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## DEVELOPMENT OF AN ONLINE DIAGNOSTIC ASSESSMENT SYSTEM FOR THE SUPPORT OF PERSONALIZED TEACHING AND LEARNING



“If you can not measure it, you can not improve it.”  
Kelvin

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# Fitness Dashboard



Select workout

3 mile run



Steps today

612 steps / 12,000



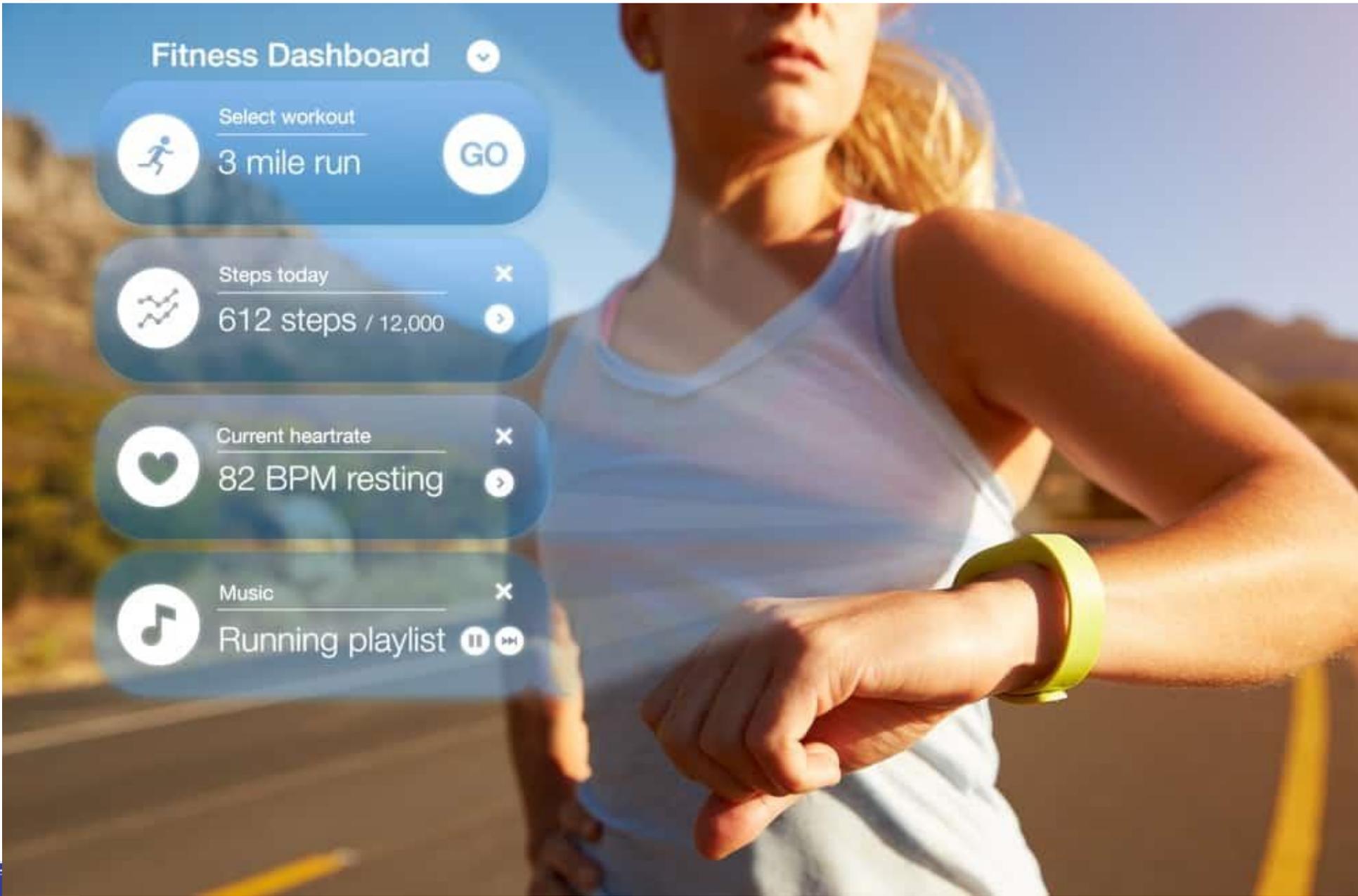
Current heartrate

82 BPM resting



Music

Running playlist





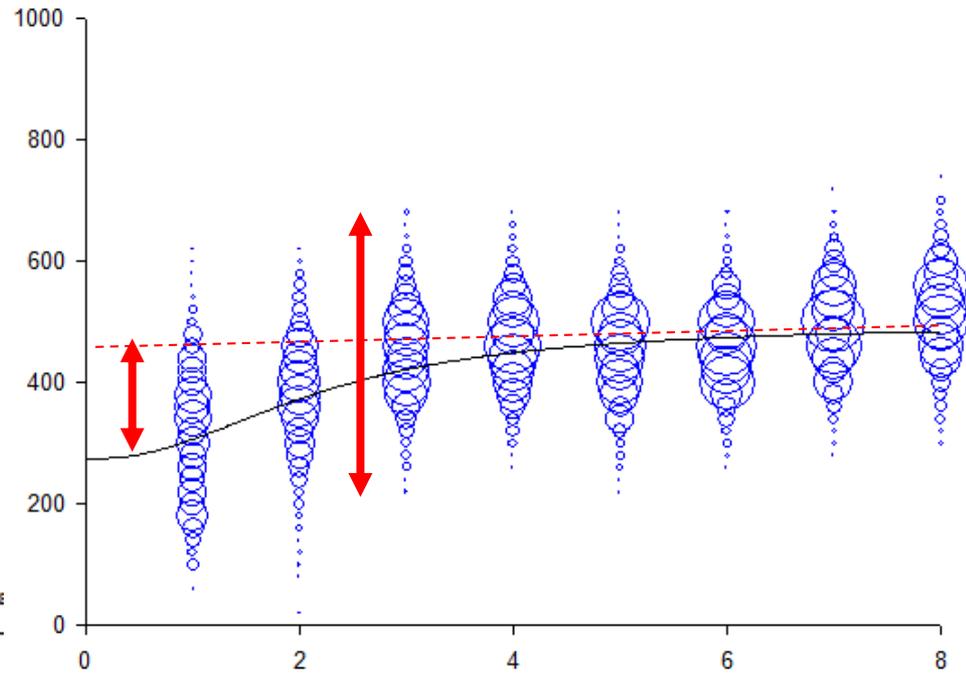
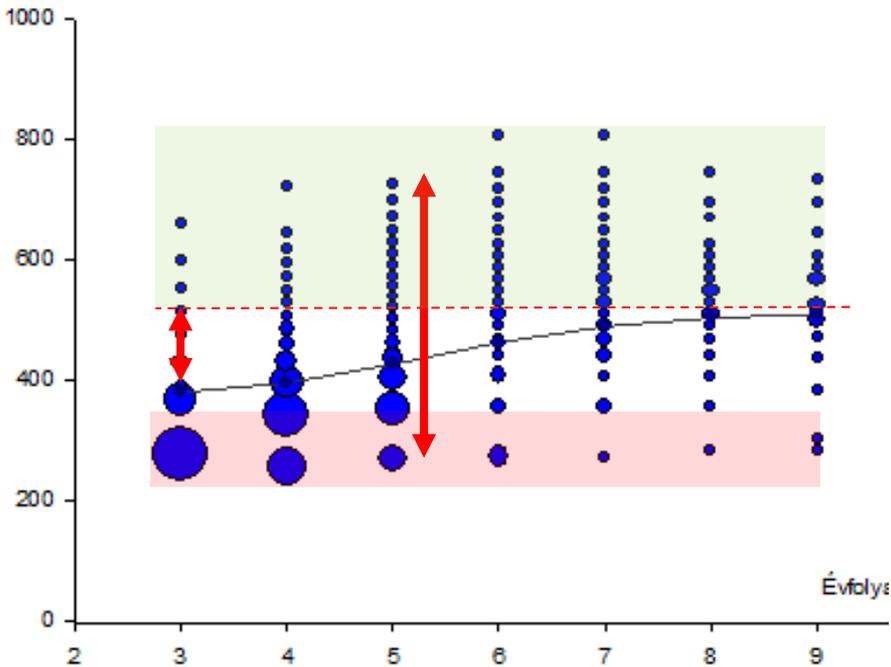
# Why is the “one size fits all” approach inefficient?



# How can we best use technology to help students learn?



# Children are very diverse and in many different ways diverse.



Problem-solving skills

Mathematical knowledge

Age does not determine skills  
and abilities.



Technology can help to address this issue and personalise education.



“Children of today have been surrounded by digital technology”  
(Livari et al., 2020)

But

- Used not for learning
- => Much larger digital divide
- Need for proactive technology usage: critically considering how it could and should be used



# Are they prepared to use technology-based educational programs – school infrastructure?



Pop all the bubbles before you run out of time.



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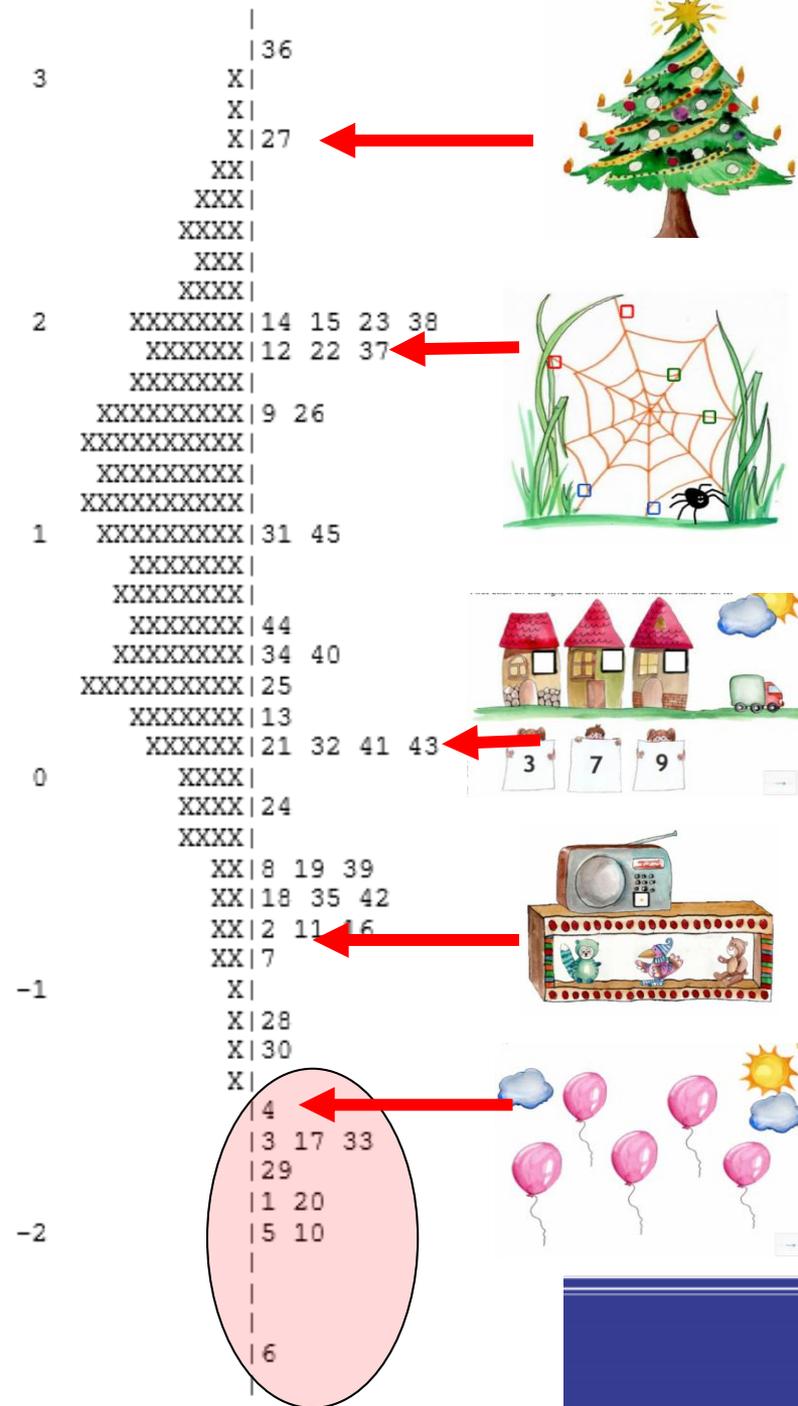


Switch on the radio.

Click on the button on the radio.



45 min. training - mean  
 achievement: 93%  
 (SD=10%)



# What do we need to know?

- How skilled our students are?
- What do they know in the most important domains of education?
- The profile of assessment from a summative approach to a **diagnostic, more learning-centred view** - use **assessment to facilitate learning**.



# Possibilities of technology based assessment

- among the most dynamically developing areas
- huge improvement of data transfer technology and data analysis methods
- qualitative change of assessment needed



# Computer-based assessment

- extraordinary opportunities
- more realistic, application-oriented, engaging and authentic context
- innovative item development opportunities, producing dynamic, interactive multimedia items
- more valid assessments
- provide instant, objective, standardised feedback
- adaptive test algorithms



# Instant feedback+adaptivity

- make video games so popular
- technology-based assessment and game-based learning are converging



# What do we know in 2021?

- we can develop complex, real-world, authentic, high-quality tests
- the 'one-size-fits-all' approach is not effective
- summative test results do not meet the individual needs of students
- tests needed: improving the learning process -  
> re-think the essence of assessment
- more a learning-centred, low-stakes approach
- **Diagnostic assessment to facilitate learning.**



# 3 axioms of the developments:

- the role of teachers remains central in the teaching and learning processes
- large differences between pupils
- regular feedback is essential for learning



# Diagnostic assessment – what do we need?

- Theory – frameworks
- Assessment platform
- Tasks (based on theory) -> Itembank  
(running in the assessment platform) ->  
Scaled itembank



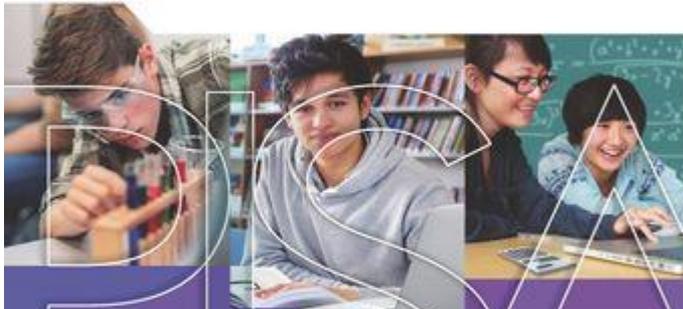
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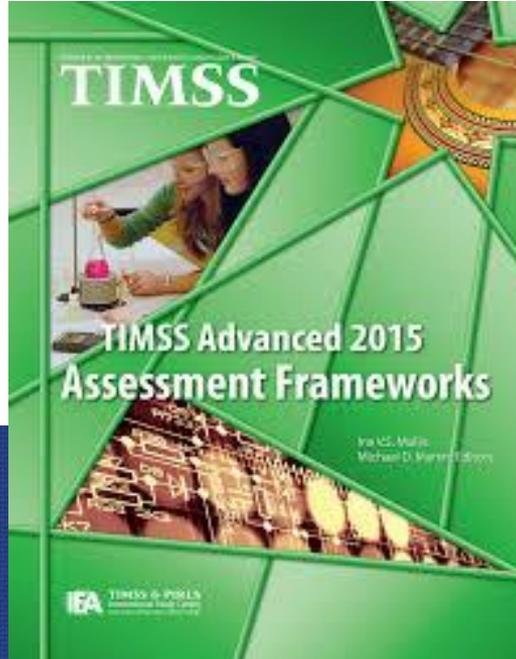
**PISA**  
**PISA 2018 Assessment**  
**and Analytical Framework**



**READING**  
**FRAMEWORK**  
*FOR THE 2019 NATIONAL*  
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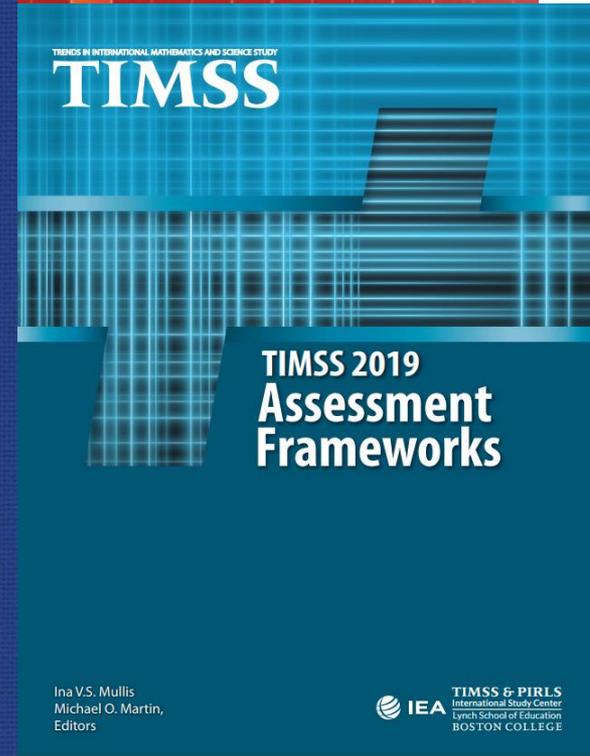
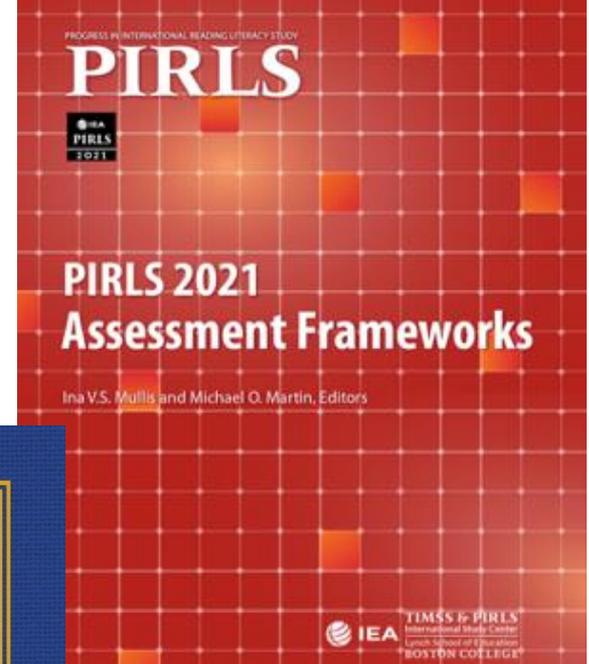
Mathematics framework for  
 the 1996 National Assessment  
 of Educational Progress

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 Assessment Governing Board.

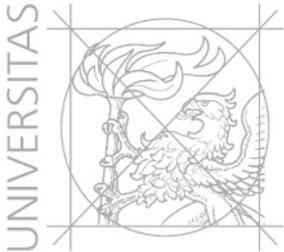


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# Diagnostic assessment – assessment platform

- learning centred
- easy-to-use, but innovative possibilities
- Item builder module for first-, second- and third-generation tasks
- administer both fix and adaptive tests
- any device + even low-speed internet
- prompt or quick scoring
- good feedback module – embedded visualization



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# eDia online diagnostic assessment system for personalised learning

- Development started in 2009
- Theory: three-dimensional model of knowledge



# Diagnostic assessment - theory

- identifying all important knowledge elements
- three main goals of schooling:
  - to cultivate students' minds, general cognitive abilities and thinking skills
  - to develop usable, applicable knowledge
  - to transmit content knowledge



# Three-dimensional model of knowledge

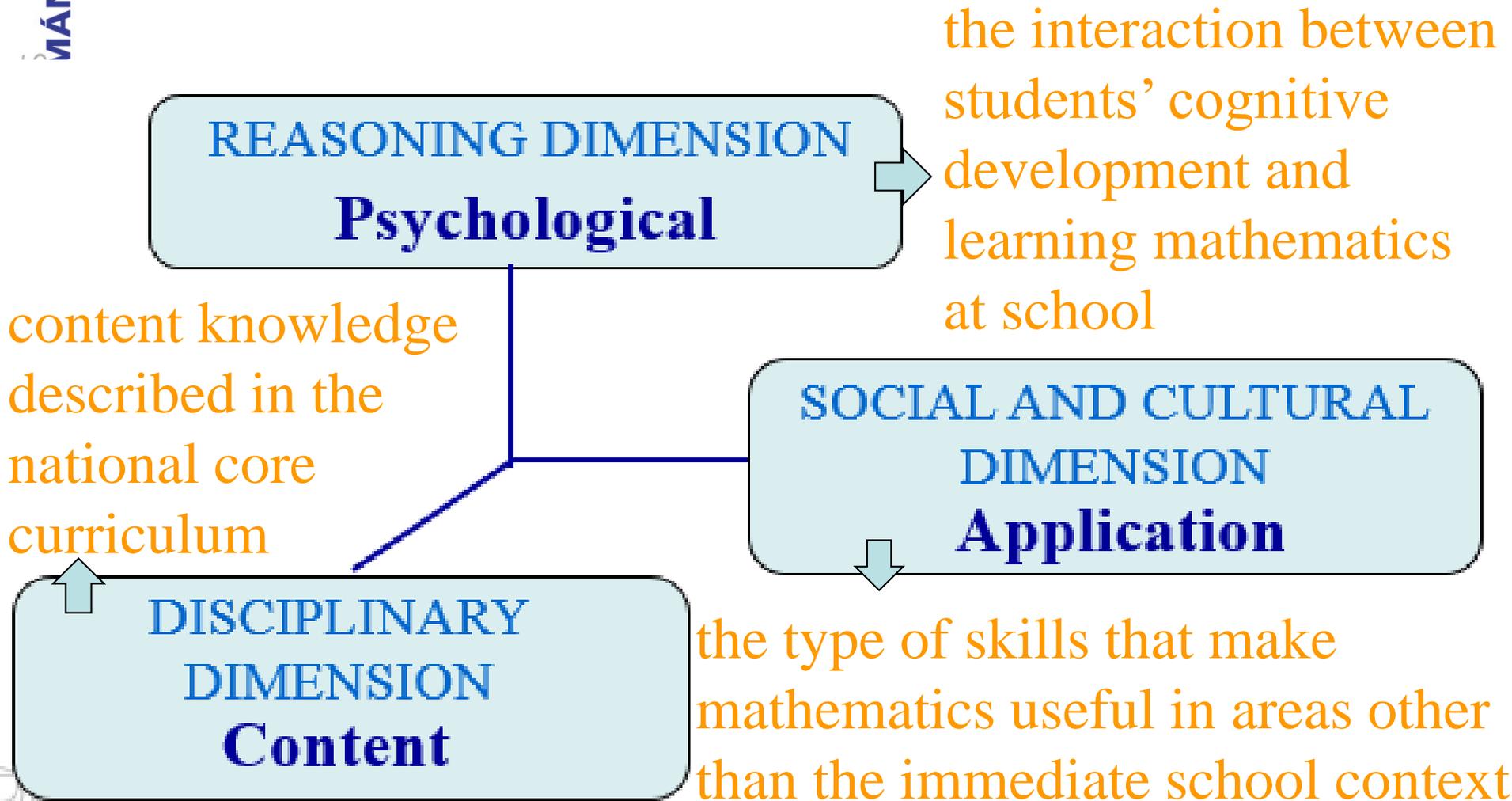


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# Three-dimensional model of mathematical knowledge





FRAMEWORK FOR  
DIAGNOSTIC ASSESSMENT  
OF READING

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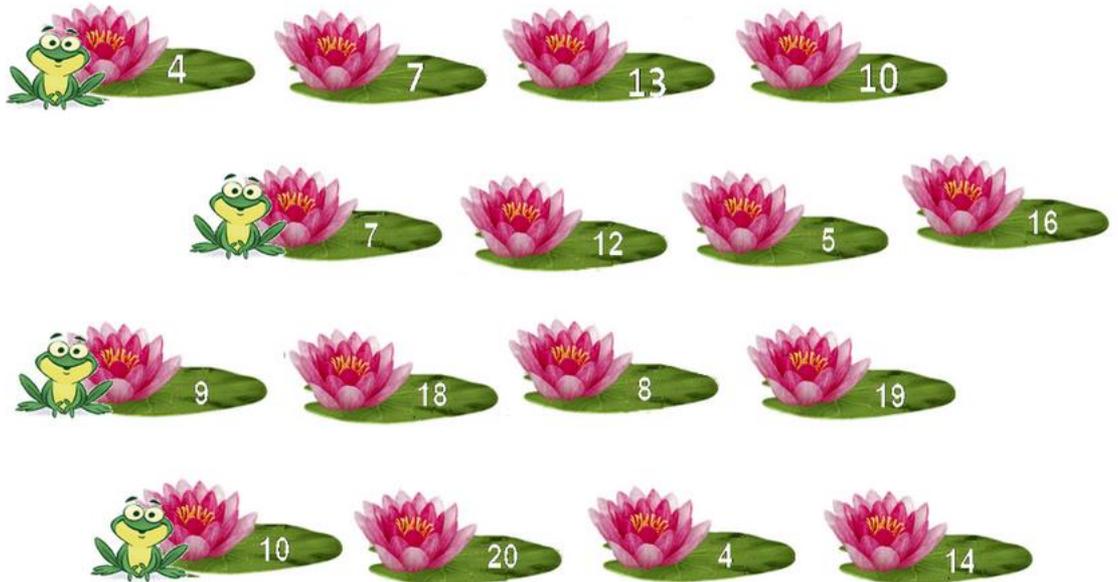
# eDia-platform





Rose Frog is jumping from one lily pad to the next with the numbers on the lily pads going up in each row.

Click on the lily pads with the numbers on them going up in each row.



Which animal sound do you hear? Click on the right picture.



◁ Back

Next ▷



23. How many pictures are demonstrating the experience options on the main page?

 1 5 2 6[Next](#)

# Detailed feedback modul

- Assessment code
- Following students development
- GDPR proof

| Mérési azonosító | Mat | MA  | MD  | MG  | Olv | OA  | OD  | OG  | Term | TA  | TD  | TG  |
|------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|------|-----|-----|-----|
| A000-A000        | 476 | 544 | 350 | 524 | 545 | 529 | 635 | 517 | 522  | 486 | 527 | 548 |
|                  | 557 | 533 | 592 | 577 | 437 | 499 | 424 | 416 | 531  | 610 | 470 | 521 |
|                  | 694 | 694 | 667 | 737 | 533 | 468 | 531 | 559 |      |     |     |     |
|                  | 534 | 560 | 524 | 470 | 450 | 424 | 505 | 453 | 474  | 601 | 423 | 440 |
|                  | 616 | 663 | 470 | 657 | 563 | 591 | 609 | 532 | 511  | 610 | 517 | 463 |
|                  | 584 | 657 | 568 | 567 | 522 | 517 | 505 | 540 | 571  | 584 | 548 | 568 |
|                  | 484 | 497 | 493 | 444 | 412 | 377 | 346 | 477 |      |     |     |     |
|                  | 520 | 524 | 475 | 657 | 410 | 346 | 436 | 406 | 559  | 672 | 484 | 610 |
|                  | 471 | 470 | 470 | 473 | 450 | 438 | 375 | 487 | 429  | 568 | 385 | 392 |

## Knowledge level (500/100 – Grade/Domain)

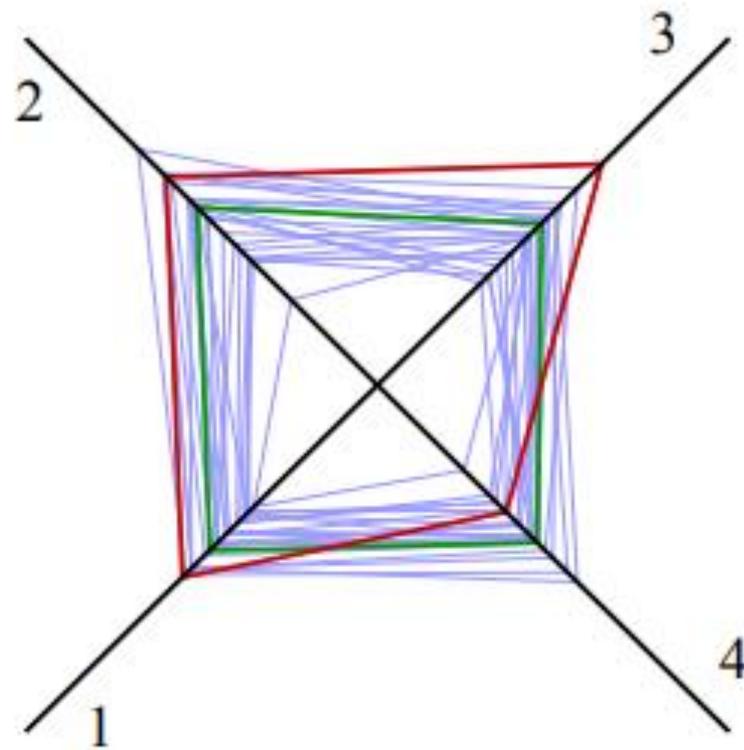
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| <b>Osztály eredménye:</b>                             | 553 | 554 | 550 | 555 | 455 | 397 | 477 | 475 | 462 | 483 | 473 | 431 |
| <i>Dél-Alföld</i><br>régió eredménye:                 | 533 | 546 | 517 | 537 | 470 | 461 | 465 | 483 | 497 | 541 | 489 | 463 |
| <i>Megyei jogú város</i><br>településtípus eredménye: | 550 | 562 | 532 | 555 | 476 | 466 | 474 | 487 | 501 | 542 | 494 | 469 |
| <b>Országos eredmény:</b>                             | 538 | 556 | 515 | 543 | 485 | 477 | 482 | 495 | 501 | 542 | 493 | 470 |



# Dimension-level

| Domain/dimension         | Grade 5 | Class | Score |
|--------------------------|---------|-------|-------|
| Mathematics              | 530     | 495   | 616   |
| Mathematics application  | 569     | 536   | 607   |
| Mathematics disciplinary | 518     | 494   | 708   |
| Mathematics reasoning    | 505     | 464   | 407   |

Light blue: classmates  
Green: country level mean  
Red: students' achievement



# Text-based evaluation

## 2. Matematika alkalmazási kategória értékelése:

A tanuló matematikai tudását hatékonyabban tudja alkalmazni, mint kortársai átlagosan teszik országos szinten. Képes arra, hogy korosztályában összetettnek számító, konkrét matematikai jellegű problémaszituációkban hatékonyan alkalmazzon modelleket, amelyek esetleg feltételhez kötöttek vagy feltételek megadását igénylik.

## 3. Matematika diszciplináris kategória értékelése:

A matematika diszciplináris tudása tekintetében a tanuló teljesítménye az évfolyama szerinti országosan legjobban teljesítő 2,5%-hoz tartozik. Magasan az átlag felett képes megoldani az iskolában, matematikaórán tanult feladatokat, a matematikaórán tanult ismereteket órai kontextusban használni. Képes egynél több megoldást találni egy tanórai kontextushoz igen hasonló szöveges feladatra. Az átlagosnál jóval magasabb szinten képes megoldani szöveges feladatokat korosztályának megfelelő (táblázatokban, kördiagramon, piktogramon, egynél nagyobb beosztású oszlopdiagramon) ábrán ábrázolt adatok értelmezésével. Igen hatékonyan képes különböző forrásból származó adatok összevetésére, majd azokból következtetések levonására (korosztályának megfelelő szinten).

## 4. Matematika gondolkodási kategória értékelése:

A tanuló megoldásaiból látszik, hogy alapvetően képes a feladatokat értelmezni és saját érveket alkotni. Ezen a típusú feladatokon nyújtott teljesítménye teljes mértékben megegyezik az országos átlagos teljesítménnyel (korosztálya vonatkozásában). Érti a mennyiségek és a számok közötti kapcsolatot, és érti az egész



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A teszten elért  
eredményed annál  
magasabb, minél több  
lufit látsz Malacka  
fölött.

Az  
eredményed:

**100%-os**



- Tantárgyi tudásod: 100%
- Tudásod alkalmazása: 100%
- Gondolkodtató feladatok: 100%



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At about 20.000 tasks in  
the field of Mathematics,  
Reading and Science.

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# Mathematical literacy task: adding up to 10 in realistic application context



Keep putting Teddy bears on the bed till you have 8 bears there.



# Mathematical disciplinary task

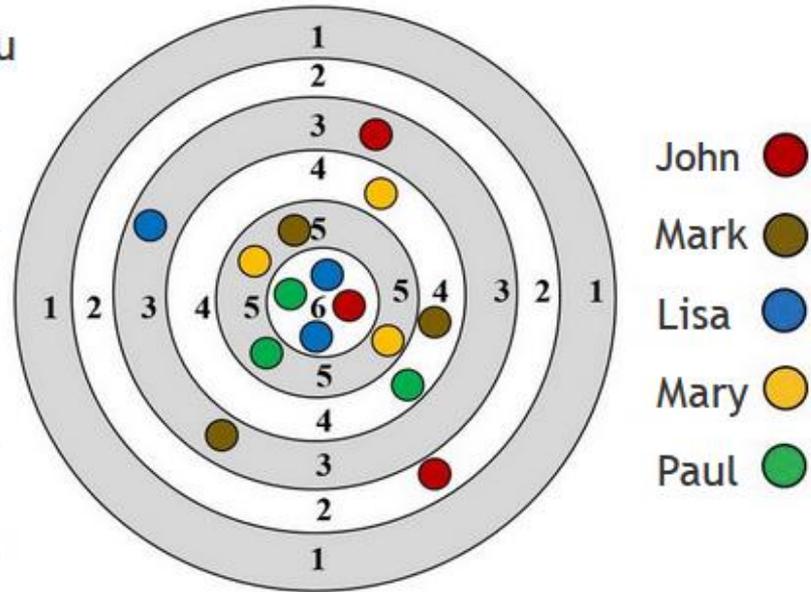


The different colours tell you who made the throw.

Click on the name of the person with the least points.



Who got more points?



Mary or John:  Click here!

Lisa or Paul:  Click here

Mark or Lisa:  Click here

True or false? Mark the sentences T (true) or F (false).



John has one more point than Mark.

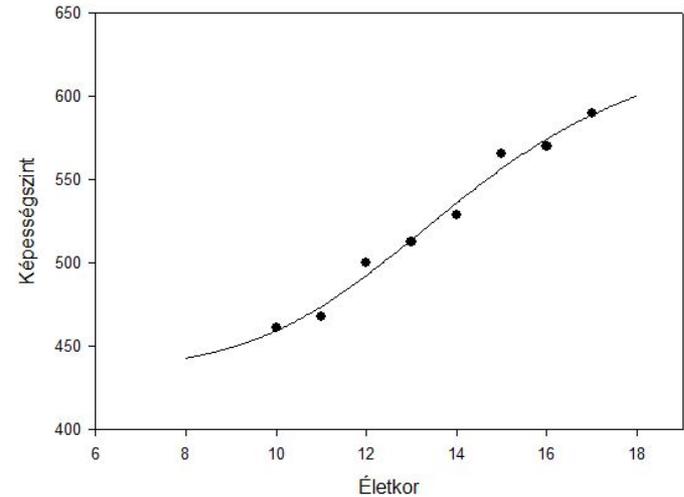


Mark has three more points than Paul.



# Based on empirical data

- 10.418.422 task solution
- 461.446 solved tests
- 94.970 students
- 50.863 items



# eDia-system during the whole school year



Grade 1. mouse +  
keyborad + school  
readiness

Grade 1-8.  
Reasoning skills +  
ICT literacy



Grade 2-7  
Mathematics  
Reading  
Science

Grade 1-6  
Mathematics  
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# Technology-Based Assessment is Applicable in an Educational Context

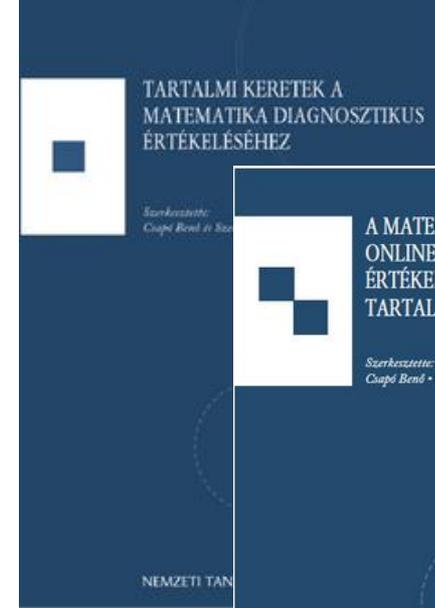


**Empirically validating**

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# Methods - sample

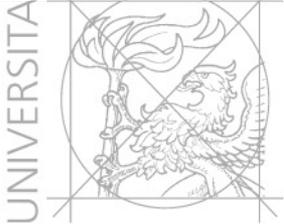
- 1-8 grade students (aged 7 to 14)
- 1500 to 2000 students in each cohort (N=14062)
- 656 classes from 134 schools
- The proportion of boys and girls was about the same



# Results



- Cronbach- $\alpha$ =.942
- $\alpha_{MD}$ =.89;  
 $\alpha_{MR}$ =.83;  
 $\alpha_{ML}$ =.89
- $M=49.39\%$  ( $SD=23.87$ )
- Math: only 18 out of the 5115  
- not finishing the test



# Mathematics

90

88

248 | 540 | 542 | 567 | 569 | 570 | 89

237 | 390 | 419 | 541 | 579 | 580 | 83 | 85 | 86

188 | 289 | 380 | 389 | 427 | 428 | 511 | 512 | 84 | 87 | 98

176 | 196 | 197 | 199 | 200 | 212 | 214 | 215 | 217 | 297 | 325 | 328 | 364 | 387 | 405 | 420 | 425 | 426 | 460 | 461 | 492 | 513 | 559 | 560 | 568 | 573 | 576

127 | 128 | 175 | 180 | 210 | 219 | 256 | 347 | 350 | 379 | 449 | 462 | 539 | 562 | 575 | 581

114 | 151 | 187 | 198 | 213 | 236 | 257 | 280 | 281 | 296 | 298 | 34 | 349 | 448 | 459 | 494 | 561 | 95 | 96

111 | 112 | 185 | 186 | 211 | 216 | 255 | 295 | 327 | 337 | 361 | 403 | 410 | 413 | 450 | 490 | 491 | 508 | 525 | 528 | 582 | 591 | 592 | 593 | 594 | 97

137 | 194 | 195 | 20 | 201 | 220 | 276 | 277 | 278 | 279 | 317 | 346 | 348 | 362 | 388 | 404 | 447 | 473 | 489 | 556 | 558 | 574 | 587 | 598 | 600 | 602 | 73 | 74

113 | 122 | 163 | 193 | 206 | 235 | 245 | 246 | 247 | 27 | 28 | 313 | 315 | 359 | 415 | 417 | 475 | 504 | 507 | 51 | 510 | 571 | 572 | 588 | 597

08 | 150 | 152 | 162 | 168 | 190 | 208 | 209 | 21 | 221 | 226 | 227 | 23 | 234 | 24 | 265 | 273 | 283 | 305 | 310 | 311 | 316 | 35 | 355 | 356 | 363 | 383 | 402

02 | 04 | 05 | 06 | 102 | 135 | 136 | 157 | 160 | 165 | 167 | 169 | 207 | 22 | 228 | 229 | 230 | 231 | 232 | 233 | 243 | 25 | 26 | 263 | 274 | 275 | 284 | 285 | 286

01 | 03 | 07 | 100 | 101 | 120 | 149 | 158 | 159 | 161 | 166 | 170 | 171 | 172 | 174 | 189 | 191 | 192 | 203 | 244 | 252 | 261 | 264 | 268 | 270 | 271 | 272 | 287

106 | 117 | 119 | 121 | 133 | 134 | 146 | 148 | 17 | 173 | 19 | 204 | 205 | 218 | 254 | 293 | 302 | 307 | 308 | 309 | 312 | 321 | 322 | 323 | 326 | 334 | 336 | 337

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09 | 108 | 11 | 118 | 123 | 124 | 125 | 132 | 145 | 164 | 183 | 258 | 260 | 266 | 29 | 319 | 329 | 330 | 332 | 341 | 342 | 352 | 365 | 366 | 396 | 411 | 412 | 437

104 | 105 | 130 | 131 | 138 | 143 | 179 | 18 | 181 | 182 | 224 | 225 | 240 | 259 | 33 | 331 | 395 | 406 | 44 | 45 | 46 | 93 | 94

129 | 139 | 140 | 142 | 144 | 153 | 154 | 155 | 156 | 177 | 222 | 223 | 238 | 391 | 394 | 421 | 422 | 424

239 | 241 | 344 | 345 | 392 | 393 | 423

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well structured item bank

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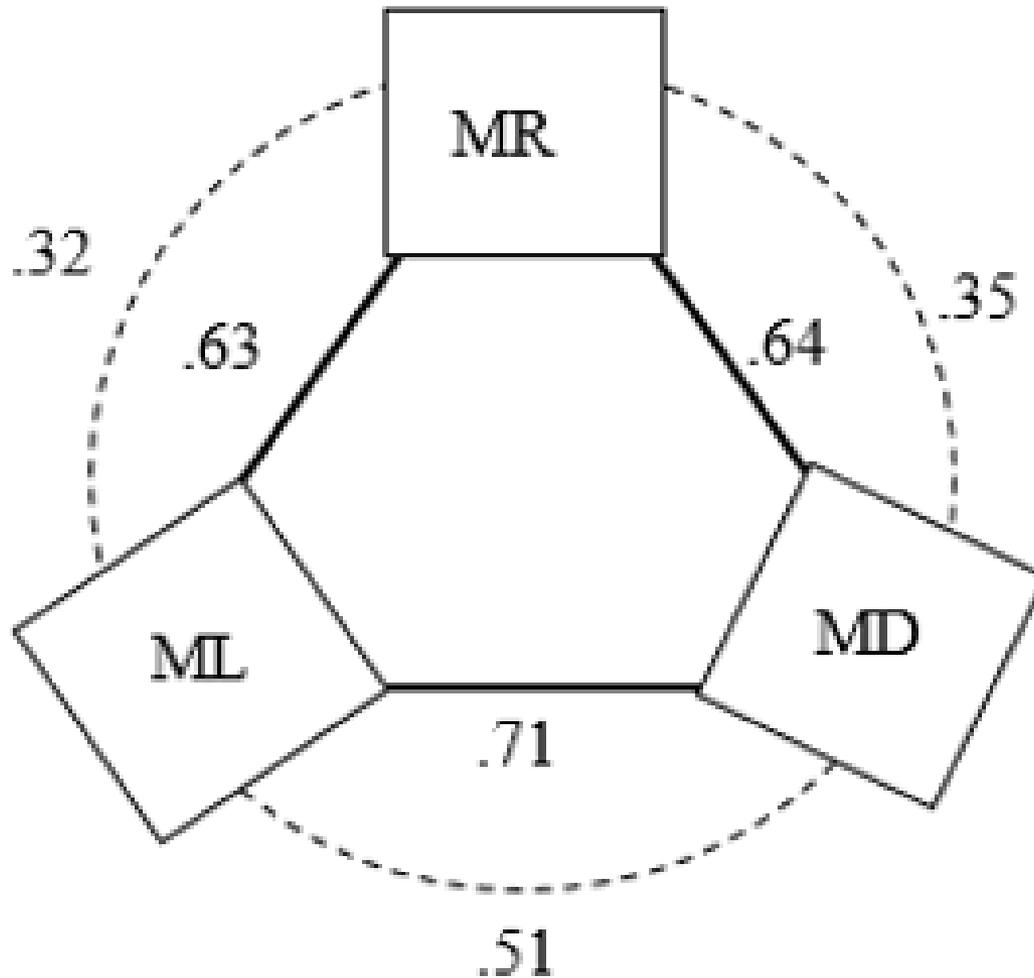
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**Technology-based  
assessment is applicable in  
the field of mathematics,  
reading and science from  
grade 1 to 8.**

# Relations between MR, ML and MD (all coefficients are significant at $p < .01$ )



All bivariate relationships were influenced by the third construct

# Goodness of fit indices for testing dimensionality of mathematics

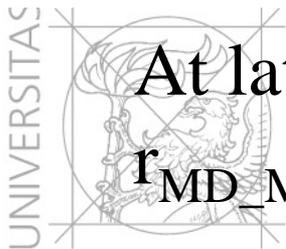
| Model         | $\chi^2$  | <i>df</i> | <i>p</i> | CFI  | TLI  | RMSEA (90% CI)   |
|---------------|-----------|-----------|----------|------|------|------------------|
| 3-dimensional | 16955.213 | 1067      | .001     | .965 | .963 | .054 (.053–.055) |
| 1-dimensional | 31445.929 | 1073      | .001     | .931 | .928 | .075 (.075–.076) |

*Note:* *df* = degrees of freedom; CFI = Comparative Fit Index; TLI = Tucker-Lewis Index; RMSEA = Root Mean Square Error of Approximation;  $\chi^2$  and *df* are estimated by WLSMV.

At latent level:

$$r_{MD\_MR} = .685, r_{MD\_ML} = .749, r_{ML\_MR} = .634, p < .001$$

$$\chi^2 = 3389.111; df = 6; p < .001$$

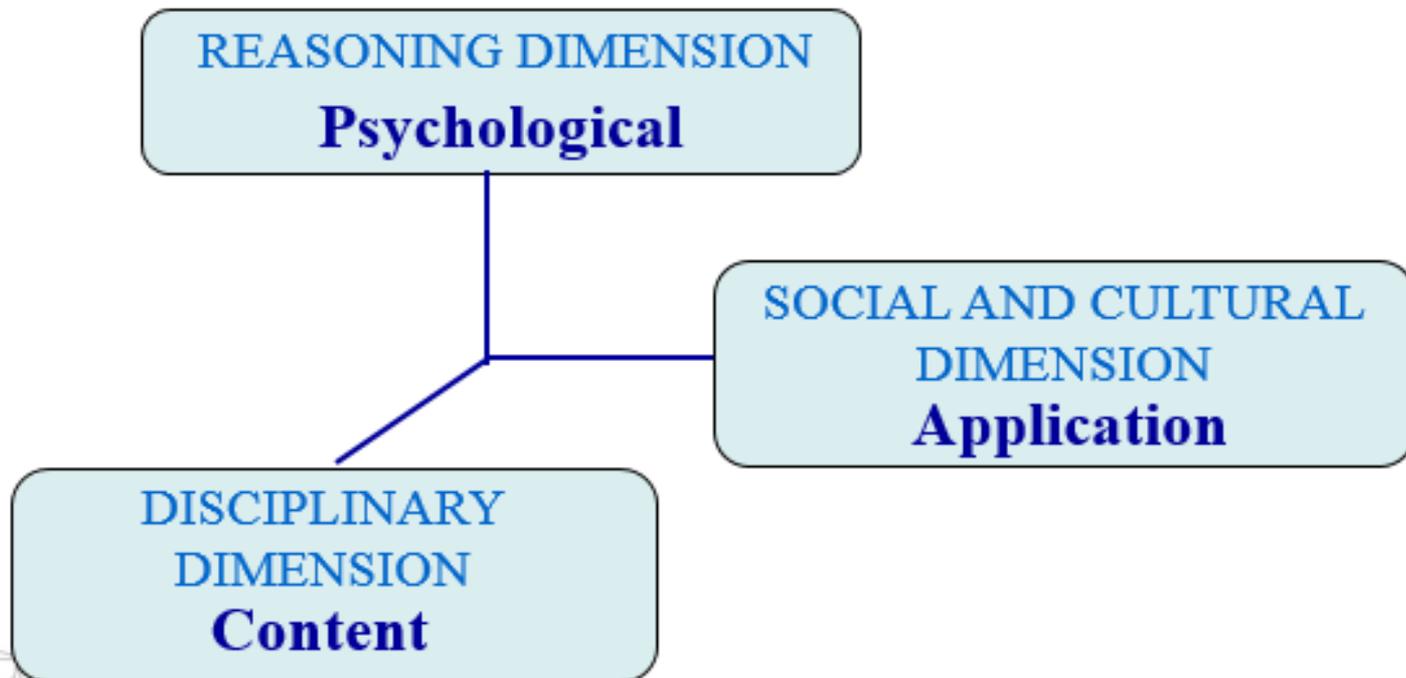


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| Grade | Model       | $\chi^2$ | df  | p    | $\Delta\chi^2$ | $\Delta df$ | P    | CFI  | TLI  | RMSEA |
|-------|-------------|----------|-----|------|----------------|-------------|------|------|------|-------|
| 1     | 3 dimension | 409.506  | 249 | .001 | 95.309         | 3           | .001 | .953 | .948 | .077  |
|       | 1 dimension | 586.328  | 252 | .001 |                |             |      | .902 | .893 | .110  |
| 2     | 3 dimension | 543.407  | 321 | .001 | 96.826         | 3           | .001 | .944 | .939 | .061  |
|       | 1 dimension | 734.133  | 324 | .001 |                |             |      | .897 | .889 | .083  |
| 3     | 3 dimension | 171.573  | 149 | .01  | 15.784         | 3           | .01  | .923 | .912 | .046  |
|       | 1 dimension | 194.581  | 152 | .01  |                |             |      | .855 | .837 | .063  |
| 4     | 3 dimension | 236.477  | 206 | .01  | 40.265         | 3           | .001 | .940 | .933 | .060  |
|       | 1 dimension | 268.352  | 209 | .01  |                |             |      | .883 | .871 | .083  |
| 5     | 3 dimension | 381.365  | 186 | .001 | 110.584        | 3           | .001 | .939 | .931 | .060  |
|       | 1 dimension | 675.939  | 189 | .001 |                |             |      | .847 | .830 | .095  |
| 6     | 3 dimension | 680.214  | 492 | .001 | 112.972        | 3           | .001 | .912 | .906 | .054  |
|       | 1 dimension | 966.684  | 495 | .001 |                |             |      | .780 | .765 | .085  |
| 7     | 3 dimension | 1182.063 | 816 | .001 | 205.034        | 3           | .001 | .968 | .966 | .047  |
|       | 1 dimension | 1882.948 | 819 | .001 |                |             |      | .908 | .903 | .079  |
| 8     | 3 dimension | 3021.062 | 557 | .001 | 165.118        | 3           | .001 | .876 | .867 | .124  |
|       | 1 dimension | 3412.642 | 560 | .001 |                |             |      | .856 | .847 | .133  |

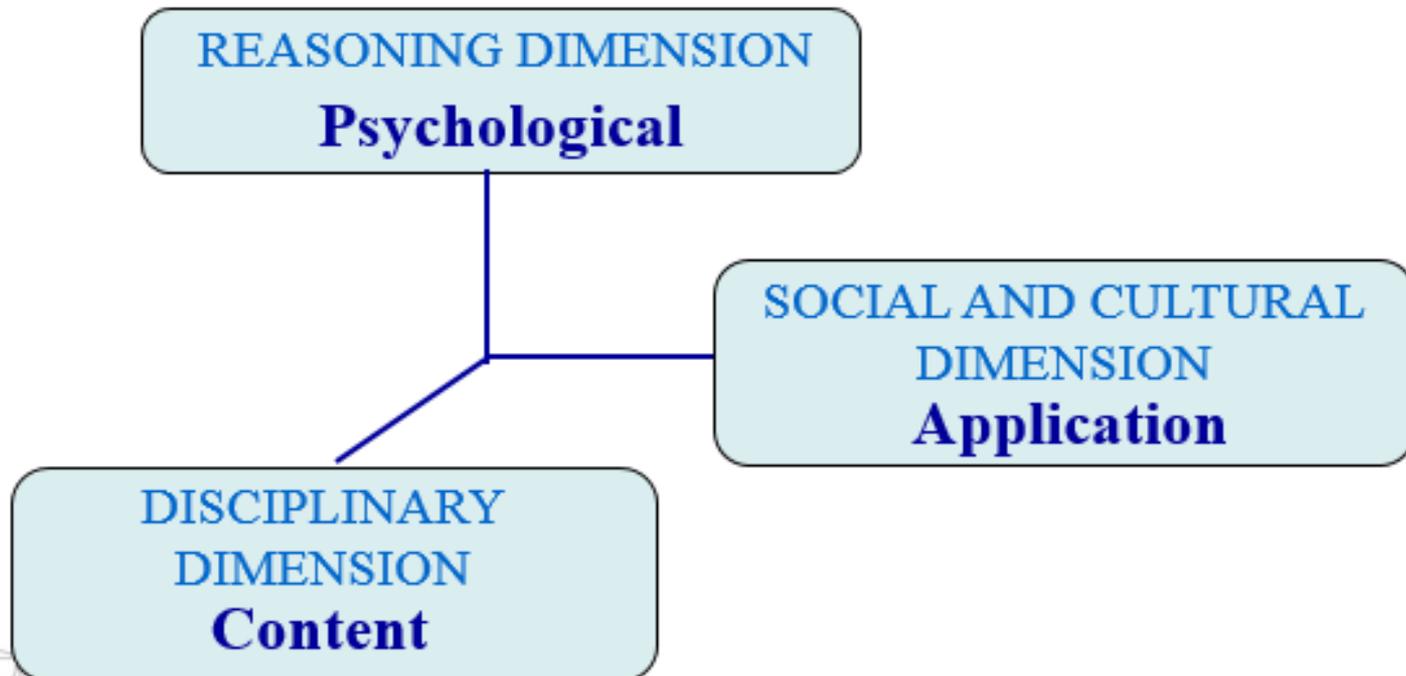
Note. df: degrees of freedom; CFI: Comparative Fit Index; TLI: Tucker Lewis Index, RMSEA= Root Mean Square Error of Approximation,  $\chi^2$ : and df are estimated by WLSMV.  $\Delta\chi^2$  were estimated by Difference Test-procedure in MPlus (see Muthén & Muthén, 2012).

**Disciplinary, application and psychological dimensions of learning mathematics, reading and science can be empirically distinguished independent of the measured grade.**





**The development of all three dimensions is important.**



# Extra modul

- eDia teacher test modul  
([www.teszt.edia.hu](http://www.teszt.edia.hu))  
Almost 50.000 items (20.000 tasks)
- eDia kindergarten test modul  
([www.ovi.edia.hu](http://www.ovi.edia.hu))  
2500 tasks  
Optimised for tablets



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# Key Takeaways

- Leave the „fitting for all approach”
- Integrate knowledge from different fields
- Change the aim and type of assessment (what and how of teaching).
- Use the advantages of technology-based diagnostic assessment as a tool, supportive medium for **personalize learning**



Thank you for your  
kind attention!

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“If you can not measure it, you can not improve it.”

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