Fostering Cognitive Processes of Knowledge Integration through Exploratory Question-Posing

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WHATs of this thesis
Introduction – What this thesis is about

When students encounter new knowledge often it is fragmented and not well connected with their existing knowledge.
Introduction – What this thesis is about

- It is highly desirable that students integrate the knowledge pieces effectively.
- Explicitly targeting improvement of students’ knowledge integration skill is needed.
Introduction – What this thesis is about

Towards better knowledge integration skill
Introduction - What is knowledge integration

● The process by which learners sort out connections between new and existing ideas to reach more normative and coherent understanding in science (Liu, et al., 2008).

● This process of making links between knowledge pieces and forming arguments results in a more organized understanding of the concepts (Lee, et al., 2011).
Knowledge fragmentation occurs frequently and in various age groups.

For a learner who is new to a topic, the fragmentation occurs more.

Novices have a fragmented organization of knowledge and focus on superficial differences between their observations.

DiSessa, 2008; Izsak, 2005; Wagner, 2006; Gillespie et al., 2004; Chi et al., 1981
Cognitive Processes of KI

KI Instructional patterns should support following cognitive processes (Linn, 2011):

- Elicit or generate ideas from repertoire of ideas.
- Add new ideas to help distinguish or link ideas.
- Distinguish ideas.
- Sort out ideas by promoting, demoting, merging, and reorganizing.
Student should be able to (Linn, 2011):

- Elicit prior knowledge that may be related to the new knowledge.
- Focus on the new knowledge.
- Distinguish ideas - identify conflicts, inconsistencies and gaps.
- Sort out ideas by promoting, demoting, merging, and reorganizing.

Introduction - What does knowledge integration entail
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* M. C. Linn and B.-S. Eylon, 2011.
Improving Cognitive Processes of KI

Gap - Supporting Knowledge Integration

Instructional supports for KI
• Designing and evaluating a technology enhanced learning environment (TELE) to improve students' cognitive processes associated with knowledge integration.
Potential Solution approaches

- Explanation Generation (Chang and Linn, 2013)
- Peer discussions (Hoadley and Linn, 2000)
- Concept Maps (Schwendimann, 2016)
- Teacher-designed openers (Zertuche et al., 2012)
- Annotations (Gerard et al. (2016a)
- Student question Posing (King, 1994b)
- etc.
Solution Approach

✓ Using Exploratory Question posing (EQP) as a cognitive tool for performing KI processes

Illustrative Example:
After watching a video lecture on linked-list, a student poses following question:

The video lecture talks **nothing** about the concept of “sorting”.

Can a **linked list** be **sorted**?

Given knowledge
Prior knowledge
Using Exploratory Question posing (EQP) as a cognitive tool for performing KI processes

Illustrative Example:
After watching a video lecture on linked-list, a student poses following question:

Can a linked list be sorted(ing)

What we see is that questioning has an affordance of knowledge integration.
✓ Using Exploratory Question posing (EQP) as a cognitive tool for performing KI processes

- EQP is accompanied with following cognitive processes
  - Eliciting prior knowledge
  - Using the new knowledge
  - Looking into inconsistencies, gaps, conflicts
  - REPRESENTING each of the above aspects in the form of a question
Scope of the work

● Cognitive Processes
  ○ We target only first three processes of KI.
    ■ The 4th one (“sorting out ideas”) is not fully supported.

● Population
  ○ First and Second year engineering undergraduates.

● Domain
  ○ The studies have been administered in the domain of data structures.
    ■ The artefacts produced are applicable to the data structures and similar* domain.
    ■ The pedagogy should* be applicable to all domains in general.
How to employ exploratory question posing in a Technology Enhanced Learning Environment (TELE) to improve students cognitive processes associated with KI in a data structures course?
Solution (IKnowIT - Pedagogy and Environment)

• **A pedagogy:** Inquiry-based Knowledge Integration Training (IKnowIT) pedagogy
• **A TEL environment:** IKnowIT-environment
Solution (IKnowIT-pedagogy)

Conceptual design of the Inquiry-based Knowledge Integration Training (IKnowIT) -pedagogy
Solution (IKnowIT-environment)

Switch to browser for demo
Solution (IKnowIT-pedagogy)

Phase A
Minimal EQP Instruction

Phase B
Question Posing

Phase C
Detailed EQP Instruction

Phase D
Question Categorization

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Conceptual design of the Inquiry-based Knowledge Integration Training (IKnowIT) -pedagogy
A glimpse into the effects of IKnowIT

Students, who completed an IKnowIT session, after watching a new video lecture

Now we actually try to understand the concept
HOWs of this thesis
Theoretical Basis

Constructivist view of Learning

Knowledge Integration Framework

Student Question Posing

informs the problem

informs the solution

IKnowIT
Employed Design-based Research (DBR)
Why Design-based Research (DBR)?

- DBR is meant to come up with an **intervention design**
- DBR is **pragmatic, theory driven**
- **Design** studies are done in **real-world settings**.
- Requires working together with **participants**.
- Initial plan is usually insufficiently detailed
- Research results are connected with the design process and the setting.
The two DBR cycles in this Thesis
DBR Cycle 1
DBR Cycle 1

**RQ1a**: How do learners integrate knowledge during exploratory QP? *(Study 1)*

**RQ1b**: Are the exploratory QP strategies ‘Apply,’ ‘Operate’ and ‘Associate’ valid within Data Structures course? *(Study 2)*

**RQ1c**: Can ‘Guided Cooperative Questioning’-based pedagogical intervention improve learners’ KI performance? *(Study 3)*

**RQ1d**: What do the learners perceive about the effects of guided cooperative QP based pedagogical intervention? *(Study 4)*
DBR Cycle 1

● Objectives
  ○ Investigate if question posing is applicable for KI
  ○ Come up with an initial pedagogical design

● Research Activities
  ○ 4 research studies were conducted (Study1, Study2, Study3, Study4)
  ○ Inductive qualitative analysis of student-questions provided insight about the student question posing processes.
  ○ Experimental studies were conducted to get the proof of concept about the applicability of QP for KI.

● Primary Contributions
  ○ Question posing was empirically found applicable for KI
  ○ Frequently occurring EQP strategies were identified
  ○ Initial versions of IKnowIT pedagogy was created (version 1.x)
### DBR Cycle 1 - The three EQP Strategies

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<td>Apply</td>
<td>Where students link the concepts from given knowledge with some goal ‘application’ or ‘structural arrangement’ which they already know.</td>
<td>&quot;Can I create social network graph using array?&quot;</td>
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<td>Operate</td>
<td>Operate, where the QP involves integrating given knowledge with known goal state (or modifications) and seek operations/procedure to achieve the goal state.</td>
<td>“How can I search a value from the list of values stored as an array?”</td>
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<td>Associate</td>
<td>Where concepts from given and prior knowledge are linked to seek insight about the given knowledge or prior knowledge.</td>
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| --      | **LQ1.** What is KI and what does it mean to improve cognitive processes of KI? | Literature analysis | ● Characterization of KI as the three cognitive processes  
● Identification of student question posing as a viable strategy. |
| Study 1 | **RQ 1a.** How do students integrate knowledge during exploratory question posing (EQP)? | Inductive thematic analysis on the questions generated by students in question posing sessions | ● Multiple patterns of strategies are found by which students integrate new knowledge and prior knowledge pieces. |

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<td><strong>Study 2</strong></td>
<td><strong>RQ 1b.</strong> Are the exploratory question posing strategies “Apply”, “Operate” and “Associate” valid within data structures course?</td>
<td>Content analysis on the questions generated by students in question posing sessions</td>
<td>● The three broad exploratory questioning strategies are applicable in most (87%) of the exploratory questions that students pose in data structure topics.</td>
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<td><strong>LQ3.</strong> Which is the viable QP strategy to start with for designing a QP-based pedagogy for improving cognitive processes of KI?</td>
<td>Literature analysis</td>
<td>● Identification of guided cooperative question posing as a viable QP strategy.</td>
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### DBR Cycle 1 - Design of Solution

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<td><strong>DQ1.</strong> What should be the adaptation of the design of <strong>guided cooperative questioning</strong> (GCQ) based pedagogy (IKnowIT* version 1) as a semi-online learning intervention?</td>
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<td>● GCQ was adapted using EQP strategies as domain specific question prompts for semi-online version of IKnowIT.</td>
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Guided Cooperative Questioning (GCQ)

IKnowIT version 1.0
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<td><strong>RQ1c.</strong> Can guided cooperative question posing based pedagogical intervention improve students’ knowledge integration performance?</td>
<td>Quantitative analysis of the difference between the experimental and control group performances</td>
<td>• Students who undergo GCQ based exercise perform better KI than the students who do not. (but not statistically significant)</td>
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<td><strong>Study 4</strong></td>
<td><strong>RQ1d.</strong> What do the students perceive about the effects of guided cooperative question posing based pedagogical intervention?</td>
<td>Content analysis of the focused group interviews, survey</td>
<td>• Multiple productive perceptions relating to benefit of GCQ based strategy for knowledge integration are found in the students</td>
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DBR Cycle 1 – Pedagogy version 1.0 and 1.1

IKNowlIT version 1.0

Phase 1: Minimal instruction on question posing
Phase 2: Video Lecture
Phase 3: Question Posing
Phase 4: Detailed EDP Instructions and Question Reviewing
Phase 5.1: Online - pair discussion
Phase 5.2: Online - pair question posing
Phase 6: Face to Face discussion

IKNowlIT version 1.1

Phase 1: Video Lecture
Phase 2: instruction on question posing
Phase 3: Question Posing
Phase 4: Question Sharing & Discussion

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DBR Cycle 1 – Pedagogy version 1.1

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DBR Cycle 2
RQ2a: What are the effects of each of the pedagogical features of IKnowIT-environment on learner’s learning process? (Study 5)

RQ2b: What are the effects of the learners’ interaction with the IKnowIT-environment on their improvement of KI quality? (Study 5, Study 6)

RQ3a: What are the learners’ perception of the extent of usefulness of each IKnowIT pedagogical features for their learning? (Study 7)

RQ3b: What are the learners’ perception about the usefulness of IKnowIT-environment? (Study 7)

RQ3c: What are the learners’ perception of the effect of IKnowIT-environment on their KI related abilities? (Study 7)

RQ3d: How usable is the IKnowIT-environment? (Study 7)
DBR Cycle 2

● Objectives
  ○ Refine and finalize the pedagogical design and come up with a working solution
  ○ Evaluate the design
  ○ Extract local learning theories

● Research Activities
  ○ iDEEN iterations to iteratively evaluate and evolve the pedagogy (Study 5)
  ○ Triangulation studies to validate effectiveness of the IKnowIT-pedagogy (Study 5, Study 6, Study 7)

● Primary Contributions
  ○ Final version of IKnowIT pedagogy was created (version 2.6)
  ○ Local learning theories were extracted
  ○ Final design was evaluated and found to be effective
## DBR Cycle 2 – iDEEN (Iterative Design Evaluation & Evolution) iterations

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**Green Blocks:** Features retained till the end of the iDEEN study
DBR Cycle 2 – iDEEN iterations

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**Green Blocks:** Feature retained till the end of grounded theory
#: Criticize online partner’s question (Canned Partner - Questions were take from previous studies)
*: KI Strategy classification – Visual
^: Google form–based implementation of the Reflection Task
DBR Cycle 2 - Design and Evaluation contd...

Phase A: Minimal EQP Instruction
Phase B: Question Posing
Phase C: Detailed EQP Instruction
Phase D: Question Categorization
Phase E: Question Critiquing
Phase F: Reflection

Second run of these Phases (minimum one repetition)

IKnowIT version 2.6
### DBR Cycle 2 – Problem Analysis

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|         | **DQ2.** What were the design problems in IknowIT version 1, which should be addressed in the next version? | Analysis of findings from DBR 1 | • Students do not use questioning prompts - learners need more understanding of the EQP strategies.  
• Design should completely cater to the online mode. - Face to face discussion should be converted into online discussion. |

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DBR Cycle 2 - Design and Evaluation

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Watch
Minimal EQP Instructions
Questioning
Detailed EQP Instructions
Categorise
Criticize online partner's categorisations
Discuss
Video Lecture
Reading
Question Posing
Reading
Categorise own questions
Criticize
Online pair discussions
DBR Cycle 2 - Design and Evaluation

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### DBR Cycle 2 - Design and Evaluation

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<td><strong>DQ3.</strong> What should be the design-features of next version of IKnowIT (version 2.x) to make it capable of fostering in students the cognitive processes of KI?</td>
<td>Iterative Design Evaluation and Evolution Method (iDEEN)</td>
<td>• 13 iterations of iDEEN produced 7 sub-versions of IKnowIT version 2.x, until the pedagogical up-gradation requirement ceased.</td>
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<td><strong>RQ2a.</strong> What are the effects of each of the pedagogical features of IKnowIT learning environment on students learning process?</td>
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<td>• List of mechanisms are found describing how the student's interaction with pedagogical features in IKnowIT that lead to the learning achievements</td>
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<td><strong>Study 5</strong></td>
<td>RQ2b. What are the effects of the students’ interaction with the IKnowIT learning environment on their improvement of knowledge integration quality?</td>
<td>Rubric based analysis of student generated questions (One group pre-post Analysis)</td>
<td>● KI quality of the questions posed by the students after one iteration of the interaction with the environment is significantly more than the KI quality of the questions generated in the very beginning.</td>
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### RQ2b. What are the effects of the students’ interaction with the IKnowIT learning environment on their improvement of knowledge integration quality?

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| Study 6 | RQ2b. What are the effects of the students’ interaction with the IKnowIT learning environment on their improvement of knowledge integration quality? | Quantitative analysis of the difference between the experimental and control group performances using KI rubric. & Thematic analysis of instructor’s Interview | ● Knowledge integration (KI) quality of the responses to the posttest items by the students in the experimental group is more than the students in the control group. (Not statistically significant)  
● Students attitude changed. |
### Study 7

**RQ3a.** What are the students’ perception about the extent of usefulness of each IKnowIT pedagogical features for their learning?

Frequencies of students’ response to the Likert scale questions were obtained.

- Students perceive each of the pedagogical features of IKnowIT highly useful.
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<td>Frequencies of students’ response to the Likert scale questions were obtained.</td>
<td>● Students perceive the IKnowIT learning environment to be highly useful for their understanding of EQP strategies and how to use question posing to do better knowledge integration.</td>
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RQs: Research Questions; DQs: Design Questions; LQs: Literature Questions
## DBR Cycle 2 – Evaluation and Reflection

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<td>● Students perceive the IKnowIT learning environment to be highly useful for the improvement of all the mentioned abilities.</td>
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<td>System usability score based on SUS* survey</td>
<td>● Learning environment is sufficiently usable. (SUS Score: 73.5)</td>
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* Brooke et al., 1996, Bangor et al., 2009*
DBR Cycle 2 – Local Learning Theory

• What is Local Learning Theory?
  • Mechanisms that explain how does the learner's interactions with the pedagogical features of the learning environment lead to the desired learning.
  • These are the “theoretical yields” of an education design research.
  • Often construed as “design principles”

The role of question posing primarily is to set a cognitive requirement of eliciting prior knowledge, focusing on new ideas and identification of gaps and conflict.

The role of the EQP strategies primarily is to scaffold the execution of these processes.

These roles are executed at different levels of abstractions at different phases in the IKnowIT pedagogy.
DBR Cycle 2 - Local Learning Theory

Metacognitive Abstraction

Metacognition - Level 3
Regulation of cognition

During the QP Phase (Second Cycle)

Metacognition - Level 2
Knowledge of Cognition, and Planning aspect of Regulation

During the Reflection Phase

Metacognition - Level 1
Knowledge of Cognition

During the Categorize & Critiquing Phases

Implicit Execution

During the QP Phase (First Cycle)
Local learning theory provide insight into various other learning mechanisms, as follows.

• How and when do the questions arise in learner’s mind?
• Effects of learning from the *Minimal EQP Instruction* and being conscious to the goal of the QP task.
• Life Cycles of questions during the IKnowIT Training
• Change in the QP experience in the second run: More intrinsic motivation and authentic questioning
• Factors determining quality and quantity of QP
• Roles of QP in IKnowIT-pedagogy
• Learning of the EQP Strategies
• Anticipated vs. Counter-intuitive vs. Unanticipated Roles of EQP strategies
Positive effects of IKnowIT pedagogy have been corroborated by several studies.

• Study 5 has quantitatively shown that KI performance of the learners increases, as seen through the KI quality of the questions posed by the learners.

• Study 6 has also shown that KI performance of the learners increases, as seen through the KI quality of the open responses given by the learners to KI assessment questions by the learners.

• Study 7 also corroborates that it’s useful for the the objective of fostering cognitive processes of KI. It also establishes that the IKnowIT-environment is fairly usable.
Transfer level meta-cognition

Synthesis level meta-cognition

Understand level meta-cognition

Latent Execution

Factors determining the quantity and quality

When Questions arise in the learner’s mind

Have roles and effects

Have roles and effects

Have mechanisms about how are they learnt

During the QP activity Phase – Second Cycle

During the Reflection Activity Phase

During the Categorize & Criticize Phases

During the QP activity Phase - First Cycle
• Two DBR cycles were executed.
• First for getting an initial pedagogical design, second for refining and finalizing the design.
• Broad three EQP strategies were identified and used in the IKnowIT learning environment.
• IKnowIT pedagogy was evaluated
  – Primarily Qualitatively
  – & Quantitatively
• Following claims and contribution come out of this thesis.
### Claims (1/5)

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| 1 | Students' KI cognitive processes improves after they are trained using IKnowIT. | ● In the iterative design evaluation and evolution (iDEEN) study in DBR2, it was found that the learners improves their cognitive processes of knowledge integration by traversing through following levels of progressive abstraction of thinking processes while interacting with the IKnowIT learning environment.  
   ● Different levels of cognition and metacognition |
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| 2. | Students **KI quality** improves after they are trained using IKnowIT. | 1. **Proof of concept level evidences from DBR1:**  
   **(Study 3 & 4)**  
   a. Students participated in question posing based activities show better knowledge integration performance than other students.  
   b. Qualitative results show that students demonstrated indicators of better knowledge integration after participating in question posing based activities.  

2. **Evidences from DBR2**  
   • Quantitative study shows that the KI quality of the questions posed by the students after one iteration of the interaction with the environment is significantly more than the KI quality of the questions generated in the very beginning. **(Study 5)**  
   • Instructor’s interview show shift in students’ attitude. |
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Research Contribution
a) IKnowIT-pedagogy
   • A pedagogy to improve learner's cognitive processes of knowledge integration
     • Consumer: TEL environment developers, Researchers, Teachers

b) EQP Strategies
   Exploratory Question Posing Strategies
   • Consumers: Students, Teachers, Researchers (All who want to create any question posing based activities in Data Structures)

c) Established the applicability of EQP for KI
   • Consumer: Researchers, Practitioners

d) Local Learning Theories (LLTs)
   • Theories describing how do the learners improve their KI cognitive processes as a result of their interaction with IKnowIT learning environment
     • Consumer: Researchers, Practitioners
Development Contribution

a) IKnowIT-environment
   • A web-based technology enhanced learning environment for improving students cognitive processes of KI.
   • Consumer: Students, Teachers

b) iDEEN
   Iterative Design Evaluation and Evolution method
   • Consumers: Researchers(Who want to develop a technology enhanced learning environments)
Outreach Contribution

• We trained 785 undergraduate students in Data Structures topics at various stages of this exploratory research.

• Studies included in this thesis (Study 1 through 7) was administered with total 255 out of these 785 learners.
• All ET Research Scholars
• Rahul Dolui, Ajit Mhatre, Ashwanth Unni
• My friends outside ET RS including Dipti, Govardhan, Sreelakshmi, Neha
• My Professors and Family
Other outputs from this exploratory research

- **SQDL: Student Question Driven Learning**
  A question-posing based instructional strategy for enabling student directed learning.

- **SQDL – Classroom Tool**
  A handheld device-based tool for efficient execution of SQDL.

- **PPE: Problem Posing Exercises**
  Another question-posing based instructional and assessment strategy for CS1 learners.
Publications (Related to thesis)

**Journal**

**Conferences**

Conferences contd...


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Thank you for your attention

Your questions and feedback are highly needed

<Link to the rebuttal table>
Study 1 (DBR 1 – Problem Analysis)

• **Research Question**
  • **RQ 1a.** How do students integrate knowledge during exploratory question posing?

• **Sample**
  • 95, second-year CS engineering undergrads (Mumbai University)

• **Design / Implementation**
  • A small 15 minutes lecture followed by a question posing (QP) session.

• **Data Collected**
  • Questions generated by the students in the QP session.
  • Students generated 129 questions.
Study 1 (DBR 1 – Problem Analysis)

• **Data Analysis**
  • Inductive thematic analysis* of the questions generated.
    • **Open Coding:**
      Explored the question data and identified incidents, i.e., units of analysis to code for meanings, feelings, actions, events and so on.
    • **Axial Coding:**
      Incidents obtained in the open coding were reorganized on the basis of connections between the incidents into subcategories and core categories.

* J. Fereday and E. Muir-Cochrane (2006)
Study 1  (DBR 1 – Problem Analysis)

- Three levels of findings
  1. Two types of questions: Clarification and Exploratory.
  2. Students use the knowledge pieces from the given new knowledge and/or their prior knowledge to come up with a question.
  3. Exploratory question posing (EQP) strategies.
     1. APPLY
     2. OPERATE
     3. ASSOCIATE
Study 2 (DBR 1 – Problem Analysis)

• **Research Question**
  • **RQ 1b.** Are the exploratory question posing strategies “Apply”, “Operate” and “Associate” valid within data structures course?

• **Sample**
  • 112 questions generated by 45, second-year CS engineering undergrads (DIT University)

• **Design / Implementation**
  • Content analysis on the questions generated by students in question posing sessions

• **Data Collected**
  • Questions generated by the students in the QP session.
Study 2  (DBR 1 – Problem Analysis)

• **Findings**
  
  • The three broad exploratory questioning strategies are applicable in most (87%) of the exploratory questions that students pose in data structure topics.
Study 3 (DBR 1 – Evaluation & Reflection)

• **Research Question**
  - **RQ1c.** Can guided cooperative question posing based pedagogical intervention improve students’ knowledge integration performance?

• **Sample**
  - 24 second semester computer science undergraduate engineering students (Mumbai University)

• **Design / Implementation**
  - Two group control study

• **Data Collected**
  - Concept Maps generated by the students in the posttest.
Study 3 (DBR 1 – Evaluation & Reflection)

- **Design / Implementation**
  - Two group control study

![Diagram showing experimental and control groups with activity phases and time durations.]
• **Data Analysis**
  • Measured KI performances by analyzing concept-maps generated by the students as a posttest.
  • Used standard KI Assessment Rubric by Liu, et al. (2008)
Study 3 (DBR 1 – Evaluation & Reflection)

- Data Analysis

### Step 1: Identifying ideas
- Is the idea relevant to the scientific phenomenon represented in the item?
- Does the idea conform to the scientific norms?
  - Yes → Step 2: Identifying links among ideas
  - No → No Link

### Step 2: Identifying links among ideas
- Are ideas connected?
  - Yes → Step 3: Examining each link between two ideas
  - No
    - No → No Link
    - Partial Link

### Step 3: Examining each link between two ideas
- Is the link scientifically valid?
- Is the link elaborated fully?
  - Yes → Step 4: Examining linking structure
  - No
    - No → No Link
    - One link
    - Two or more links

### Step 4: Examining linking structure
- How many full links are presented?
  - One link
  - Two or more links

- No Valid and relevant (to the video lecture) TRIPLETS
- Valid, relevant TRIPLETS
- Valid, relevant, 1 step extended TRIPLETS
- Valid, relevant, more than 1 step extended TRIPLETS
Study 3 (DBR 1 – Evaluation & Reflection)

- Data Analysis

1 Triplet

Triplet after 1 step extension

Triplet with more than 1 step extension
Study 3  (DBR 1 – Evaluation & Reflection)

- Findings

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Study 4 (DBR 1 – Evaluation & Reflection)

- **Research Question**
  - **RQ1d.** What do the students perceive about the effects of guided cooperative question posing based pedagogical intervention?

- **Sample**
  - 15, second-year CS engineering undergrads (Mumbai University)

- **Design / Implementation**
  - Two group control study

- **Data Collected**
  - Post intervention group interview and survey
Study 4 (DBR 1 – Evaluation & Reflection)

• **Design / Implementation**

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Version 1.0 (Adapted from Guided Cooperative Questioning)

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Version 1.1 (Updated from version 1.0)
Study 4 (DBR 1 – Evaluation & Reflection)

• Findings

A. Students’ perception about question posing after the workshop:
   1. Learning "how to question" would help in understanding the concepts better.
   2. "I have learnt that all questions are important and we should not restrain ourselves from asking questions just by thinking it inferior."
   3. “We can think about a topic in different ways and therefore can learn more concepts at the same time.”
   4. Question posing can bring students out of passive learning.
Study 4 (DBR 1 – Evaluation & Reflection)

• Findings

B. Students perceptions of what they learnt from the workshop:
   1. “I learnt how to pose different kinds of questions and how to improvise on question posing.”
   2. Students learnt how to deeply look into any concept.
Study 4 (DBR 1 – Evaluation & Reflection)

• Findings

A. Cognitive
1. Quality of questions improved.
2. Learnt - how to question in many ways.
3. Learnt importance of questioning to learning.
4. Improved the thought process - “out of the box” thinking.
5. Learnt to see the topic(s) with different view and deeply.
6. Learnt content as well.
Study 4  (DBR 1 – Evaluation & Reflection)

• Findings

B. Behavioural
1. Students try to ask many exploratory questions.
2. Included questioning as a part of learning.
3. Improved self learning.
4. Started to question own-self.
5. Students try to debate on merit-demerit, not just “loud voice”.

return
Study 5 (DBR 2 – Design & Evaluation)

• **Research Question**
  • **DQ3.** What should be the design-features of next version of IKnowIT (version 2.x) to make it capable of fostering in students the cognitive processes of KI?
  • **RQ2a.** What are the effects of each of the pedagogical features of IKnowIT learning environment on students learning process?

• **Sample**
  • 23, second-year CS engineering undergrads (Mumbai University)
Study 5  (DBR 2 – Design & Evaluation)

• **Study Method**

  iDEEN - Iterative Design Evaluation and Evolution method
iDEEN – Process

1. **Interviews**: 35-60 minutes semi-structured interviews - Non-leading and detailed.

2. **Initial Coding**: Individual segments from interview transcripts are coded.

3. **Focused Codes**: Similar segments of different interviews are combined to explain larger segments of the data.

4. Third, the focused codes are abstracted into categories in a tentative theory that is then checked against other parts of the data to test its explanatory power.

5. **Constant comparison**: Tentative theory is tested back against the corpus of transcripts.

6. Tentative theory suggests new design principles and questions to interview.

S2: ...I am from IT background, so my question would be about application... I would be more interested so that I can use it... ...different background would lead to different point of view... S1: If prior knowledge is different then conflict would also be accordingly different. If my prior knowledge is shallow then I would perhaps not rely on the new one [knowledge]. If my prior knowledge is deep then I would get conflict more.13:09 I: So do you think that people always associate with prior knowledge?13:12 S1 and S2 : yes sir

• In the initial pass this was coded as “quality of PK determines quality of questions”.
• In later analysis it was incorporated into a larger focused code of “Role of PK and NK”.
• About half way through the process, a second pass was done and codes were reorganized.
• We recognized commonalities between this quote and other QP factors.
• All these ideas became part of the larger “Factors leading to question quality” category, a key part of our theory of Question Posing in IKnowIT.
### Pedagogical Design Features

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• **Research Question**
  • **RQ2b.** What are the effects of the students’ interaction with the IKnowIT learning environment on their improvement of knowledge integration quality?

• **Sample**
  • 23, second-year CS engineering undergrads (Mumbai University)

• **Data Collected**
  • Student generated questions in the two cycles of the IKnowIT pedagogy on two different topics.

• **Data Analysis**
  • Rubric based analysis of student generated questions (**One group pre-post Analysis**)
### Study 5 (DBR 2 – Evaluation)

- **Data Analysis**

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• **Data Analysis**
  1. Two analysts analyze each question separately, two identify distinct ideas present in any response.
  2. Analysts then discuss their analysis face to face and come to a common ground (final lists of valid ideas present in the responses).
Study 5 (DBR 2 – Evaluation)

• **Data Analysis**
  • For each question
    • Separate the “chain of concepts” and “question stem”
    • Apply the KI rubric

KI-Tree corresponding to the question, “Which, between graphs and trees has a better time complexity associated with traversal?”
Study 5 (DBR 2 – Evaluation)

- Result

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Wilcoxon Signed Rank Test Statistics
For 18 students:
- 80 questions in the initial QP session
- 69 questions in the second QP session
Study 6 (DBR 2 – Evaluation)

• **Research Question**
  • RQ2b. What are the effects of the students’ interaction with the IKnowIT learning environment on their improvement of knowledge integration quality?

• **Sample**
  • 31, second-year CS engineering undergrads (Mumbai University)

• **Data Collected**
  1. Student response to the three posttest questions.
  2. Instructors’ Interview after 20 days of the intervention.

• **Data Analysis**
  • Rubric based analysis of student responses (**two group control study**)
Study 6 (DBR 2 – Evaluation)

- Data Analysis

**Step 1: Identifying ideas**
- Is the idea relevant to the scientific phenomenon represented in the item?
- Does the idea conform to the scientific norms?
  - Yes → **Step 2: Identifying links among ideas**
    - Are ideas connected?
      - Yes → **Step 3: Examining each link between two ideas**
        - Is the link scientifically valid?
          - Yes → **Step 4: Examining linking structure**
            - How many full links are presented?
              - One link
              - Two or more links
        - No
      - No
    - No
  - No Link
  - Partial Link
  - Full Link
  - Complex Link
• Data Analysis

1. Two analysts analyzed each response separately to identify distinct ideas present in any response.
2. Analysts then discuss their analysis face to face and come to a common ground (final lists of valid ideas present in the responses).
3. Since number of ideas in almost all responses exceeded 4 therefore we didn’t follow the four levels of KI in the rubric. Instead we used the count of ideas in each response as our measure for the KI performance.
**Student Response**

For any Navigation System Directed Graphs should be used because the roads have a direction (some of them must be one-way). For any Navigation System Weight Graphs should be used because the roads have different lengths. Travelling time is considered so the length of the roads is an important factor.

**List of ideas identified**

- Roads have direction
- Roads can be one-way
- Roads have different length
- Length are similar to weights
- Length determines travelling time
Study 6 (DBR 2 – Evaluation)

• Findings

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1. **The first question** was about explaining why a data structure DS is suitable for an application.
2. **The second question** was about identifying (and justifying) an application for a given DS.
3. **The third question** was about identifying an application from the given list (and justifying) for a given DS identifying an application for a given DS.
Study 6 (DBR 2 – Evaluation)

Analysis of the instructor’s interview

● Thematic analysis of the instructor’s interview.

Example excerpt:

**Teacher** : “...So they have been started being attentive now.

**Interviewer** : That because of you or because of the session [workshop]?

**Teacher** : Look, I knew people who'll ask question, right! So what I do is even I used to divert the questions to them.

**Interviewer** : This you used to do before?

**Teacher** : No, I didn't do this before, previously there did not use to be these many questions. To keep that engagement...

**Interviewer** : So you are saying that the students who ask questions, those were not attentive before?

**Teacher** : Yes, they were not attentive....”
Study 6 (DBR 2 – Evaluation)

Analysis of the instructor’s interview

- Following themes emerged at the end of the thematic analysis.

1. Number of student questions increased
2. Students started exploring concepts more
3. Students started exploring concepts more - using QP
4. On-task behavior increased
5. Classroom attention improved
6. Students experimenting on their own increased
Study 7 (DBR 2 – Evaluation)

- Task of question posing with video watching
- Reading the slides about exploratory question posing
- The task of categorizing (tagging) your questions
- The task of analyzing your online partner’s questions
- The reflection task in the first cycle
- Repetition of the tasks (cycle 2) [Watch & Pose questions, Categorize, Criticize, Reflection]
- Question posing and video watching again (with second video in cycle 2)
- The reflection task in the cycle 2
Study 7 (DBR 2 – Evaluation)

- **Research Question**
  - What are the **usefulness** and usability of IKnowIT learning environment as perceived by the students?
Study 7 (DBR 2 – Evaluation)

- Ability to pay attention to any given lecture/video.
- Ability to deeply understand any topic (lecture/video).
- Ability to pose good exploratory question posing.
- Ability to recall prior knowledge related to the given lecture/video.
- Ability to link different knowledge components.
- Ability to find out gaps and inconsistencies in your knowledge.
- Ability to identify whether knowledge expansion possible.
Study 7 (DBR 2 – Evaluation)

• **Research Question**
  • What are the usefulness and *usability* of IKnowIT learning environment as perceived by the students?
Local Learning Theory

Effect of EQP Strategies

• Helped in eliciting prior knowledge.
• Improving the focus on the new knowledge.
Anticipated/ Counter intuitive Roles of EQP Strategies

• EQP Strategies are not template to ask questions, but they help in reflecting back on the quality of their questions.
• In the ‘categorize’ and ‘criticize’, questions make the KI thinking processes accessible and the EQP strategies make the KI thinking processes visible.
Local Learning Theory

How do the learners learn the question posing strategies?

• During “minimal EQP instruction” - gets primer.
• During "detailed EQP instruction” - gets detail understanding.
• During "Categorize phase” - gets analyze level learning.
• During “Criticize phase” - gets evaluate level learning.
Factors determining the quantity and quality of questions

• Learner’s level of prior knowledge
  (1) Low, (2) High, (3) None

• Quality of new knowledge (video lecture)
  (1) Length of the video,
  (2) "Very easy" video
  (3) "Too good" video
  (4) Highly Difficult
Local Learning Theory

When Questions arise in student's mind in IKnowIT

- Role of conscious – QP generation
- Role of Focus
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