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# PREDICTION OF STUDENTS' LEARNING RESULTS WITH USAGE OF MIXED DIAGNOSTIC TESTS AND 2-SIMPLEX PRISM

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# Introduction (1/1)

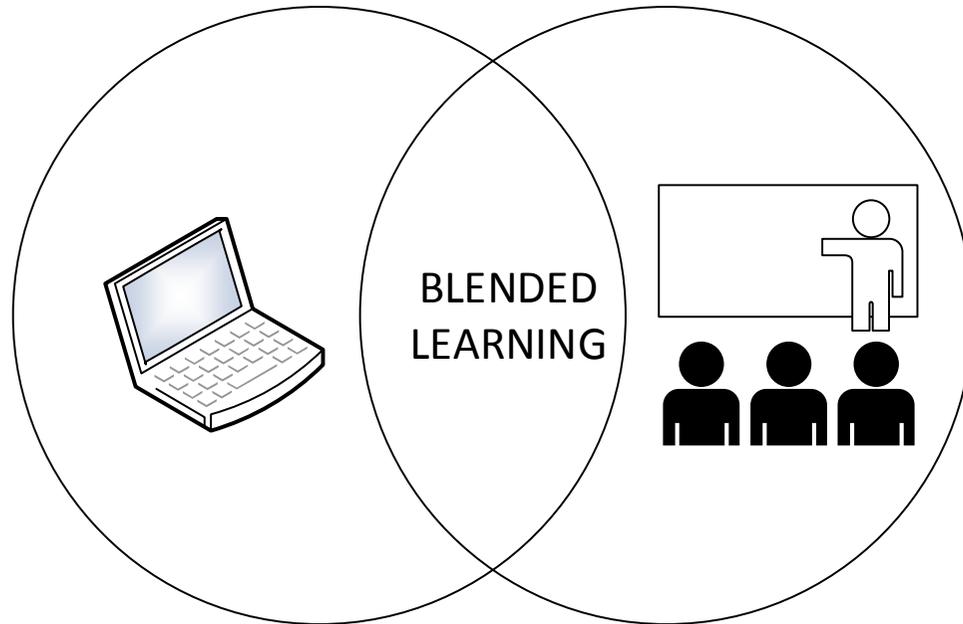


Fig. 1. Blended learning concept



Students' results need to be predicted?!

The concept of blended learning, which combines both education and training, was introduced in [Bliuc et al.]

Blended learning corresponds to an integrated learning environment, using both online learning and traditional classroom teaching [C. Graham]

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# Introduction (1/2)

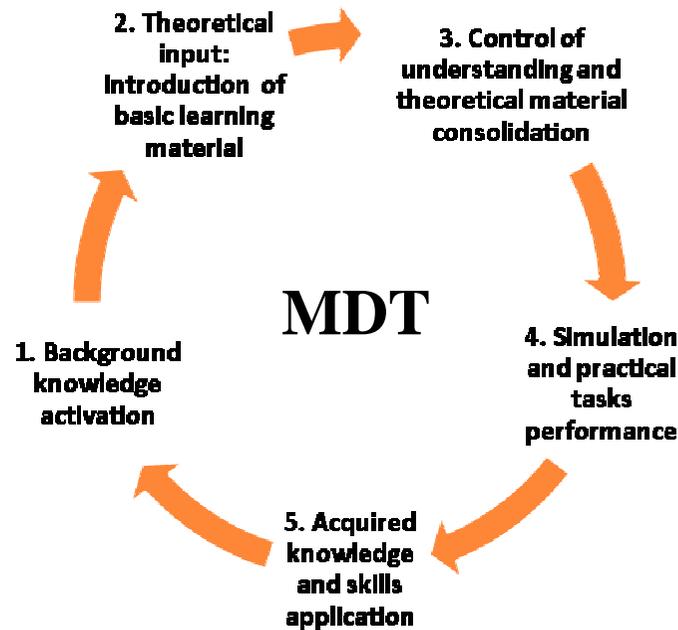


Fig. 2. Reflection cycle  
(By E. Prokhorec and  
M. Plehanova)

➤ We suggest using mixed diagnostic tests (MDTs) to design learning trajectory and predict learning outcomes of each individual

➤ The originality and relevance of our approach are confirmed by Learning and Testing Intelligent Systems [A. Yankovskaya]

➤ The term "mixed" was introduced by A. Yankovskaya in 1996

# Introduction (1/3)



<http://iyazyki.ru/2013/09/distance-learning/>

- The development of learning intelligent systems based on tests is an urgent problem
- Monitoring of students' activities is necessary for predicting student learning outcomes
- Student is a person participating in learning and testing

# Introduction (1/4)

**MDTs** represent a new paradigm of intelligent systems development based on test methods of pattern recognition

**MDTs** are a compromise between unconditional and conditional components

- **Unconditional component of the MDT** represents the characteristic features which are introduced to students in a random sequence
- **Conditional component of the MDT** is characterized by sequential presentation of the characteristic features, depending on the answer on the previous feature

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# Principal Concepts and Definitions (2/1)

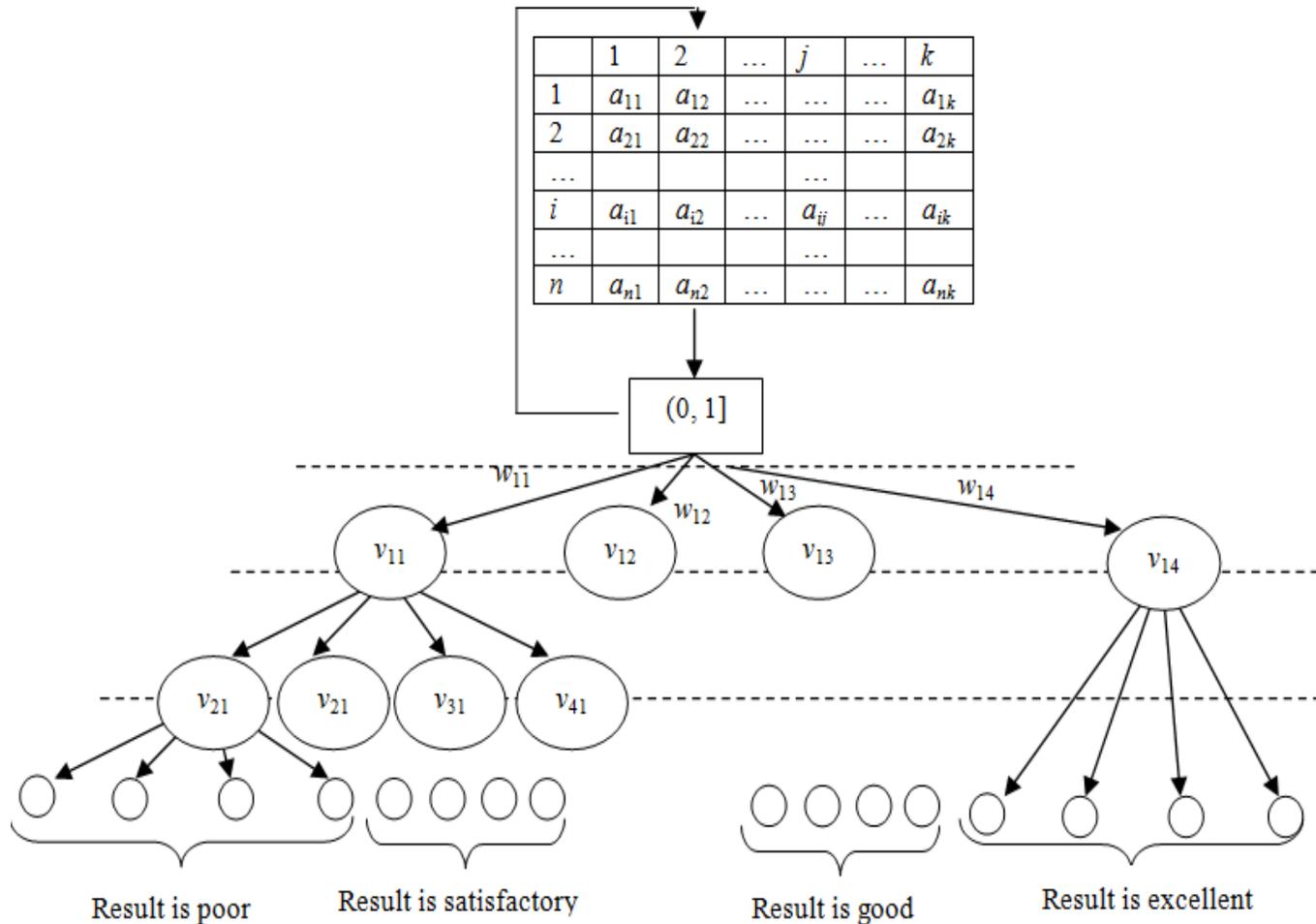
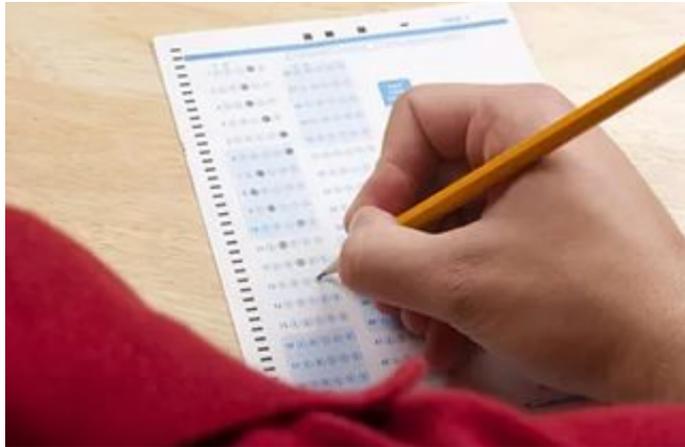


Fig. 3. A block diagram of the MDTs construction algorithm

# Principal Concepts and Definitions (2/2)

- MDT tree is the structure to display relationships between the different elements of MDT
- The root node is necessarily correlated with the unconditional component of MDT
- Each of the remaining nodes is associated with either unconditional or conditional component of MDT
- Edges are set between nodes, i.e. between the different components of MDT

# Principal Concepts and Definitions (2/3)



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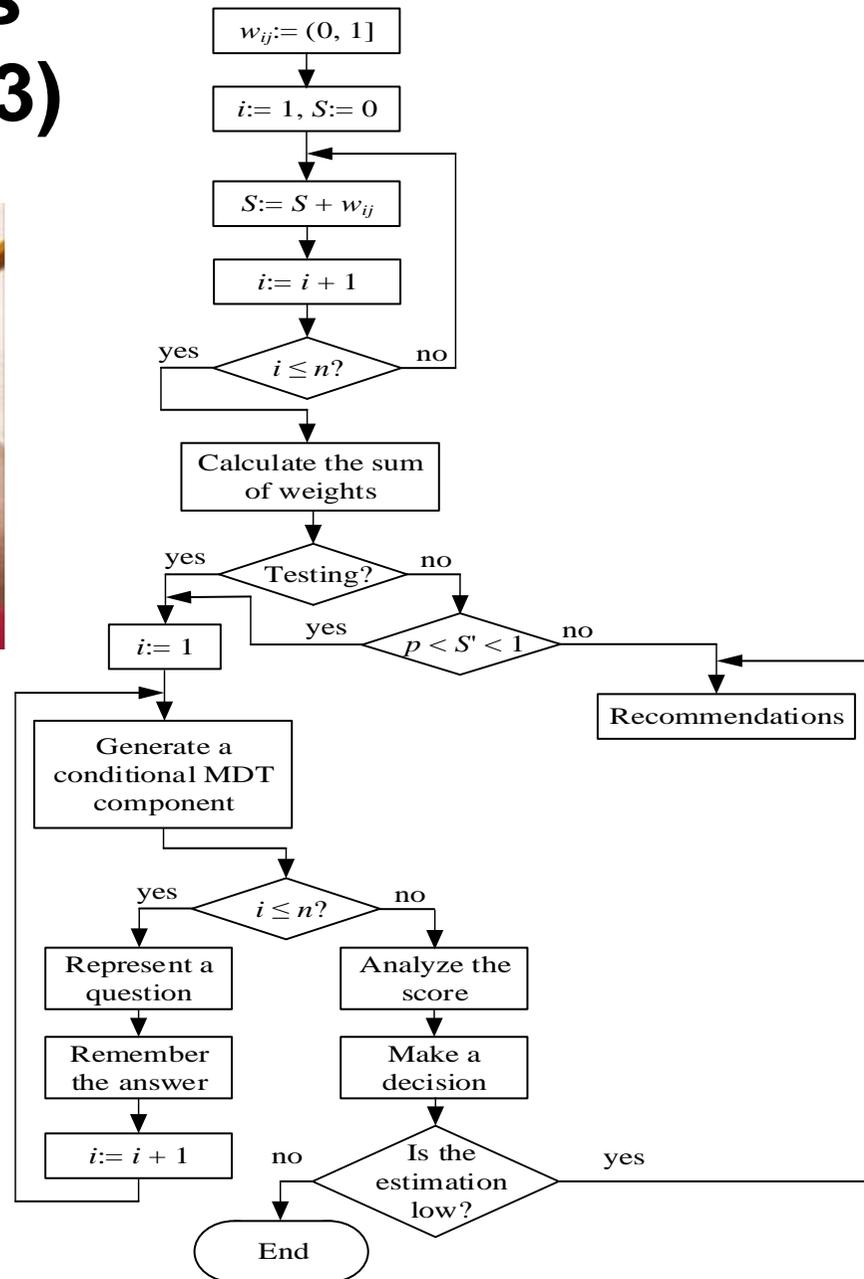


Fig. 4. A block diagram of the MDTs construction algorithm

# Principal Concepts and Definitions (2/4)

Consider the course “Selected Chapters of Electronics”, which is the 1<sup>st</sup> part of “Power Electronics” discipline.

The modules are as follows:

- 1. Basics of Electrical Engineering
  - 2. The principles of semiconductor devices operation
  - 3. Energy indicators
  - 4. Rectifiers
  - 5. Filters
  - 6. Inverters
- Unconditional MDT component
- Conditional MDT component
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# Principal Concepts and Definitions (2/5)

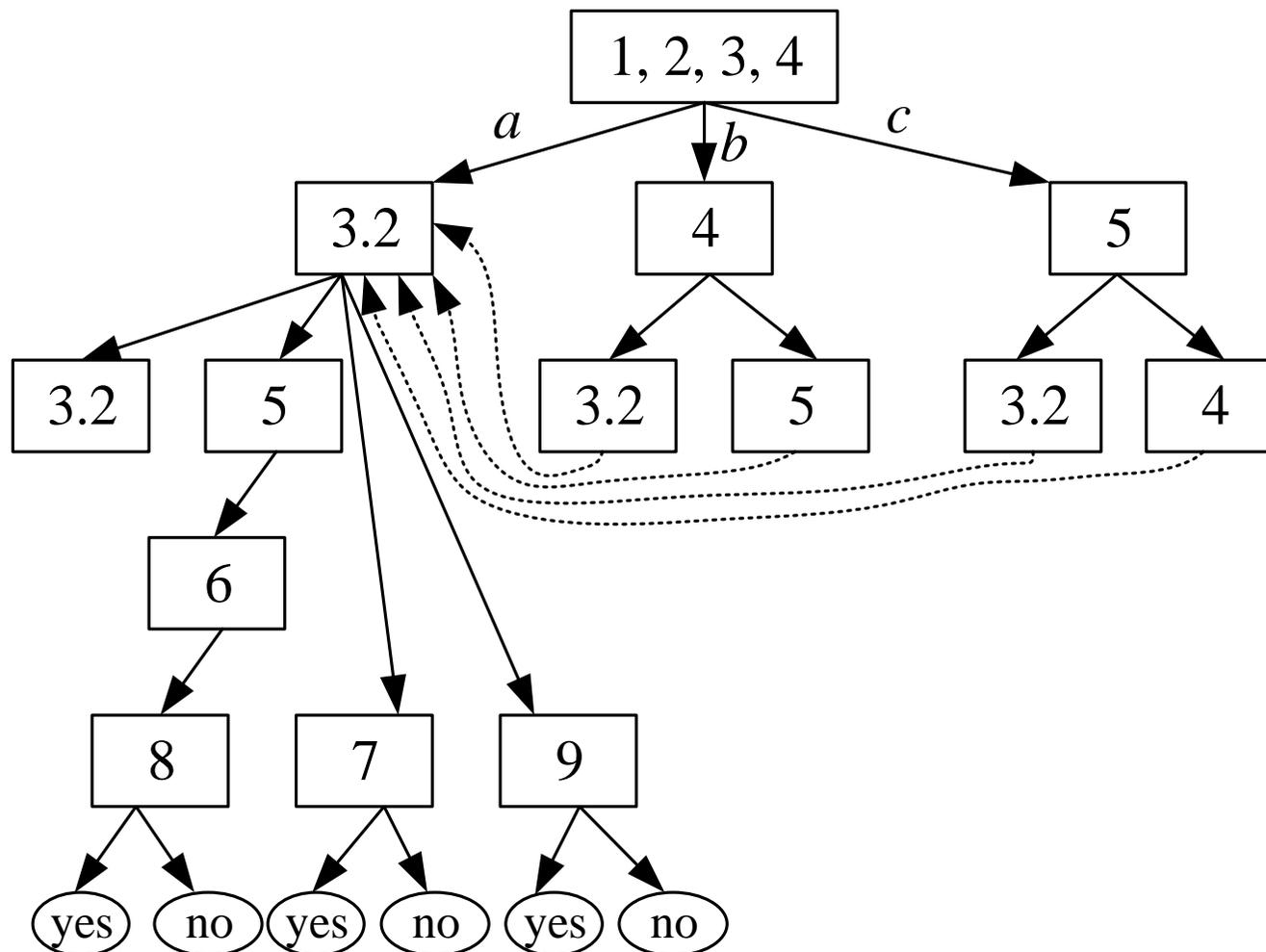


Fig. 5. MDTs Search Tree for the discipline «Informatics»

# Principal Concepts and Definitions (2/6)

- **Root node** of the search tree is associated with **unconditional component** of the mixed diagnostic test (sections 1, 2 and 3.1)
- **Conditional component** of the mixed diagnostic test depends on the **previous test task**
- Each **branch** of the tree represents an **admissible sequence of test tasks** to select the **section that leads to a leaf**
- Each **leaf** associates with the **result of the test**

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# Framework of Students' Learning Results Assessment on the Base of MDT (3/1)

We propose:

- Construction of mixed diagnostic tests (MDTs)
- Learning trajectory design
- Prediction of students' learning results



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# Framework of Students' Learning Results Assessment on the Base of MDT (3/2)

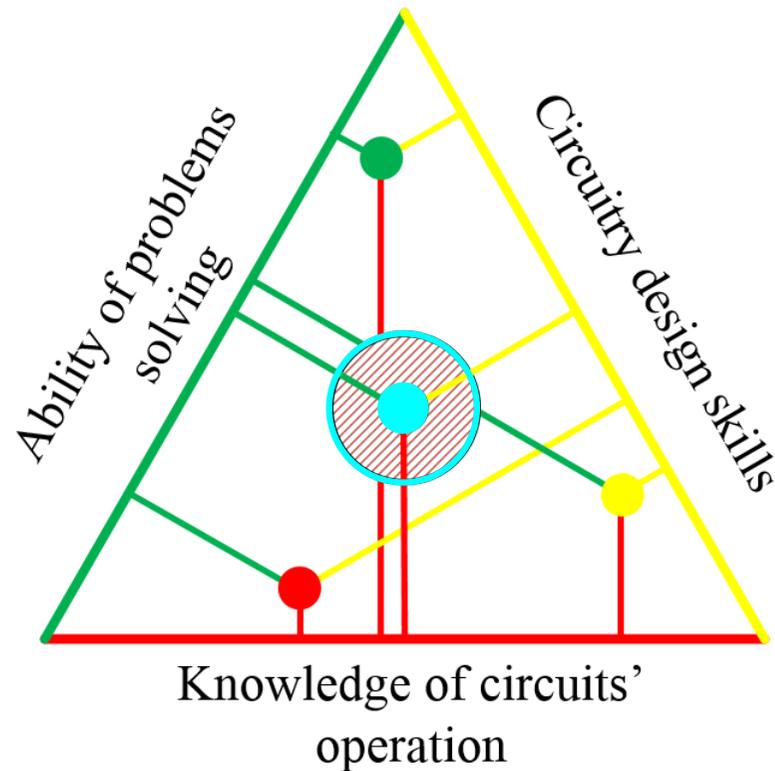


Fig. 6. Using 2-simplex cognitive tool to estimate current level of students' knowledge

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# Cognitive Graphic Tools (4/1)

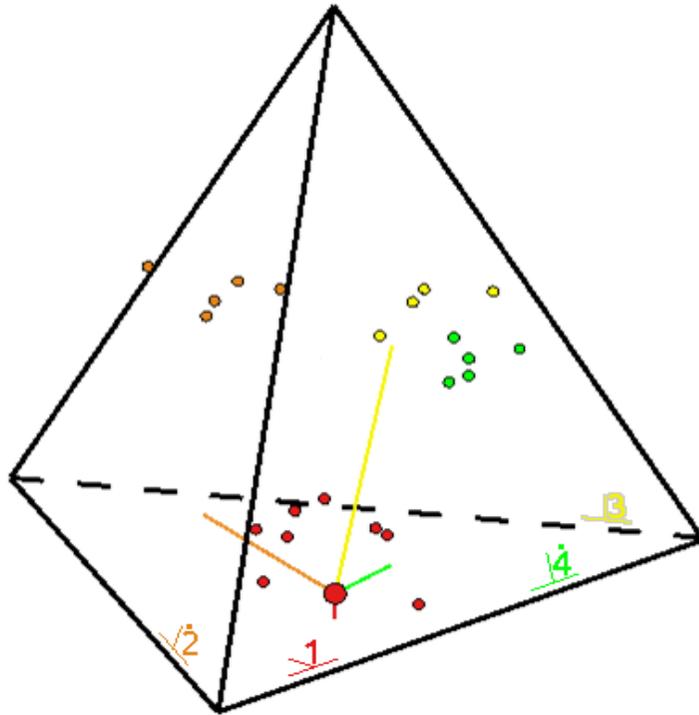


Fig. 7. 3-simplex

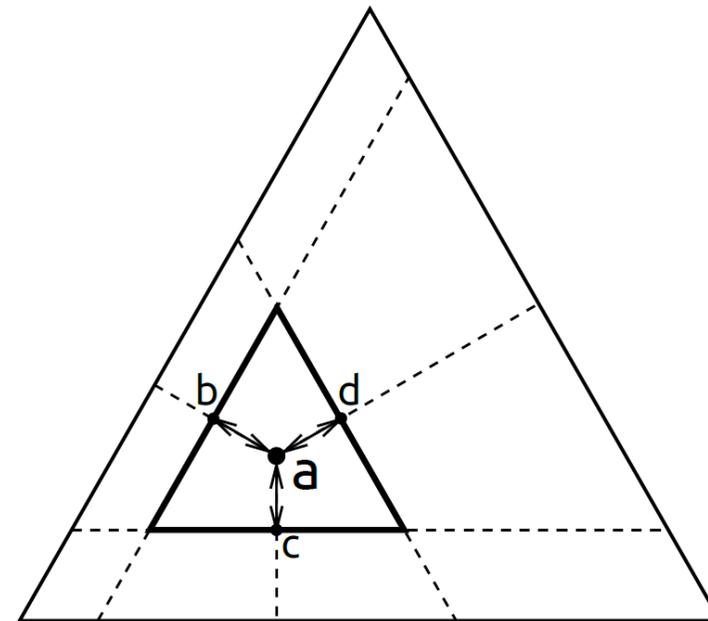


Fig. 8. Calculation of confidence region for prediction in 2-simplex

# Cognitive Graphic Tools (4/2)

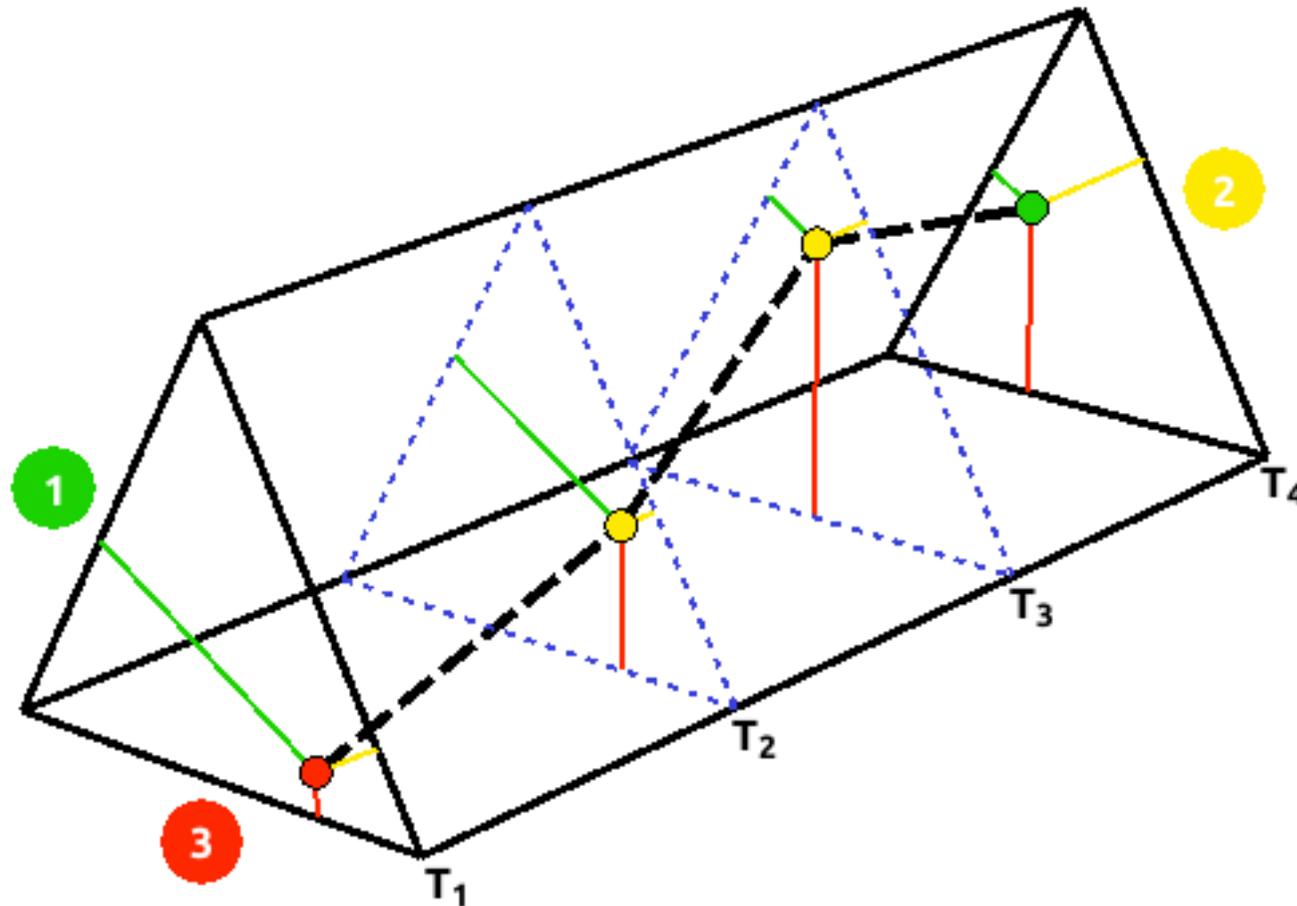


Fig. 9. Learning trajectory construction using 2-simplex prism cognitive tool

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# Prediction of Students' Learning Results and Cognitive Graphic Tools for its Visualization (5/1)

Table 1 Learning Axes Weight Matrix

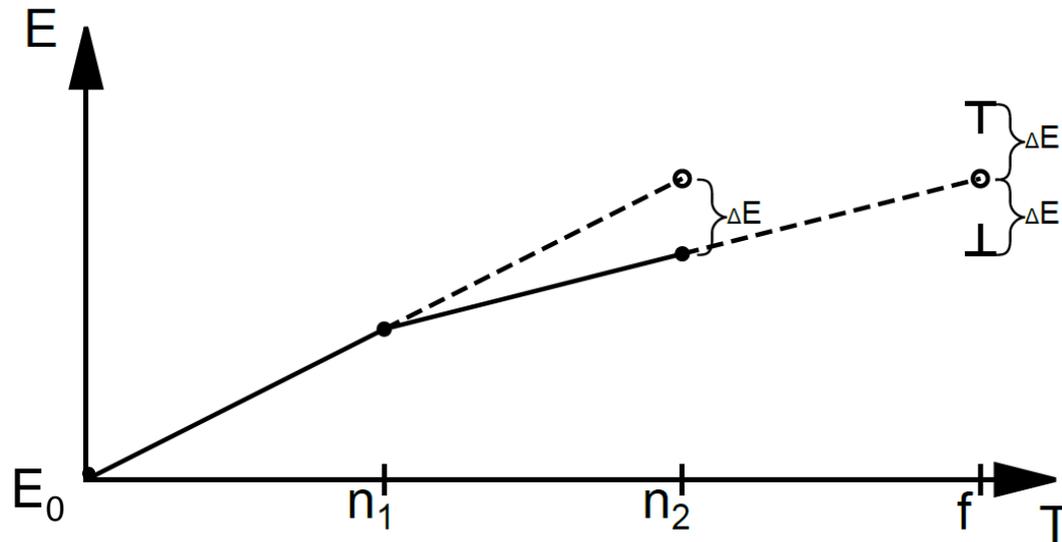
	Theory (1)	Problems Solving (2)	Electric Circuit Design (3)
1	$w_{1,1}$	$w_{1,2}$	$w_{1,3}$
2	$w_{2,1}$	$w_{2,2}$	$w_{2,3}$
...	...	...	...
i	$w_{i,1}$	$w_{i,2}$	$w_{i,3}$
...	...	...	...
n	$w_{n,1}$	$w_{n,2}$	$w_{n,3}$

# Prediction of Students' Learning Results and Cognitive Graphic Tools for its Visualization (5/2)

$$\begin{aligned} E_{k,1} &= f(k, E_{n,1}, E_{n-1,1}, \dots, E_{n-m+1,1}), \\ E_{k,2} &= f(k, E_{n,2}, E_{n-1,2}, \dots, E_{n-m+1,2}), \\ &\dots \\ E_{k,l} &= f(k, E_{n,l}, E_{n-1,l}, \dots, E_{n-m+1,l}), \end{aligned}$$

- $E_{k,j}$  is a predicted result for the  $j$ -th axis;
- $E_{n-1,1}, E_{n-2,1}, \dots$  is a student's result for the  $i$ -th test for the  $j$ -th axis;
- $f(k, E_{n,1}, \dots, E_{n-m+1,1})$  is a prediction function;
- $k$  is a number of predicted a step;
- $n$  is an amount of already performed tests;
- $m$  is an amount of tests which is required for a prediction.

# Prediction of Students' Learning Results and Cognitive Graphic Tools for its Visualization (5/3)



<http://iyazyki.ru/2012/06/problemstudy-plusmotiv/>

Fig. 10. Example of calculation for confidence region prediction

# Prediction of Students' Learning Results and Cognitive Graphic Tools for its Visualization (5/4)

Table 2 Source Data for visualization

Student #	Theory				Problems Solving				Electric Circuits Design			
	Input Test	Test 1	Test 2	Pass-Fail Test	Input Test	Test 1	Test 2	Pass-Fail Test	Input Test	Test 1	Test 2	Pass-Fail Test
1	63	72	80	83	70	80	85	84	75	77	85	90
2	54	56	60	68	60	56	65	67	59	65	70	75
3	53	56	60	63	52	60	55	61	60	64	70	68
4	58	63	65	67	65	62	70	76	68	71	75	82
5	51	50	54	52	52	56	57	55	54	53	56	60
6	65	63	68	75	73	75	72	75	76	73	78	84
7	60	65	63	68	65	68	75	74	72	76	76	82
8	55	58	54	55	53	60	62	66	60	62	60	65
9	72	76	68	75	76	68	63	70	80	72	83	85

# Prediction of Students' Learning Results and Cognitive Graphic Tools for its Visualization (5/5)

Table 2 Source Data for visualization

Student #	Theory				Problems Solving				Electric Circuits Design			
	Input Test	Test 1	Test 2	Pass-Fail Test	Input Test	Test 1	Test 2	Pass-Fail Test	Input Test	Test 1	Test 2	Pass-Fail Test
10	51	51	53	54	51	56	58	55	51	55	53	54
11	52	55	53	64	62	70	68	75	60	56	72	73
12	68	64	69	75	70	75	76	80	75	68	74	80
13	52	55	54	60	51	52	60	60	60	65	72	68
14	56	58	54	56	75	79	82	84	68	75	81	75
15	82	86	81	86	75	76	72	70	75	78	69	70
16	64	67	67	72	55	54	60	65	52	58	70	68
17	51	52	51	52	55	62	61	60	54	66	68	72
18	60	65	68	67	56	58	52	54	62	60	64	62
19	51	52	51	52	51	51	53	52	51	55	60	65
20	65	67	65	68	60	65	62	66	72	76	78	80
21	60	62	66	65	56	65	72	75	52	55	56	59

# Prediction of Students' Learning Results and Cognitive Graphic Tools for its Visualization (5/6)

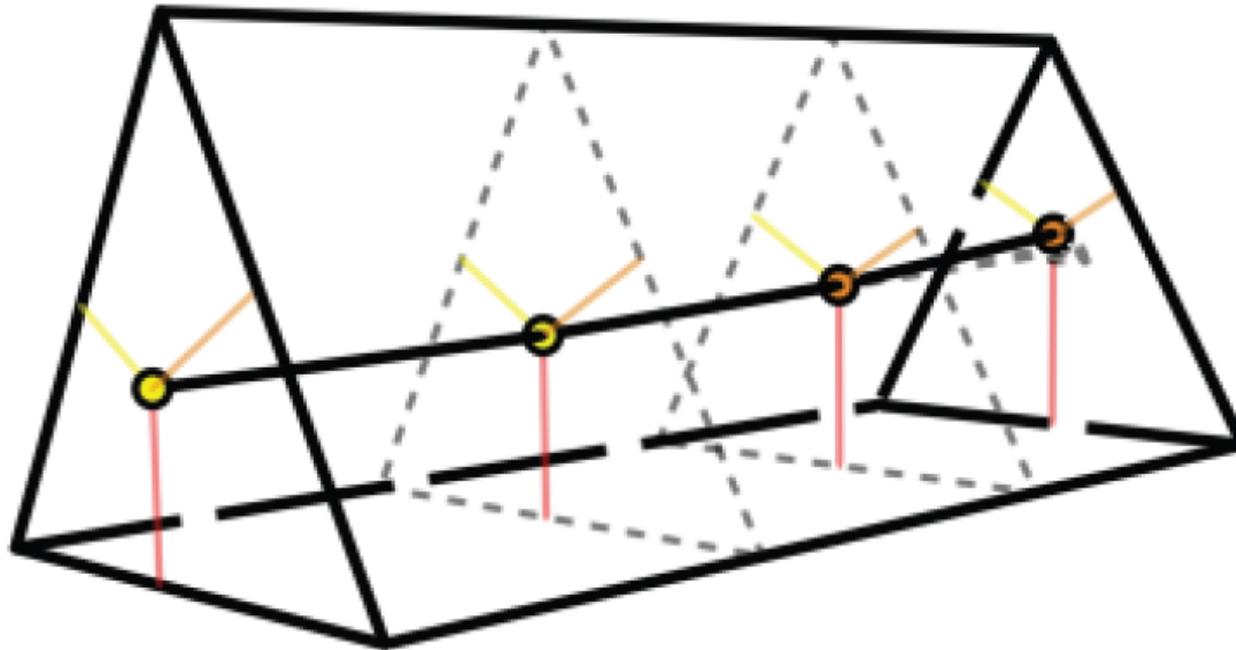
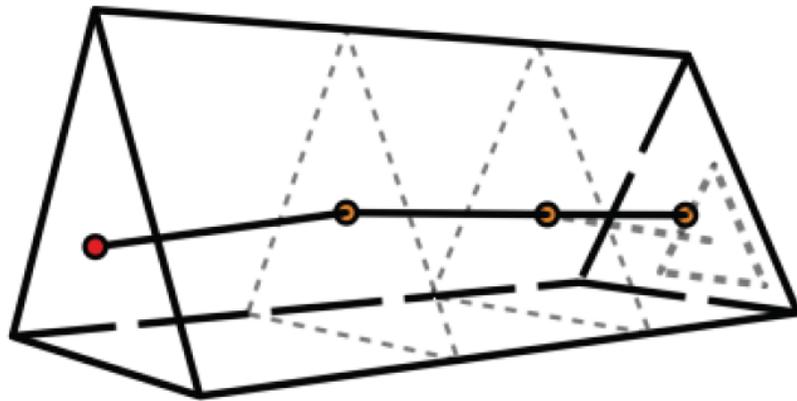
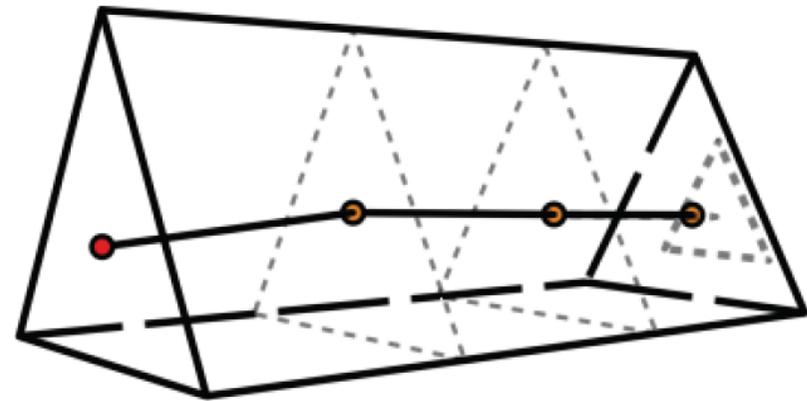


Fig. 11. 2-simplex prism application for prediction of students' learning results

# Prediction of Students' Learning Results and Cognitive Graphic Tools for its Visualization (5/7)



a) square polynome



b) linear polynome

Fig. 12. Polynome degree influence on prediction quality

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# Specificity of Software Implementation of Cognitive Graphics Tools and Their Integration (6/1)

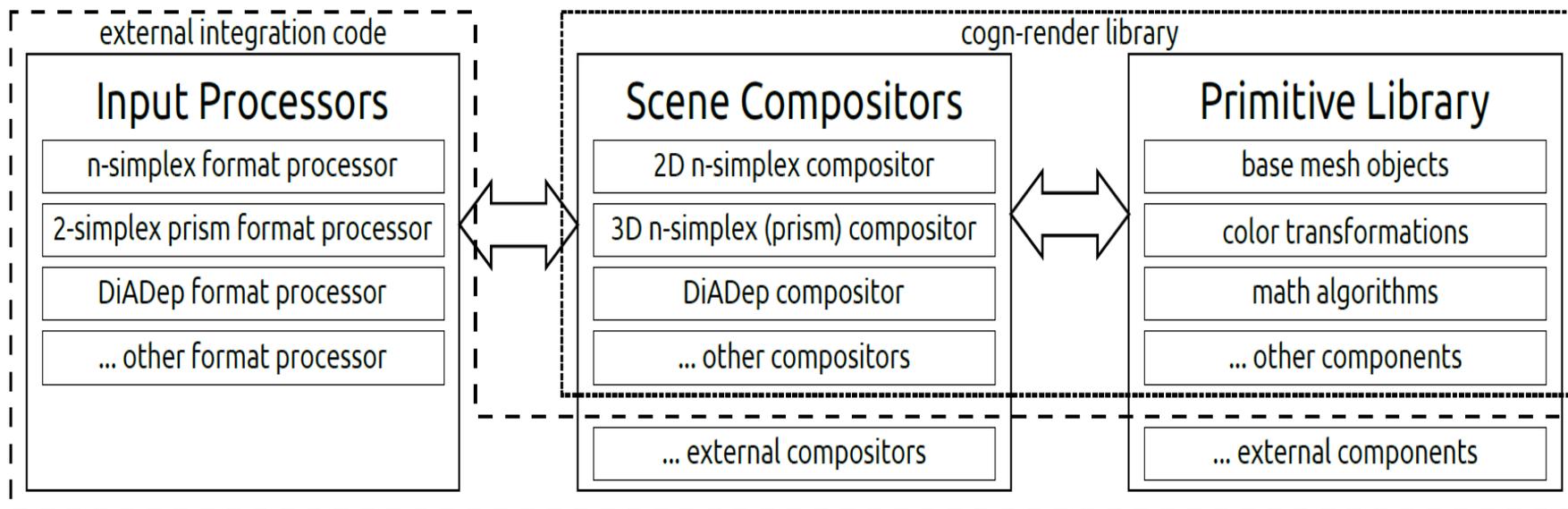


Fig. 13. Architecture of Library for Cognitive Tools Visualization

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# Concluding Remarks (7/1)

1. Current state of research in e-learning area is discussed:
  - survey of individual learning trajectory construction
  - monitoring of students' learning trajectory
  - its prediction
2. Following new components for developed intelligent learning technology are proposed:
  - approach to assessment of students' learning results, based on MDT
  - approach to prediction of students' learning results, based on MDT and 2-simplex prism
3. Proposed approaches allow to construct individual learning trajectory for every student and help to determine weak points, which should be considered in more detail

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Fig. 14. Any Questions???

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