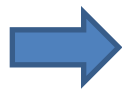


Increases Outcomes



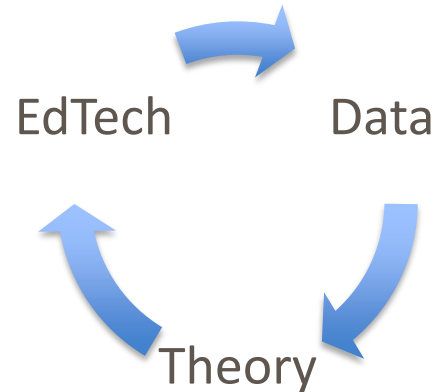
Accelerates Learning

> 100 hours
~**3%** gain



< 50 hours
~**18%** gain

Produces A Virtuous Cycle



“Without a complete revolution...in our approach to teaching...we cannot go beyond (current levels) of productivity”
(Baumol, 1967).

Our message:
Such a revolution is
possible.

Our question:
Who will lead it?



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