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Mathematics as a Field and Language of Science: An Exploration Through Different Learning Theories

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Abstract

Through different learning techniques, the key goals of this study were to unveil the long and exquisite history of mathematics as a subject and language to science. Our major goal in the case study was to observe RME and its influence on math teaching. To bridge the gap between abstract mathematical ideas and the real world, RME encourages problem-solving in a context rather than in one daily scenario. We explore the sociocultural influences on mathematical understanding by guiding ourselves with Vygotsky. We can then improve our teaching practices and move toward mathematical literacy based on sociocultural and RME perspectives. This is considering multiple learning theories as one's standpoint for observing classroom practices. Realistic Mathematics Education is the training of students to investigate and apply mathematics in real-life problems, with an emphasis on practical applications. It integrates theoretical mathematics with everyday objects, peer discussions, and cultural symbols to make understanding mathematical concepts easier. Socio-cultural theory emphasizes the context of driving behaviors and actions, focusing on social interactions and cognitive development. Constructivism supports constructing learning through experience by connecting the previously learned material with the current experiences. RME focuses on the practical application of mathematics in life situations. Thus, it combines socio-cultural theory with constructivism to give a comprehensive understanding of how teaching and learning mathematics can be done. It provides rich contexts for meaningful experience and critical thinking concerning mathematics. This will provide a coherent way of teaching and learning mathematics through the integration of RME, socio-cultural theory, and Constructivism. Practical application is the most outstanding characteristic of RME, socio-cultural theory puts emphasis on working in groups in culture-specific settings for learning, while constructivism underlines the fact that students have to build their reality. Such a method, therefore, is a good way of building critical thinking and deeper problem-solving experiences in mathematics. Therefore, RME, socio-cultural theory, and constructivism theory should feature in the processes of teaching and learning. RME connects theory with practice, while socio-cultural theory emphasizes knowledge construction through activity and cultural context. Constructivism emphasizes the meaning-building of learners through experiences. This approach encourages critical thinking and performance in mathematical problem-solving, making it a game-changer in education.
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Introduction

Mathematics is a fundamental part of existence, working both as a field and language especially in science. As mathematical ideas are at the heart of this pedagogical process, insights into how students engage with these ideas can be examined from different perspectives in learning theory. We use several learning theories to investigate the complexity of mathematics throughout this case study. In doing so we hope to reveal some insights which may help steer successful teaching methods and contribute towards numeracy.

Specialized knowledge and skills in the field are blended when teaching mathematical content; therefore, mathematics education is more than simply instruction. Two influences on mathematics instruction are Realistic Mathematics Education (RME) and Vygotsky's socio-cultural theory. RME stresses context-rich problem-solving, connecting the theory to make mathematics at real-world applications. By contrast, Vygotsky emphasized the importance of social interaction and cultural context in mathematical understanding. Together they provide a broad picture of mathematics as an academic subject and mode of communication.

We explore numerous learning theories. Think about constructivism; it tells us that learners are not blank slates but active constructors of knowledge who assimilate incoming information into their pre-existing mental structures. Applied to math, this theory includes a strong focus on doing and building together with others, the importance of experience as an interface for learning more about methods plus another range of other ideas. Situated cognition particularly emphasizes the context in which learning occurs. Such concepts in mathematics translate to word problems, mathematical modeling or authentic tasks relating to math and real-world scenarios.

Incorporating these theories, educators can generate classrooms that provide a conduit between procedural fluency and the conceptual understanding of mathematics.

If we think of mathematics as a language for doing science, this should force us to reconsider our practices around instruction. As educators, we must acknowledge that mathematical literacy is more than solving equations — it includes reading graphs (which they can write), communicating mathematically and reasoning with a sound logical mind. With various learning theories at our dispose, we can fashion more specific and intricate ways in which to approach the subject matter depending on students. We need research that pushes the envelope to bring about a paradigm shift in educational practice - new approaches that go farther and incorporate technology or more adeptly tackle issues of equity-based inadequacies. We want students to own their mathematical journey with confidence and genuine curiosity.

Overall, this case study looks to cover the complex relationship-or lack thereof- between mathematics, theories of learning and scientific communication. Through an examination of mathematics as both field and language, we improve our practice - and model better math performance for all students.

Objectives

The general objectives of this work focus in unveiling the long and beautiful history that mathematics as field and language to science, through some learning theories. In this case study, we primarily intended to enter the domain of Realistic Mathematics Education (RME) and its effect on mathematics teaching and learning. RME favors solving problems in the context combined rather than maintaining one everyday situation, thus closing this gap between abstract mathematical concepts and the real world. In addition, we also investigate the socio-cultural aspects that shape mathematical understanding with references to Vygotsky. From sociocultural and RME perspectives we can improve our teaching practices and work toward mathematical literacy. One of them is to observe classroom practice from the perspective of a range of learning theories. References to constructivism, situated cognition and other theoretical frameworks draw attention to the different ways students may interact with mathematical content. Thus, by investigating these theories we endeavor to identify pedagogical practices effectively to support the development of mathematical fluency and conceptual understanding as well as communication. The fracas is intended to be a starting point in further exploration of the field for teaching and equipping students against all odds, having stricken through mathematics.

Discussion

Realistic Mathematics Education (RME) and Mathematical Literacy
At RME, students are prompted to explore real-life solutions through context-rich problem-solving. It understands mathematics not to be a bunch of dusty ineffable abstract rules but as an instrument with which you can make sense of the world around you and begin seeing problems that could otherwise prove difficult. For example, RME might be understood as students measuring angles in their school environment or analyzing data from local surveys to learn geometric properties. Students gain mathematical literacy and a deeper appreciation of how they use mathematics in everyday life. For example, there could be a class of high school students learning about geometry. Their teacher introduces the following RME principles rather than only focusing on theorems and proofs. The students go on a visit to any architectural site (either bridge or building courtyard/park layout. Why can they measure angles, compute areas and let us explore geometrical relationships together? In doing so through hands on experimentation, they reinforce their mathematical understanding, and they also get to see how one of the more abstract elements actually does apply when being used in real life, something that architects use regularly with geometry. But RME makes such geometry concrete and grounded as it breathes mathematical life into even the most forgettable facets. In conclusion, RME is a way to translate theoretical mathematics into practical applications in order that students can understand mathematics and use them meaningfully in life. Very recent research claims the use of RME elicits highly significant changes that focus on mathematical literacy in real contexts. Better approaches at learning how to solve problems are also shown, and sometimes, they master the idea too, among learners. Hence, this relationship is brought, and more knowledge comes aboard that mathematics does have relations with real life and consequently, it contributes much for it to become essential within mathematical literacy. For, as noted by Tumangger et al. in 2024, this RME helps to link the mathematical concepts with the problems solved, making it easier and more meaningful for the child to understand. More specifically, their research established pre-test and post-test increased percentage scores for worksheets using this RME approach to worksheet questions. Not only is this method of inculcation of problem-solving into children, but it develops conceptual and procedural knowledge specially on the part of children or students at all the stages of reasons according to Gunawan & Hadi 2024, and yet a step further is, they understand and apply this particular mathematical understanding through more extended levels of activities; subsequently, they learn the opportunity to use it with appropriate applications in a setting like most practicality. Furthermore, Agustina et al. (2024) and Fauzan et al. (2024) find that RME has an impact on the literacy and numeracy skills of the students. Assessments improved significantly after RME instructions. Consequently, the RME-based e-worksheets improve the mathematical literacy skills of the students regarding communication and mathematical modeling confirmed by Trinanda et al. (2024). Although RME clearly shows vast benefits in enhancing mathematical literacy, some instructors argue that the traditional method is useful, especially for students who prefer a more structured setting. Balancing RME with the conventional method would fit different learning needs.

Realistic Mathematics Education (RME) in the Field of Science

RME points out that "real" situations are the heart of the learning process. It is from these situations that mathematical concepts, tools, and techniques emerge. A good example would be a lesson on geometry where students learn about the angles and dimensions of a bridge or historical building near their school. Attaching geometry to real-life structures, students engage in experiential learning-bridging the gap between abstract and hard-to-understand mathematical concepts. High school environmental science class. One best example of RME approach in science is a student collecting Pollutants information in that area wherein they use mathematical model techniques for future trend prediction. When mathematics is woven together with real environmental data, students begin to grasp how mathematical concepts like for example exponential growth or statistical analysis which can be connected with solving challenges arising in the world around us. Experience RME eliminates the gap between theory and application; all by creating a memorable experience. In general, RME motivates students to practice mental representation and with experientially real everyday tasks of mathematics have activities that make them overcome scientifically relevant learning obstacles. RME is one of the more noted pedagogies for student improvement in mathematics and even in science. The teaching method of RME takes into consideration the contextual learning and allows making it possible for the learner to connect mathematical knowledge into real-life situations that allow for a better understanding and attention. Ariyanti & Amir (2024) pointed out that the RME develops conceptual understanding among students in mathematics. For instance, research has proven that students with experience with RME perform exemplary in solving fractional problems. It starts from an abstract concept to concrete utilization. Likewise, Gunawan & Hadi (2024) found that RME does reinforce conceptual and procedural understanding for most students across a range of reasoning abilities. Hence, the implementation of RME highly boosts the numeracy literacy skills of the students. This was established in one study where students showed higher numeracy skills after the implementation of RME as presented by Agustina et al. (2024). That is in conjunction with the study of Hayun & Hutami (2024), that the implementation of RME with learning materials which include time boards heightens cognitive abilities, therefore more participants and contributions into mathematical discussions. This confirms that positive learning outcomes occur when RME method is used in the teaching and learning process. Literature reviews confirm that RME positively influences overall mathematics learning outcomes, making it a valuable strategy for educators who aim to increase student interest and competence in mathematics as corroborated by Fitri et al. (2023). Some tutors may argue that traditional modes have their merits, primarily for students who perform fairly well in structured learning areas. RME can supplement conventional approaches to cater for different learning preferences.

Socio-cultural Theory and Mathematics

The socio-cultural theory of Vygotsky speaks regarding the effect on cognitive development regarding social interactions and cultural context. Vygotsky termed this mediation or semi-autonomous learning; in that we interact with others and tools to help us learn. In math, the theory says that learners may fill in abstract patterns with real world objects: textbooks and mathematics diagrams as well. Symbolic tools that make sense of the world purloin, digestion and relieve them: whereby they have stolen what constitutes mathematics. Imagine a classroom in which students work together to solve an intricate math problem. They talk through tactics, provide perspectives and build together into a single story. In this chapter, the after-school context (in terms of classroom space, teacher-student interactions and peer support) shapes their mathematical learning. The teacher is a mediator in this situation to guide and scaffold learners as they engage with social pedagogies of mathematics. SCT is a highly significant theory for understanding mathematics education, with an emphasis on how social interactions and cultural contexts influence learning processes. The perspective views mathematical knowledge as not being abstract in nature but instead deeply situated within cultural practices and social dynamics. The use of Vygotskian SCT brings to the fore the sociocultural interactions influencing the problem-solving strategies of the students. For instance, a study conducted on high school students revealed that collaborative problem solving enhances algebraic thinking as well as communication skill that has been pointed out by Hiltrimartin et al. (2024). Also, semiotic analysis of the work of students further proved that mathematical expression in the work of the students is influenced by the cultural context that helps one to understand their cognitive processes. In addition, Dias et al. (2023) argue that Ethnomathematics shows the relationship of mathematics with cultural practices through, for instance, Amazon artisanal shipbuilding. The type of mathematical knowledge acquired from hands-on experiences is applied and not learned in classes. Saviraningrum & Wahidin, (2023) conclude in their study on the theme of cultural mathematics the need for the introduction of local cultural elements within the curriculum of mathematics so it would be more connected with students' life, engaging, and easier to understand. Therefore, the use of this socio-cultural theory in the teaching and learning process towards mathematics unmasks the interconnection between society, culture, and cognition. According to Mendes (2022), the interplay between mathematics, society, and culture is essential for the development of a comprehensive mathematics education. This approach calls for educators to act as mediators in facilitating learning that promotes social transformation. This paper was also cited by Limaymanta et al. in 2023: "A bibliometric analysis of ethnomathematics research points out increased recognition of cultural contexts when doing mathematics, which turns toward more inclusive educational activities. Even though SCT clarifies the role of culture in mathematics education, sociocultural factors are highly overemphasized for mathematics education, and important aspects of individual cognitive processing and universal mathematical knowledge would be overlooked.". Just by balancing all the perspectives mentioned above alone could offer a very holistic approach to mathematics education.

Socio-cultural Theory in Mathematics as a Field and Language of Science

Mathematics is not a subject but is more than essential both as study and as language to try to comprehend the world. It is all about a comprehensive discipline which includes many math subjects like algebra, geometry, calculus as well as statistics. These are mathematical disciplines that grant us tools to study patterns, make predictions and provide better solutions for real-world issues. Mathematics is also trans-cultural and global; in other words, mathematics becomes an international language that allows diverse cultures to communicate with each other. According to sociocultural theory, learning is a social process mediated by cultural tools, language and interaction. This theory emphasizes collaborative learning, dialogue and cultural context in mathematics education. For example, think of a classroom where you have students from diverse backgrounds trying to solve the same math problem. Conversations, language and cultural capital provide a framework for their mathematical thinking. Involving social and cultural factors in mathematical learning can facilitate the linking of mathematics to real-life scenarios. Consider a bunch of college students looking for historical layout ideas. One example is the study of geometric concepts present in historical buildings, while considering that cultural influences affect mathematical aesthetics. Within Socio-cultural theory, educators are challenged to include cultural artifacts (art, architecture etc or traditional practices) into the learning of mathematics. So, students not only get to know Mathematical concepts but also the essence of culture. For example, identifying the algebraic symmetry in Islamic tile patterns makes it mathematical-cultural heritage. Socio-Cultural theory: the importance of the integrated construction related to mathematics and language in context (Martinez/ Turner) Incorporating applications and cultural perspectives will allow educators to increase lessons in mathematics courses, making students more aware of the language of science. The socio-cultural theory of mathematics, therefore, integrates language, culture, and cognitive development into learning mathematics. This theory, underpinned by Vygotsky, explains how mathematical understanding and communication are shaped through social interactions and cultural contexts. Language indeed plays an important role in mathematical learning, as Moschkovich (2024) noted how students express and develop mathematical ideas in the context of such learning. Thus, in Bilingual education environments, the linkage between mathematical content and instruction of language is crucial that it can benefit all learner types, regardless of a linguistic background. Limaymanta et al. (2023) asserted that how Ethnomathematics indeed investigates the interface between mathematics and the practices of cultures since mathematical knowledge is not necessarily an innovation of the world of academics but a cultural product, too. In recent years, ethnomathematics research has been increasing steadily and scholars have demonstrated the tendency to work even closer together and this is completely irrespective of different cultural settings. Tzuriel, 2021 also stated that Vygotsky's theory posits that cognitive development is mediated where social interactions provide the crucial tools for learning. Whereby in this mediation process, it is important in mathematics education because it enables learners to internalize mathematical concepts through guided interactions with more knowledgeable peers or instructors according to Tzuriel, 2021. Although socio-cultural theory offers a strong framework for the understanding of mathematics as a language of science, it is equally relevant to remember that its applicability in various contexts of education remains subject to critique central as the role of culture may be, it might mask the importance of differences in cognition that are just as critical in mathematics learning.

Constructivism Theory and Mathematics

Constructivism is a theory about how people learn, by mentally processing new information and linking it to what they already know. Learners are expected to internalize the experiences and information into their schemas rather than simply passively receiving a lot of new information and data. This encourages deeper learning and comprehension. In the case of mathematics, for example, constructivists imply that it is students who must build mathematical knowledge by doing math-type activities (i.e., engaging with content), rather than passively absorbing information from a teacher. Students learn mathematical concepts more deeply when they engage through examining and exploring those ideas in a math setting. Example of High School Geometry Class with Collaborative Work Task. They investigate geometric shapes, find angles and describe their properties. They build their knowledge of geometric ideas through engaging activities and discussions with classmates. The teacher becomes the facilitator, prompting discovery guiding their mathematical inquiries. This reality-based example exemplifies constructivist pedagogy promoting exposure and involvement in mathematics, hence learning meaningfully. This theory can be also corroborated with the study of Campanilla and Mendoza (2024) on their analysis of pattern on the problem solving of grade 10 students which tells that there should be a need not only for students to make their reading comprehension better to solve word problems but also for the teachers to find new ways of teaching strategies and methods that could be effective in improving the mastery skills of the students. Similarly, Campanilla (2024) teaching tool and strategy innovation through the use of SIGNS as an effective tool for enhancing mastery skills towards the solution of integers among grade 7 students is a major contributing factor in the discovery of new and innovative styles of teaching, in this case, as teachers, to provide the most possible learning style for the student so that they may achieve or offer what a teacher can deliver through the pursuit of furthering higher education. The theory of Constructivism greatly influences mathematics education, given that it entails students' active participation in creating knowledge. It provides learning experiences that will improve learners' understanding through hands-on activities. According to Le-Thi-Thu (2023), constructivism places the student in an active learning environment in solving problems, which gives them the capability of knowing and building knowledge independently. This approach aligns with the theories of Piaget and Vygotsky, who emphasize that what Nurhasnah et al. (2024) established in their research wherein students build their own knowledge by interacting with their environment. Newer innovations have been researches on the design of constructivism learning instruments that involve lesson plans and worksheets to enhance the reasoning ability of students as highlighted by Fadhilaturrahmah et al. (2023). These resources, in turn, have expertly vetted the usage so that the tools effectively bring about desired outcomes with respect to education. To put it into its intended application, constructivism-based learning in mathematics brings many of the difficulties as part of its challenges considering the learning platform usually going online. For one, Roslani cited several problems including poor facilitation of the elements leading to low levels of online mathematics learning engagement. While constructivism provides a strong framework for improving mathematics education, its implementation in practice does call for the challenges created during the teaching process in multiple learning contexts.

Constructivism Theory in Mathematics as a Field and Language of Science

A study and language of the world mathematics is a subject composed of algebra, geometry (including trigonometry), calculus and statistics. As mathematical subjects, they give us the tools to study patterns, represent phenomena mathematically and solve problems from reality. Also, mathematics goes beyond cultural barriers-it is a universal language and can be used as the medium to transform contexts by enabling communication and collaboration across differences. Constructivism is an epistemological philosophy that Knowledge (and therefore Reality) arises from the act of constructing things anew, not merely doing what has been done before. Constructivism in mathematics education calls attention to the idea that advanced mathematical cognition is a developed product of intrinsic and extrinsic influences, such as learner interactions with mathematical tasks (problem-solving) mediated through both social contexts. Taking into consideration constructivist ideas, it is impossible to assume that mathematical knowledge simply duplicates some external reality, becoming consequences of learners' cognitive structures and experiences. Picture a classroom full of students working together to experiment with geometric ideas. They make meaning by playing with shapes, talking about their attributes and figuring things out together. It is the social context which is provided by a teacher, peer interactions and hands-on activities involving others that cultivate their mathematical knowledge. Constructivist theory inspires educators to develop these types of deep learning environments. This theory of mathematics is seen to be both a pedagogical framework and a perspective in philosophy to be understood in terms of the construction of knowledge. In this, learners have the ability to be thought of as active builders of understanding through experiences and their interactions. This is indeed true for mathematics education. In such a case, the student will be invited to learn for themselves: thus, the teacher cannot dictate but rather facilitate his teaching. Active learning, prior knowledge, mistakes as learning opportunities, and collaborative learning are aspects of Constructivist Principles in Mathematics Education. According to Kusuma et al. (2021), students interact with mathematical concepts through exploration and problem-solving, thus developing greater depth of understanding. Consequently, instruction activates prior knowledge, linking new ideas to existing knowledge that students possess and helps retain and understand it better. Similarly, mistakes and errors are the way of knowing what students think, hence guiding subsequent instruction. Peer-to-peer social interaction is also crucial in developing mathematical knowledge since learning is social in nature. Muñoz (2020) indicated that this means that what teachers do and what the curriculum should look like are critical. Teachers become facilitators of an environment that elicits inquiry and critical thinking. For their part, constructivist approaches call for a diverse set of curricula comprising different knowledge areas and a much richer learning experience. If anything, while providing with a solid theoretical structure through which to ground a mathematics education, critics do view the constructivism methodology at times as having missed critical points of the utility for direct instruction, recommending possibly a balanced approach for integrated learning as established in the study of David (2022).

Connection among Theories on Mathematics as a Field and Language of Science

The relationship between this set of theories, teaching and learning will evolve as a useful concrete basis that is enriched by collaboration, cooperation and high order thinking. Realistic Mathematics Education (RME) is a didactical theory for mathematics. It calls into question whether mathematical knowledge is adequately connected to real life. RME produces students as authentic problem-solvers, who experience mathematical models directly and acquire a deeper understanding of the structure of mathematics. RME stresses the importance of teachers in fostering experiences that integrate abstract formal mathematics and concrete applied stories. RME grounds the learning of mathematics in real-life experiences which promotes students mathematical reasoning and problem solving. While, Socio-cultural theory, based on Vygotsky, means that learning is a social event happening in a cultural setting. In mathematics the cultural object that we claim contributes to learning is mathematical artifacts such as diagrams, texts and symbols which are used by learners in constructing their knowledge about how numbers work. Moreover they recognized the importance of learning mathematics in complex, dynamic environments-involving classroom environment teacher-student interaction and peer collaboration-that shape students' mathematical conceptions (Confrey 1994). Coloring adds the characteristic of a dialogical theory to socio-cultural theory, calling attention to the fact that mathematics education needs not be organized around competitions and other forms of cultural activities. A perspective which sees knowledge as something that learners actively build from what they already know and understand. Meanwhile, Constructivism, in mathematics education, refers to how learners build new learning on past experiences. Apart from rote memorization, students are doing active construction of mathematical meaning. Here, constructivist pedagogy supports investigation and cut-and-print- methods. Mathematics learning should be focused on the learner by for example, incorporating constructivist principles as students best understand through experience and hands-on activities. All these have contributed largely to the teaching and learning mathematics as a language and field in science with these three theories. The interplay of social practices, language, and mathematical understanding between theories of RME, socio-cultural, and constructivism will show that such indeed exists. All these point out the importance of taking context, collaboration, and language into learning mathematics not just as a field to study but also as science, socially constructed and culture-situated. Gravemeijer (2020) pointed out that RME is concerned with students reconceptualizing mathematics based on real life contexts to foster understanding via guided reinvention and emergent modeling. It employs socio-constructivist perspectives where it brings into focus that classroom culture plays a great role in the mathematical experience of the learners. Contrarily, Dede (2019) argued that Socio-cultural theories propose that mathematical knowledge comes about in the process of social relations and cultural experiences and puts emphasis on collective argumentation in learning. Likewise, Moschkovich (2024) advocates that language plays an essential role in mathematics learning since it indicates the mode of expression and communication with mathematics ideas. On the contrary, Muñoz argued that Constructivism believed knowledge was actively constructed by the learner, thus dependent upon experience and

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social environments. This is almost comparable with RME and socio-cultural theories because it incorporates a significant aspect of context and interaction when learning. Although these theories will provide a rich framework that can be used to make sense of mathematics as socially constructed, the emphasis put on social practices leads the argument that their model doesn't account for the fact that mathematical truths are in themselves objective, something this paper gives to Rytilä (2021).

Synthesis

RME is designed to enable students to investigate mathematically and apply mathematics in real-life problems (Problem solving). From measuring angles in school to evaluating data gathered on local questionnaires, students learn that being numerate is a way of engaging with the mathematical potential around them. The motivation of RME is to anchor theoretical mathematics in useful applications that students understand and can use (Gravemeijer & Doorman, 1999). This is responsible for a memory of designing experiences that cement connections between vague abstract calculus and specific concrete application. Socio-cultural theory: This takes a cultural perspective to human learning, focusing on the context that drives behaviors and actions; Key points of focus in this framework are social interactions and how they lead behavior as well as cognitive development (Vygotsky). This theory is related to the learning of mathematics with respect to using language and cultural tools. Integrating everyday objects, peer discussions and cultural symbols into the learning process can make it easier for students to grasp mathematical concepts as well as see their relevance in different contexts. Further, socio-cultural theory is also cooperative learning, and dialogue necessitates that the teaching of mathematics can only be carried out by means of real-world problems. Constructivism, meanwhile - is a theory about learning that asserts (among other things) that students learn by actively constructing new knowledge when they connect it to what they already know. Constructivist pedagogy in mathematics education advocates a hands-on approach to learning mathematical concepts. Students deepen their understanding of mathematical concepts and enhance problem-solving skills through the development of knowledge from previous learning experiences together with engaging in rich, complex mathematical tasks. Experiential learning and active engagement with mathematical content is an essential component of a learner-centered approach to mathematics education as it corresponds closely with the tenets promoted by constructivism. Combining Realistic Mathematics Education with socio-cultural theory and constructivism provides a comprehensive view on teaching and learning mathematics. Mathematics itself is the most practical of all its applications, and in RME we emphasize precisely this context-the application towards problem-solving-relation between theoretical concepts with everyday life situations. Whereas socio-cultural theory emphasizes social interactions and cultural context in mathematical learning, constructivism stresses that knowledge is actively constructed by the learners. In sum, educators can synthesize these theories to set a new standard in learning environments - one that establishes rich contexts for meaningful experiences and critical ways of thinking about mathematics.

Further Implications

The implications of implementing RME with socio-cultural theory and constructivism into teaching mathematics are deep-seated. The implementation of RME with socio-cultural theory and constructivism makes it very possible to have improvements in mathematics teaching and learning. It makes teaching more relevant and engaging and makes it possible for learners to relate mathematical concepts with the real world.

1. **Enhanced Practical Application:** By the inclusion of RME, math becomes practical and friendly to students. This approach therefore fills in the gap that would exist between theory and solutions of real-life problems so that learning is not as abstract and boring but lively. this is because Research indicates that students taught using RME achieved higher average scores (85.34) compared to those in conventional settings (79.48) as according to the study of Fajrin et al. (2024). Whereby, RME uses the real world to make mathematics more understandable and less abstract, important for the motivation of the students.
2. **Collaborative Learning:** This view emphasizes the socio-cultural significance of learning: that social interaction and culture are also essential for developing mathematical knowledge. This will allow a student to have better, more effective, and shared experiences through group work, discussion, and other collaborative projects, thus increasing the chances of a more profound understanding.
3. **Personalized Learning Experiences:** Constructivism provides support for learners to construct their own meaning and knowledge of the world. This way, through the learning environment created one can create learning environments in which educators can tailor experiences to fit individual needs in learning, paces, and styles.
4. **Critical Thinking Development:** The integration of theories encourages critical thinking in students. With the application of practical problem-solving, collaborative learning, and personal reflection, skills on thinking critically and connecting the concepts of mathematics with reality are enhanced in the student.
5. **Future-Ready Education:** This integrated approach gets students ready for the future, especially in fields demanding solid mathematical and scientific expertise. It sets a new standard in mathematics education: knowledge acquisition is not only expected but applied creatively and critically.

On the other hand, even though RME brings an enormous benefit, some teachers could argue that it would require too much training and resources and therefore would prove to be a problem when trying to implement such an education setting in an under-resourced educational environment. Thus, there should be programs and projects that would arise to provide and bring solutions to the lack of resources for the teaching and learning process. Nonetheless, such a unified view of teaching and learning mathematics will more likely lead to more efficient and meaningful educational experiences that would better prepare students for whatever academic and professional activities await them.

Conclusion and Recommendations

Conclusion

Based on these considerations, the combination of RME with Socio-cultural theory and Constructivism provides a more unified perspective about teaching and learning mathematics. One horrific issue with mathematics is it can be so theoretical that students cannot see how to apply the knowledge. RME makes everything very practical and helps relate even more complex theoretical material into problem-solving scenarios. In contrast, socio-cultural theory suggests mathematical knowledge is developed collaboratively through social interactions within the relevant cultural context. Moreover, constructivism also holds that learners cognitively create their own reality. Educators integrating these theories can design learning environments that promote deeper and more meaningful experiences in mathematical problem-solving which extends into futures of critical thinking, a new yardstick for mathematics education especially in the field and language of science.

Recommendations

In this framework Realistic Mathematics Education (RME), socio-cultural theory, and constructivism theory are highly recommended that these three theories should have a spot in the teaching and learning processes. This course will be a start so they can develop better, and voluminous ideas related to mathematics teaching learning in unison. RME is Mathematics of the Real World, connecting theory with practice and application. Socio-cultural theory stresses that mathematical knowledge construction takes place through activity which requires participation from and with others within specific cultural contexts. On the other hand, constructivism emphasizes how learners build their own meaning through experiences. The integration of these two theories for educators enables them to intentionally design learning environments which support the students in developing more profound experiences with mathematical problem solving. This method is a game changer in the field of mathematics education which encourages students to think critically and perform well at any challenge that comes in their way next.

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