

Confession of a converted lecturer



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My message

A photograph of a group of people in a meeting. A man in a blue shirt is on the left, gesturing with his hands while speaking. A woman in a white shirt is on the right, also gesturing. Other people are visible in the background, some looking at papers. The text "shift focus from 'teaching' to helping students learn" is overlaid in the center.

shift focus from "teaching" to helping students learn

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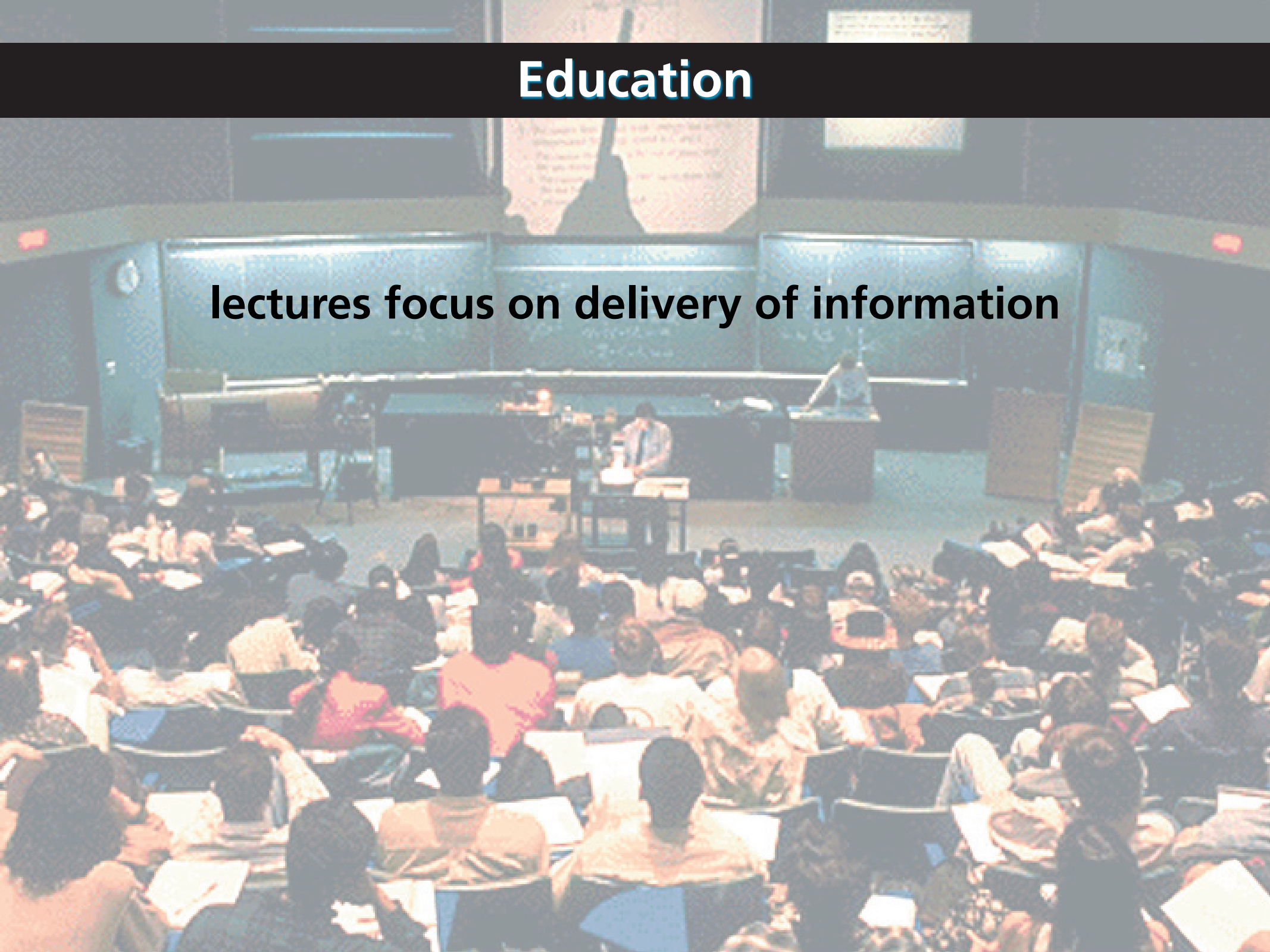
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Education



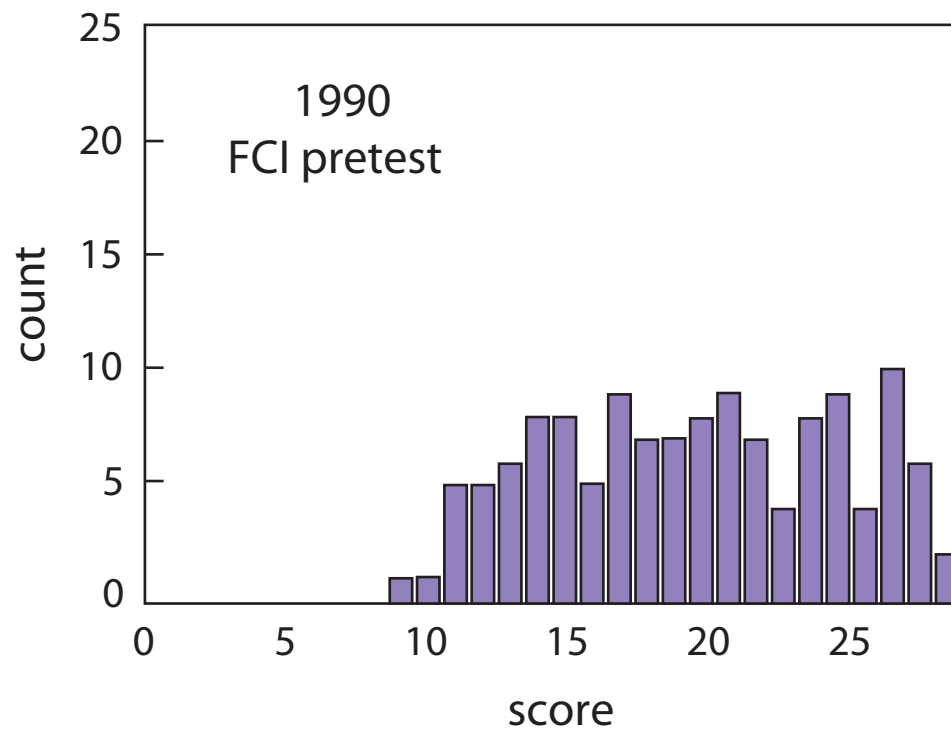
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lectures focus on delivery of information



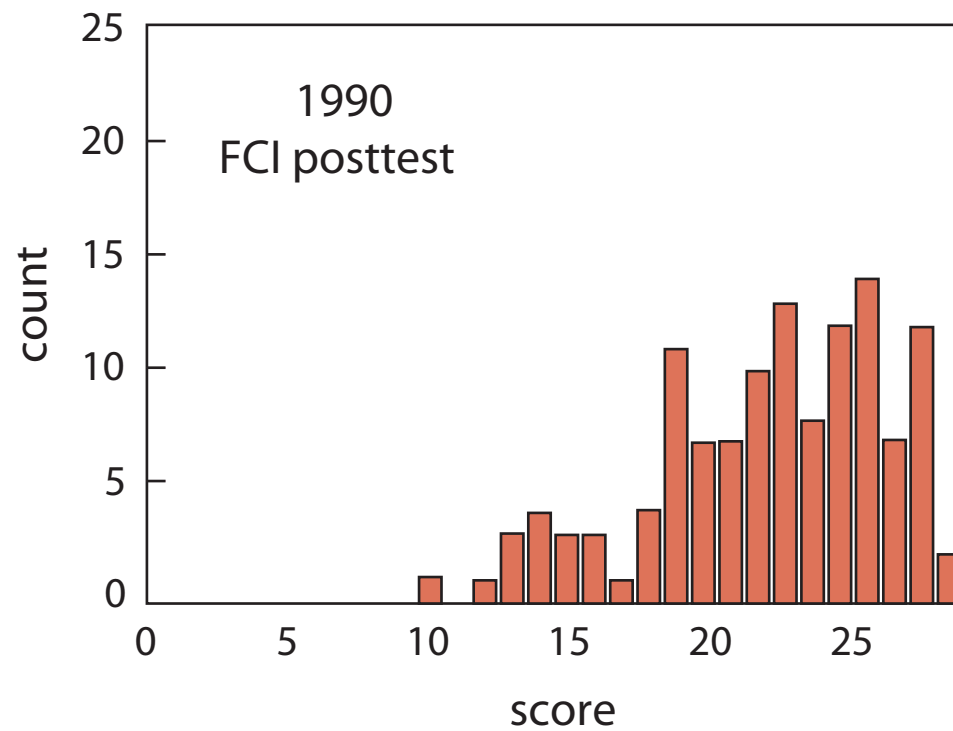
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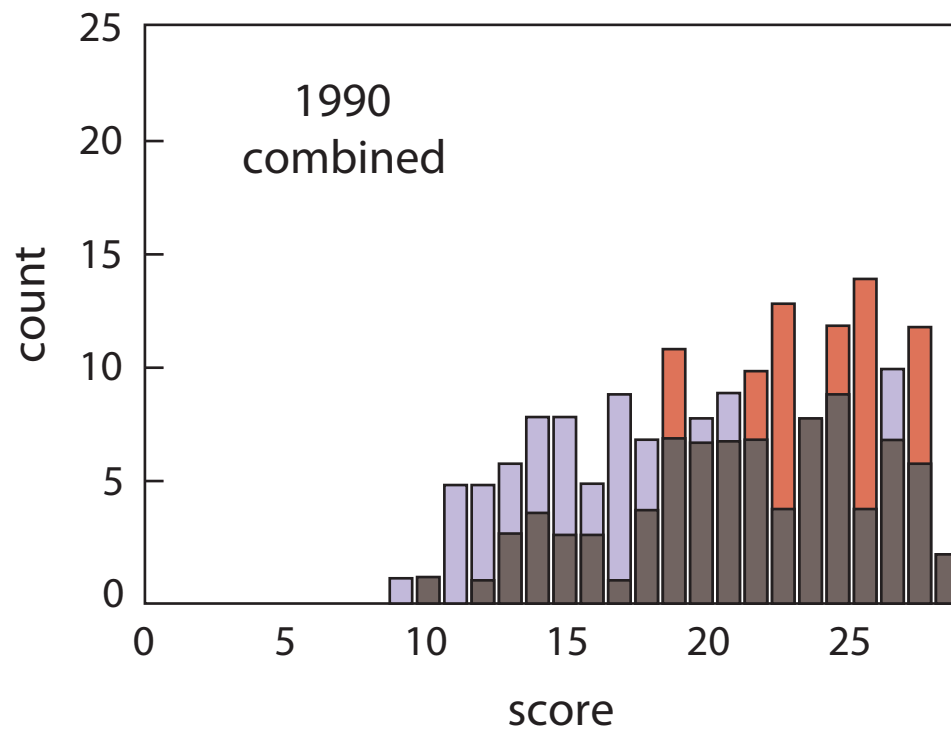
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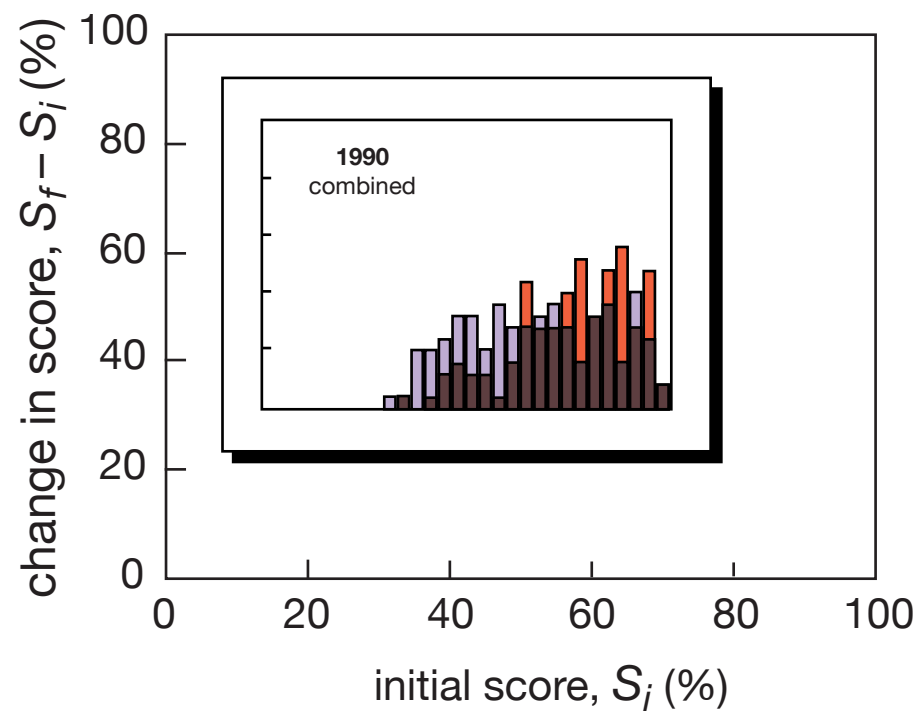


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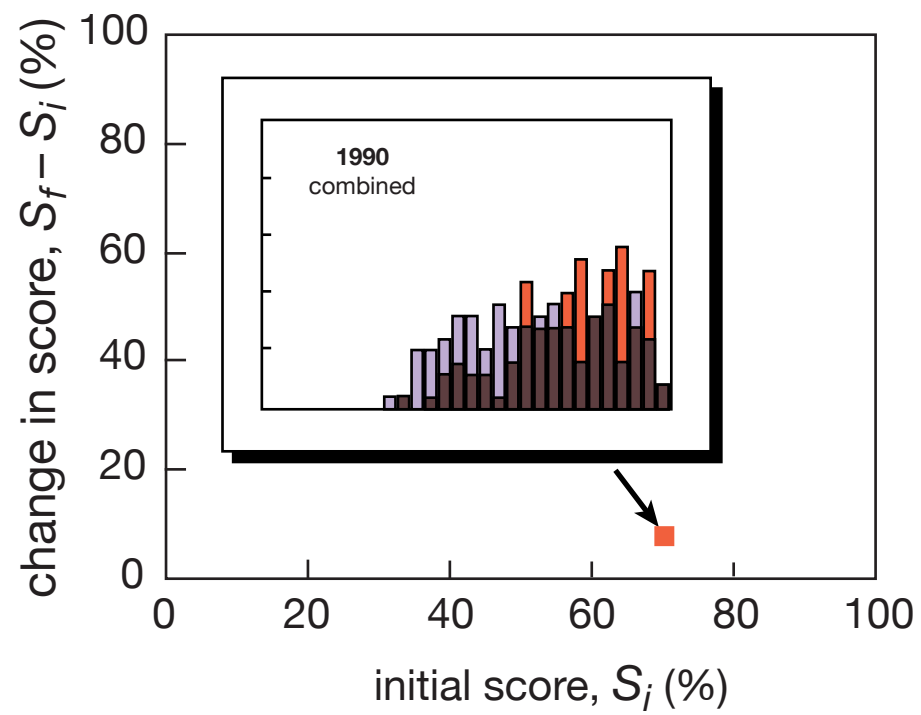
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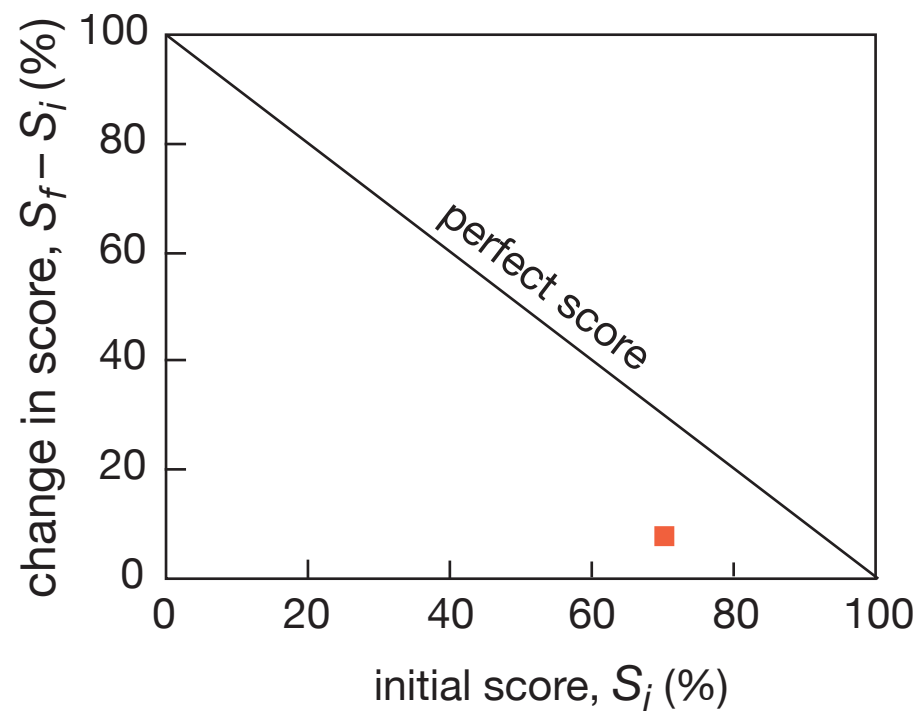
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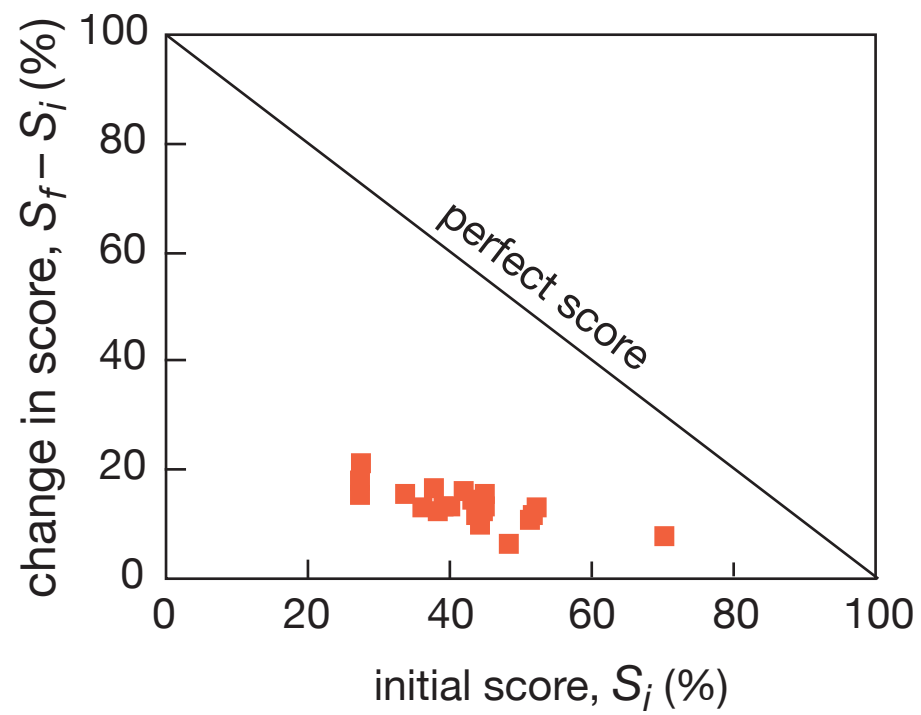
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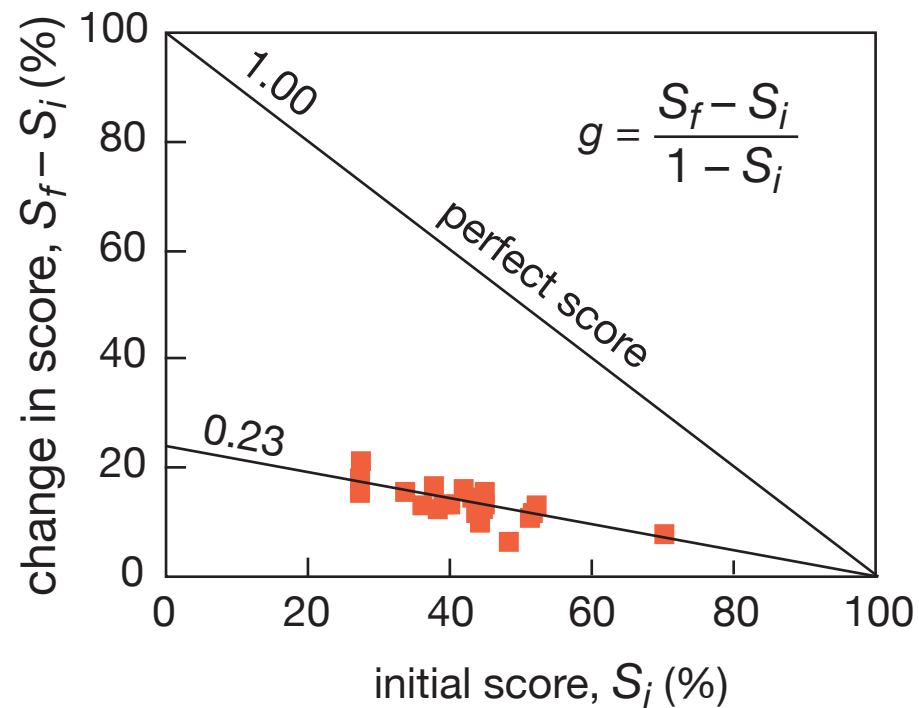


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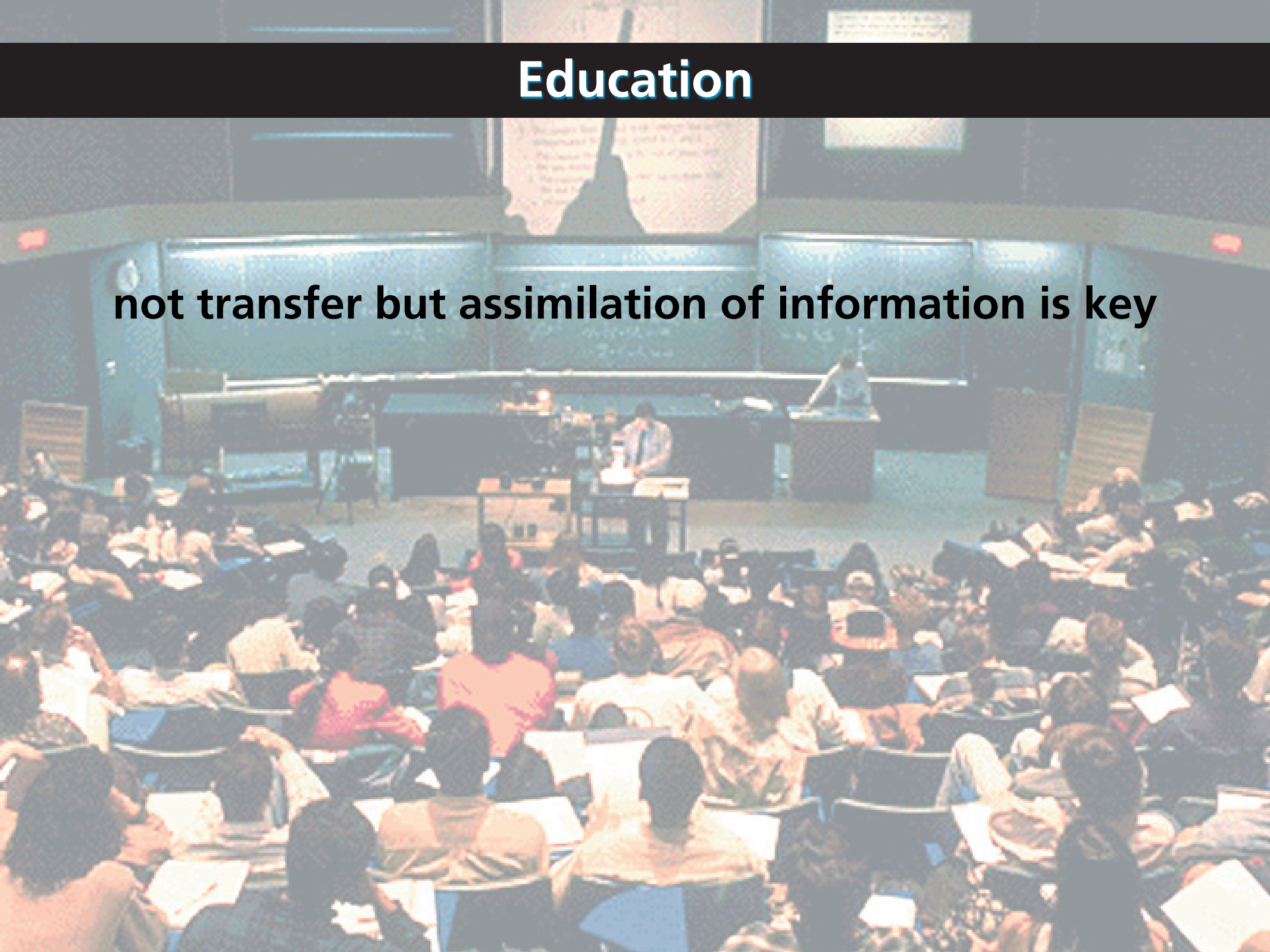
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only one quarter of maximum gain realized



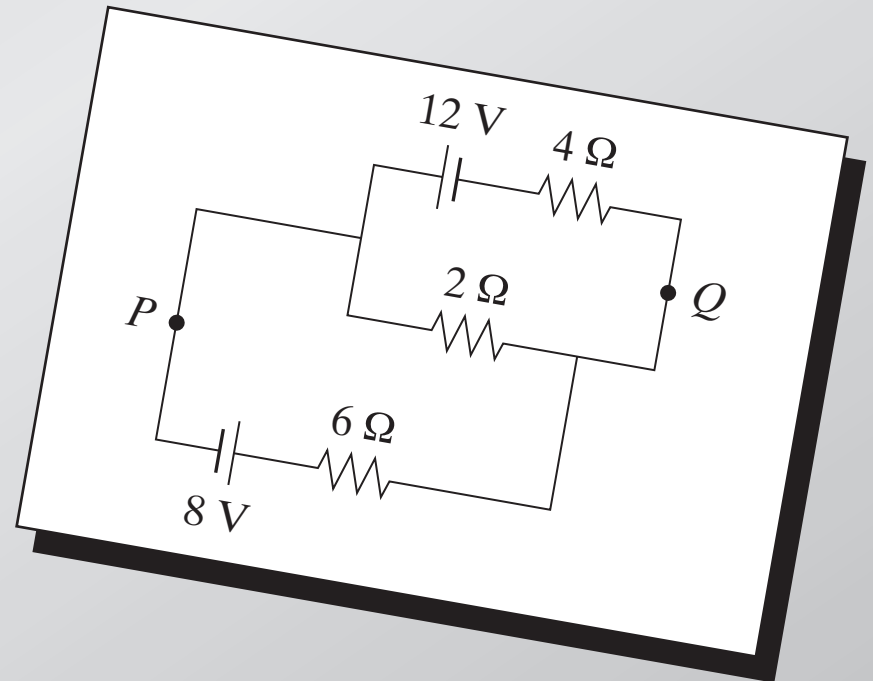
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not transfer but assimilation of information is key



Education

conventional problems misleading



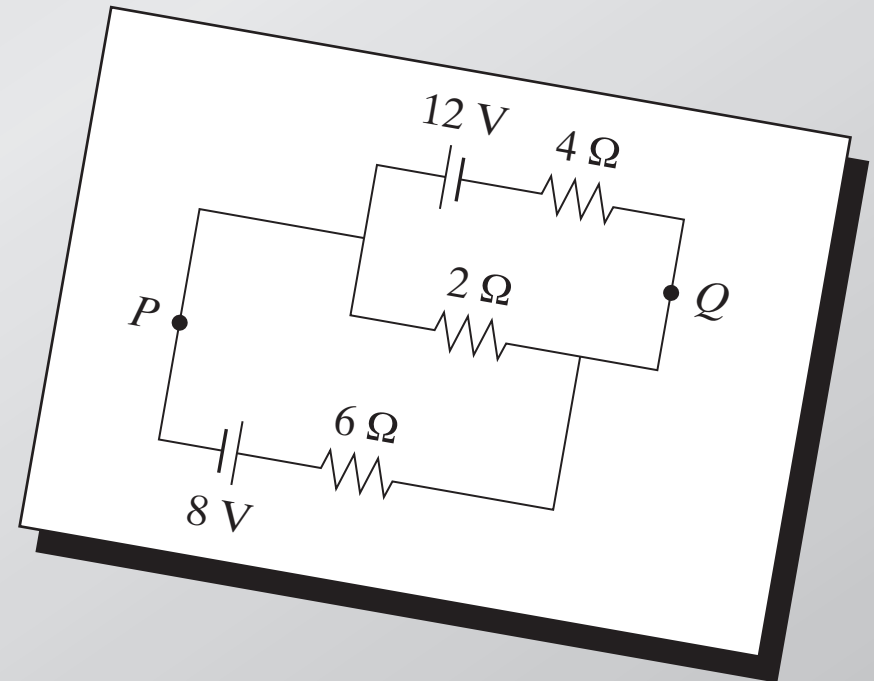
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Calculate:

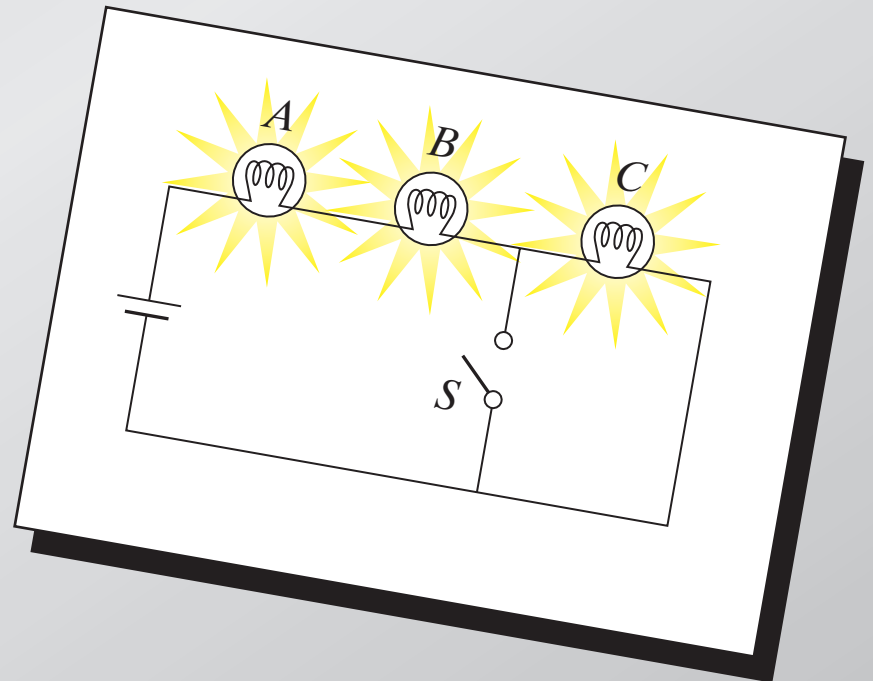
(a) current in $2\text{-}\Omega$ resistor

(b) potential difference
between P and Q



Education

are the basic principles understood?

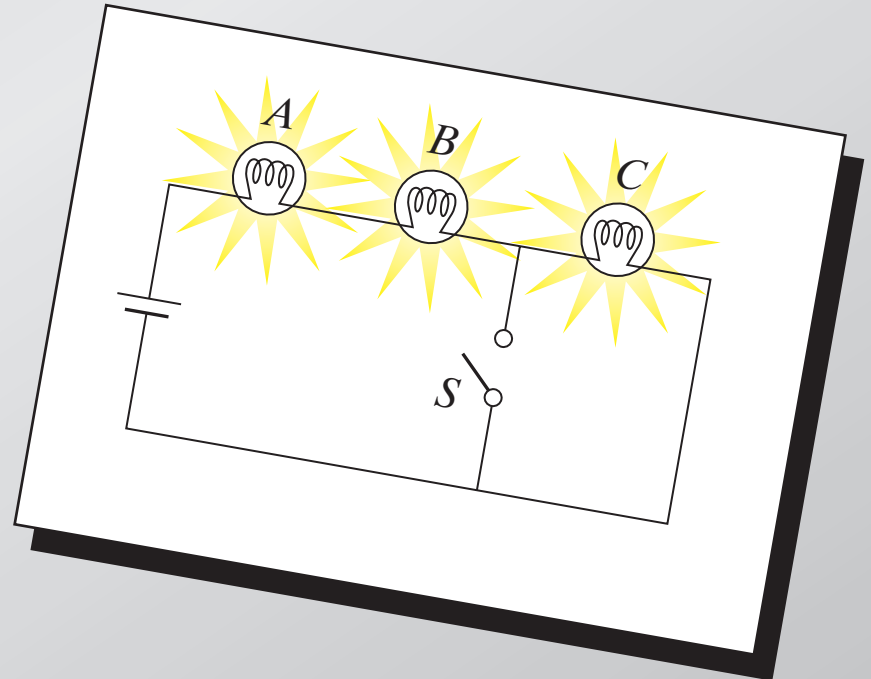


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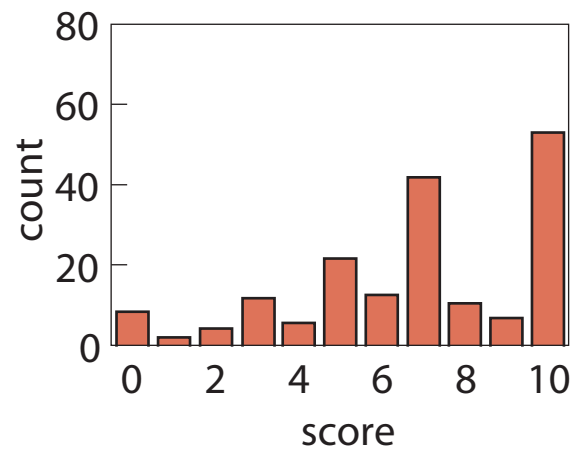
When S is closed, what happens to:

- (a) intensities of A and B ?
- (b) intensity of C ?
- (c) current through battery?
- (d) potential difference across
 A , B , and C ?
- (e) the total power dissipated?

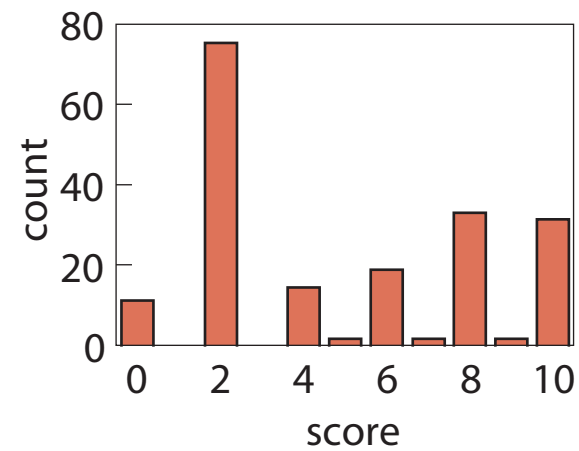


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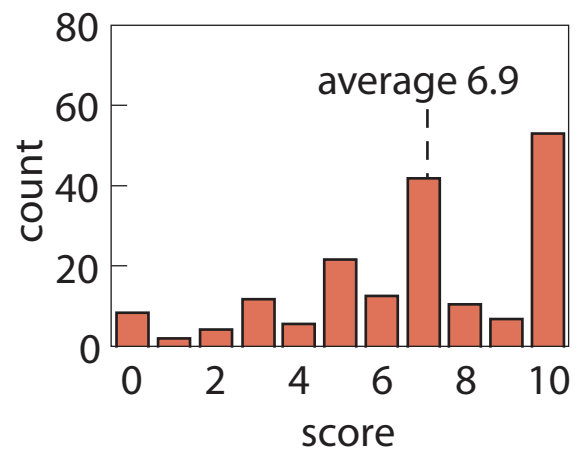


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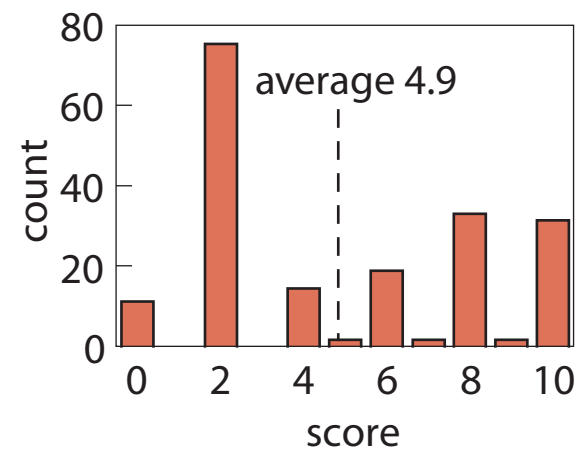


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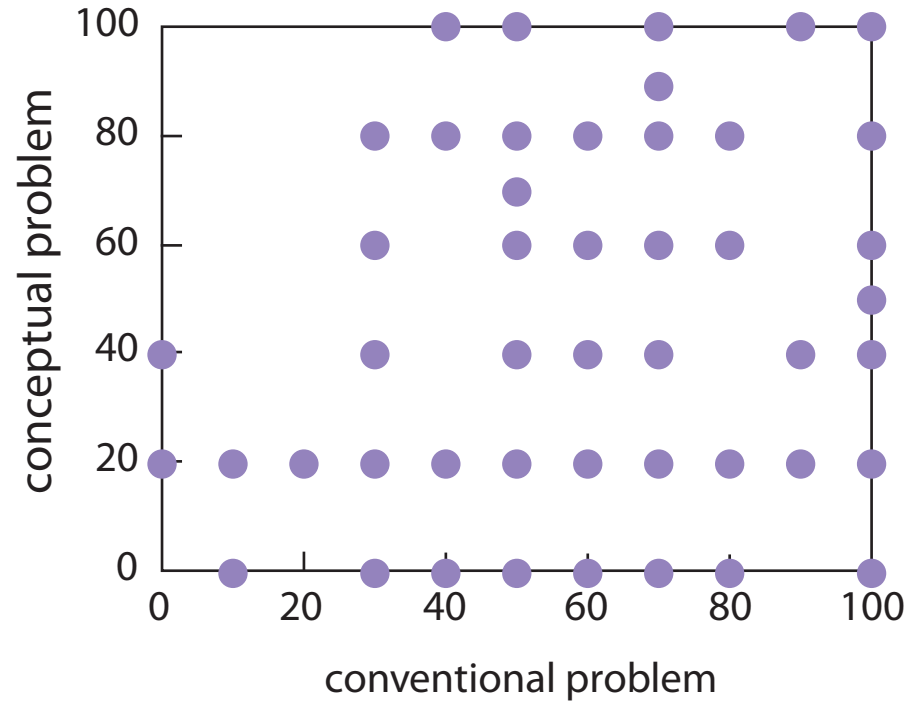
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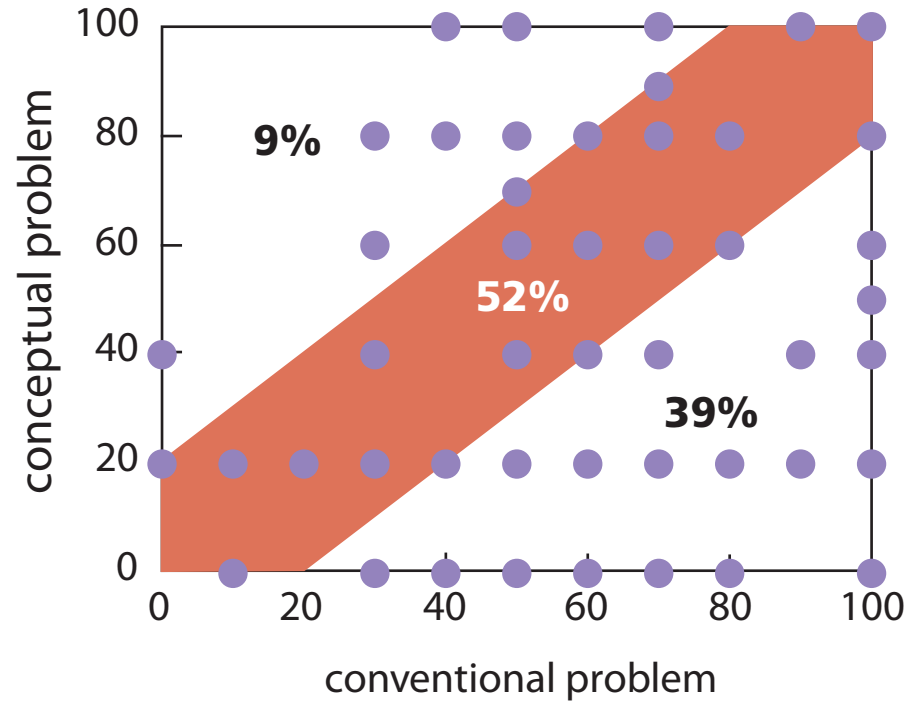
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The image shows a large lecture hall from the perspective of the back of the room. Students are seated at long desks, facing a stage. A lecturer is standing at a podium on the stage, facing the audience. A large screen is visible on the stage, displaying text. The text on the screen is partially legible and appears to be a list of items. The text on the screen is as follows:

What are the following components of a system?

- 1. The system is a collection of components that are interconnected by a network of communication links.
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So what should we do?

Peer Instruction

Give students more responsibility for gathering information...

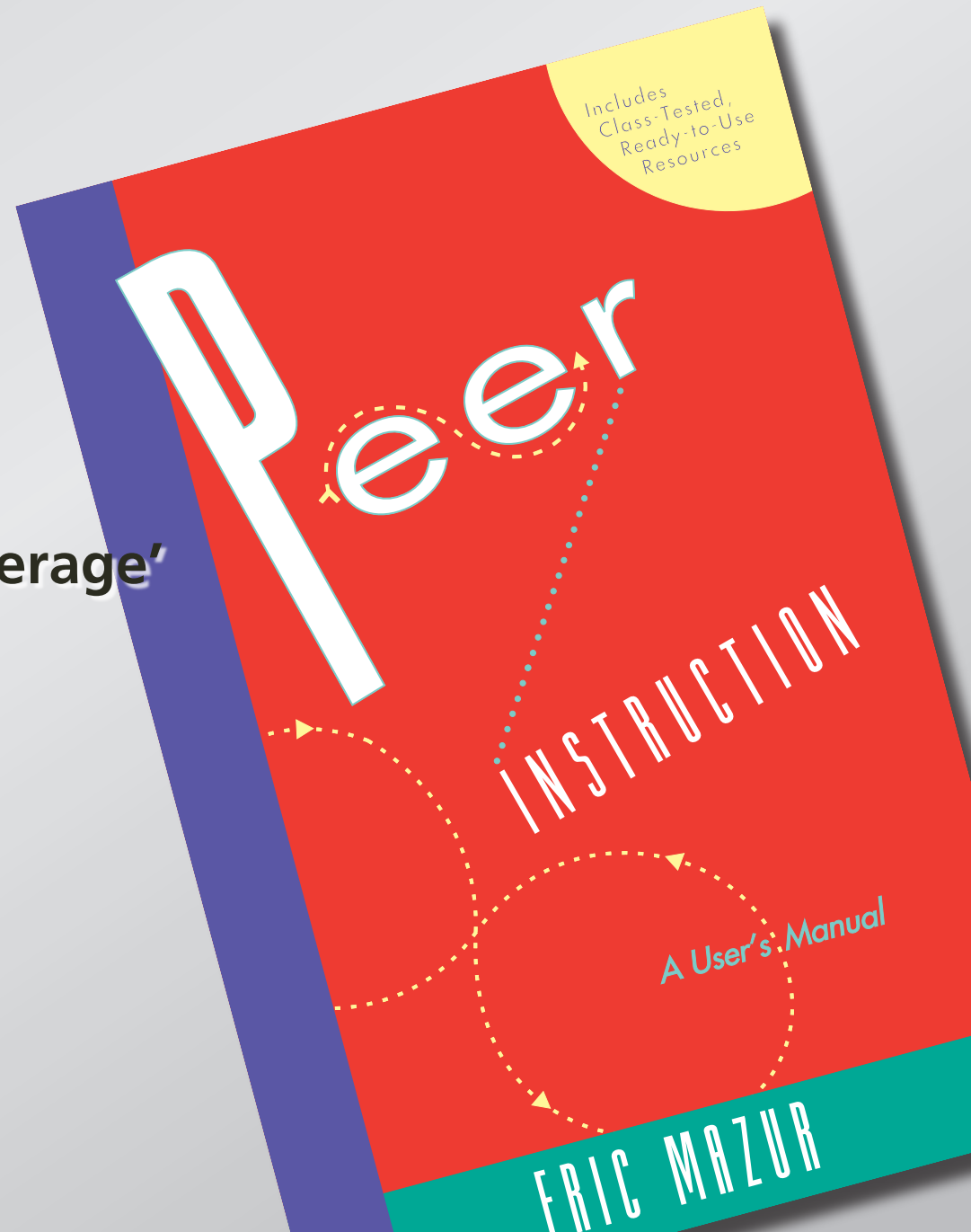
Peer Instruction

**Give students more responsibility for gathering information...
so we can better help them assimilate it.**

Peer Instruction

Main features:

- pre-class reading
- in-class: depth, not 'coverage'
- ConcepTests



Peer Instruction

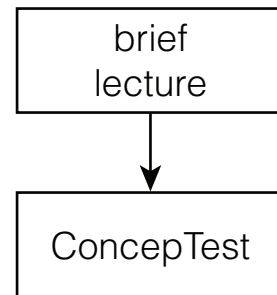
ConcepTest:

- 1. Question**
- 2. Thinking**
- 3. Individual answer**
- 4. Peer discussion**
- 5. Revised/Group answer**
- 6. Explanation**

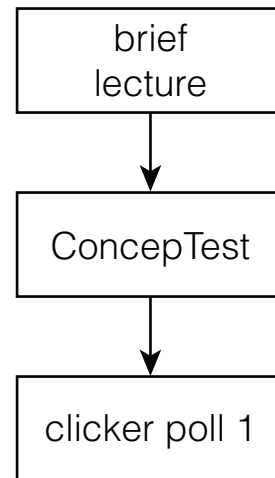
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brief
lecture

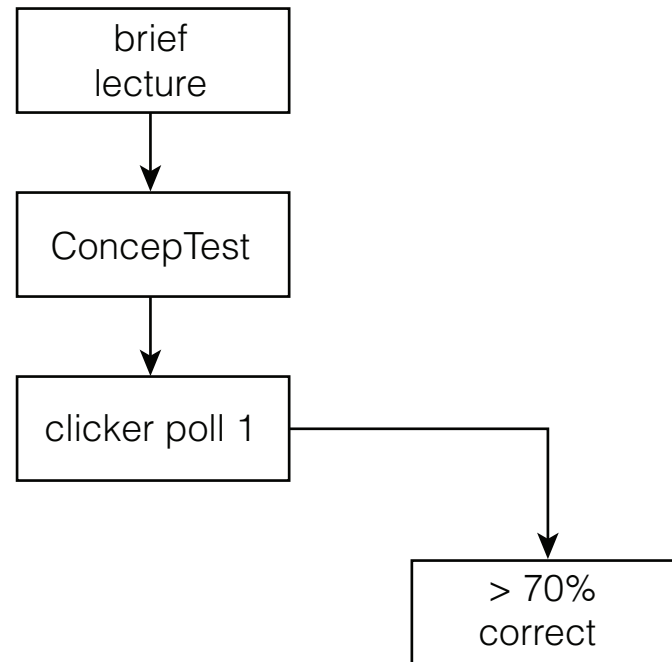
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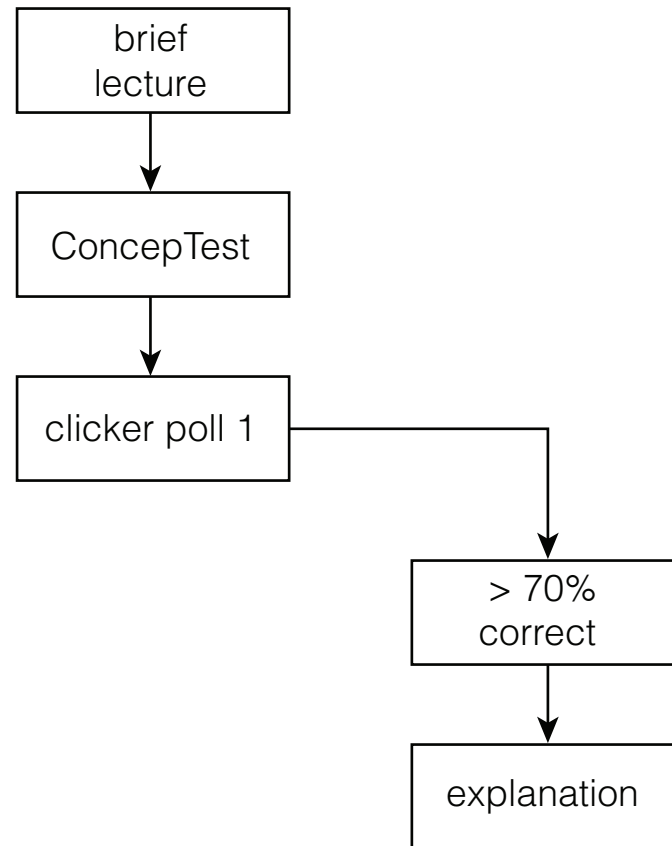
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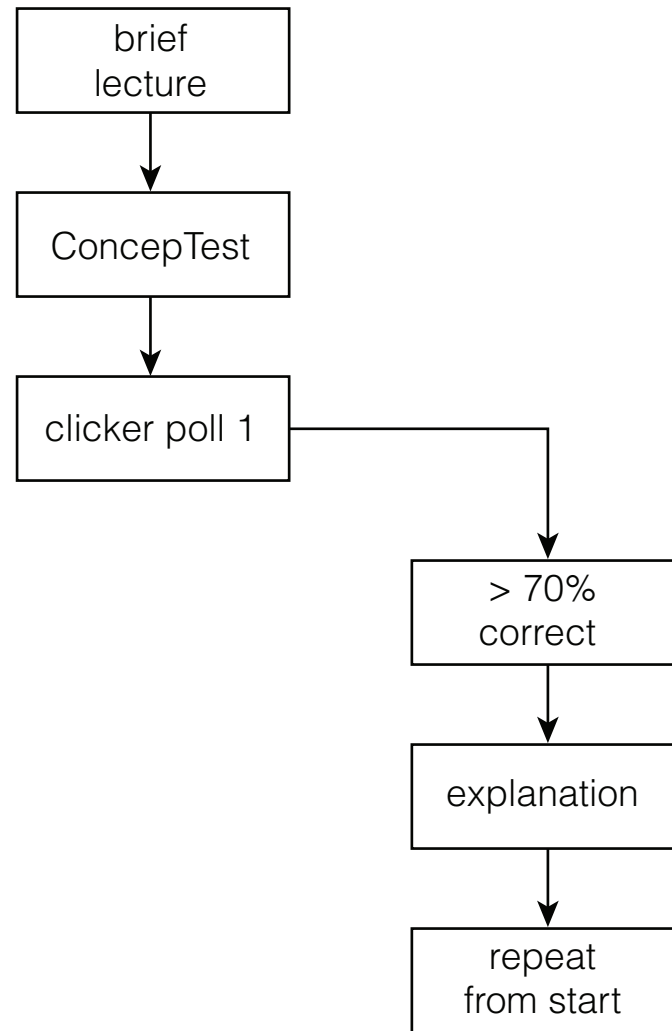
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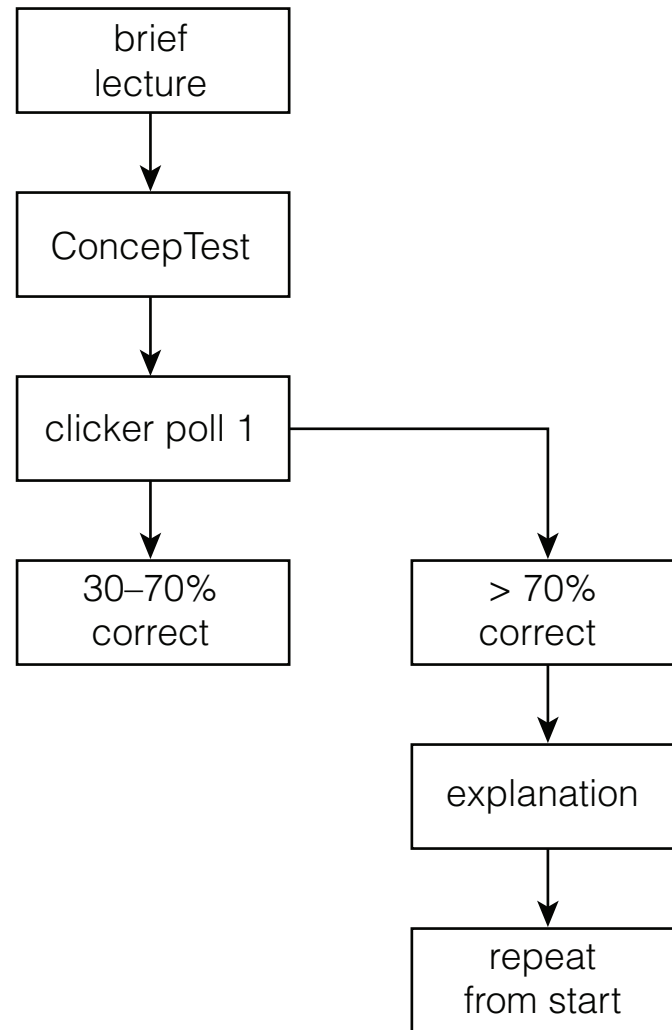
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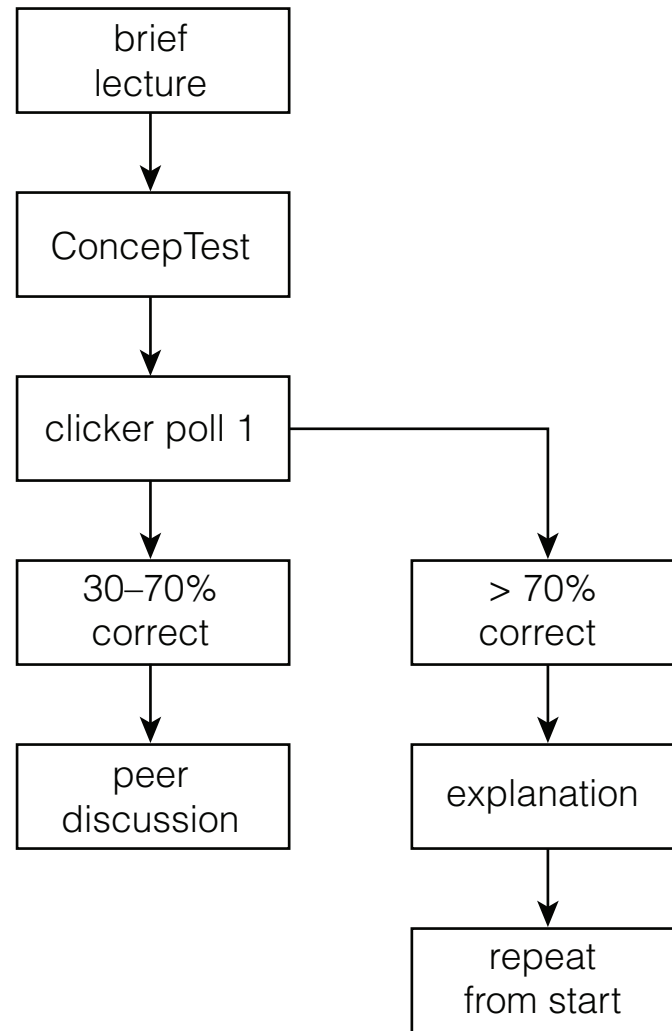
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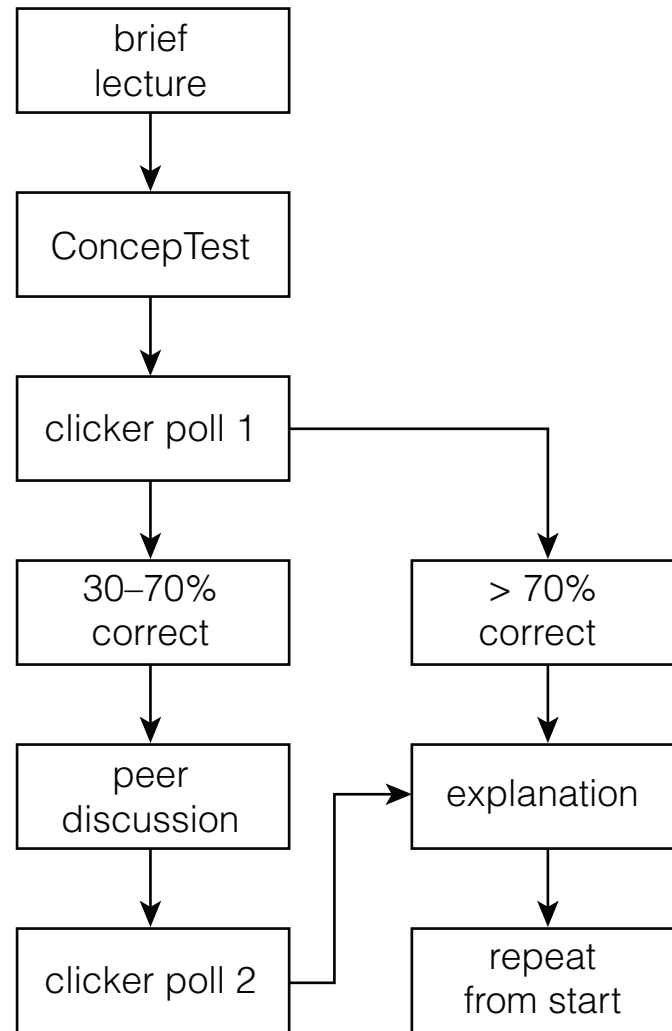
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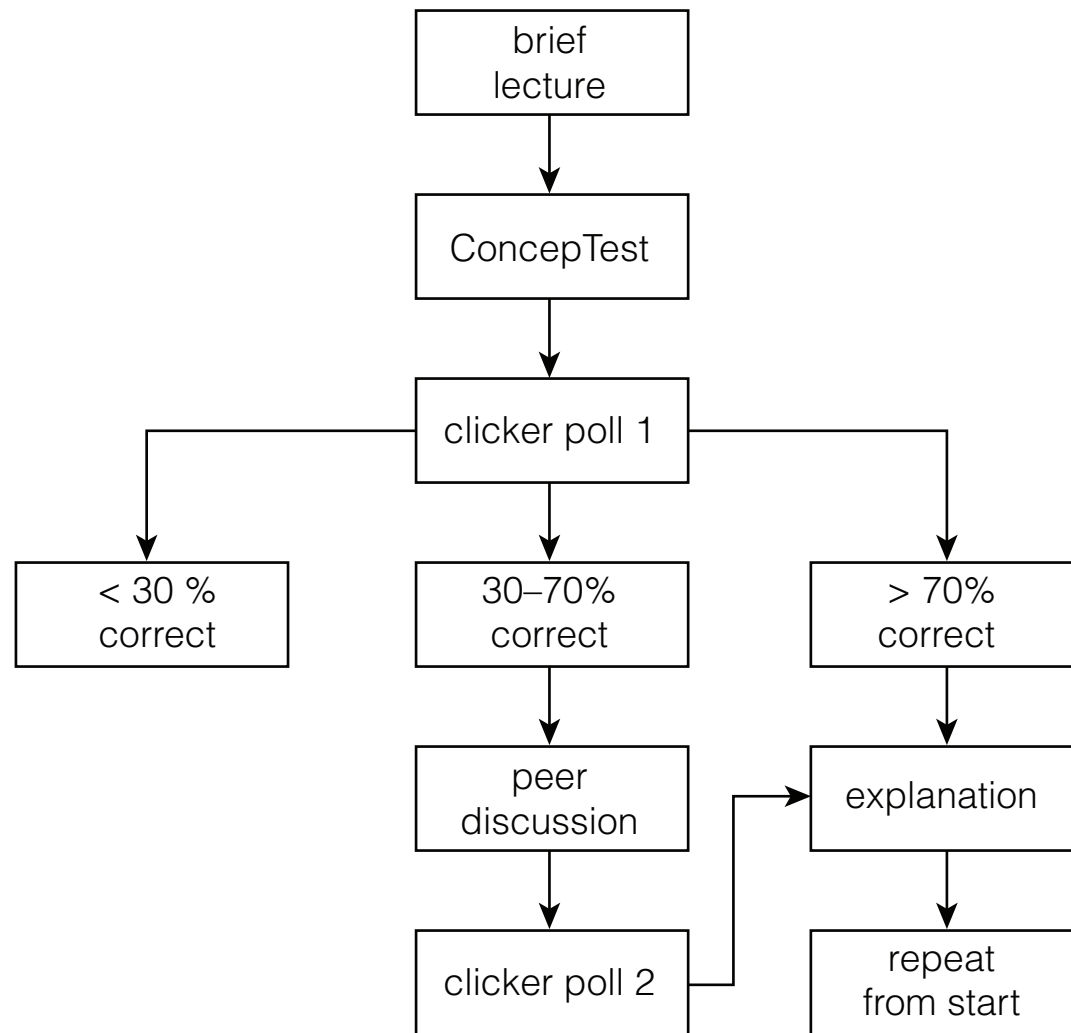
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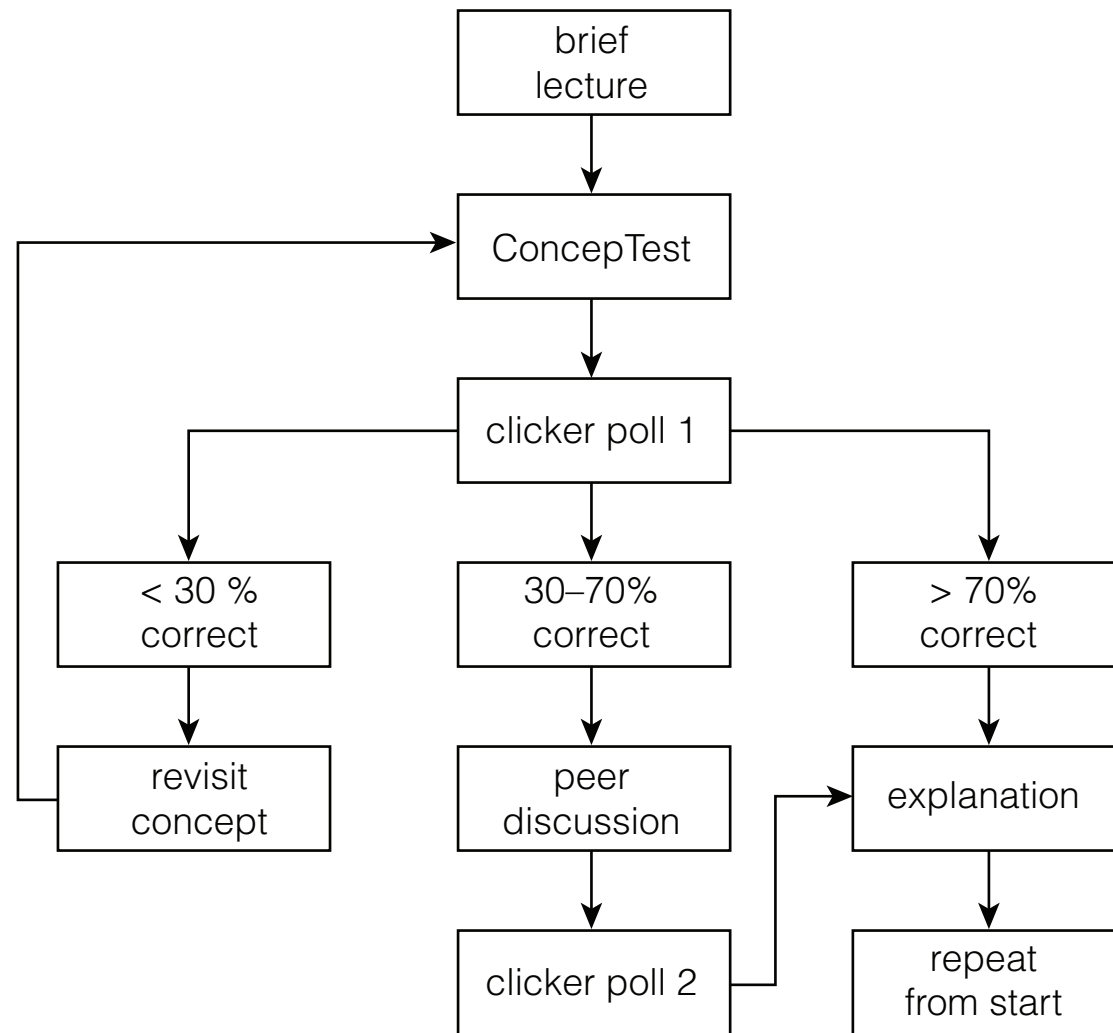
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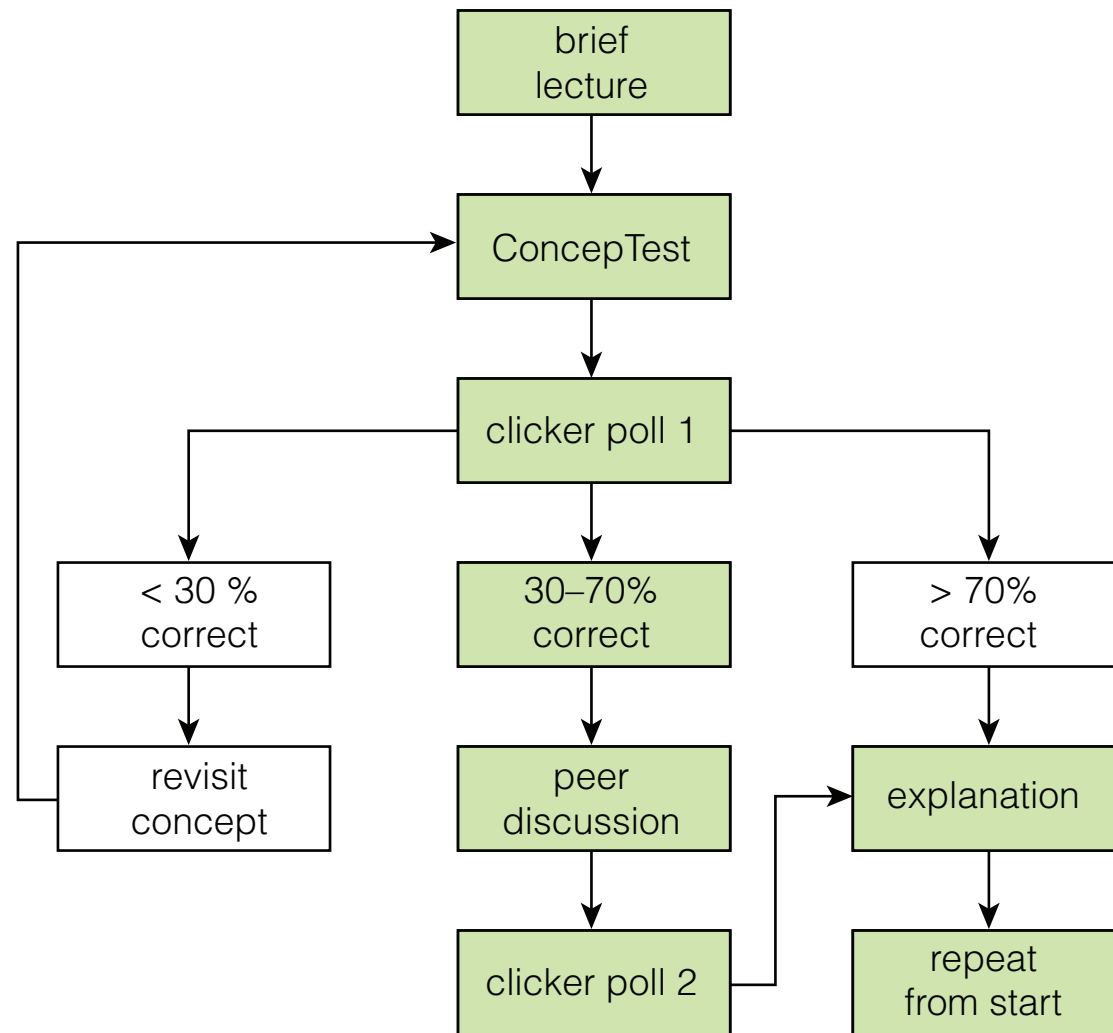
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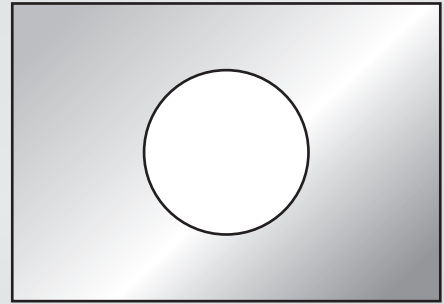


Peer Instruction



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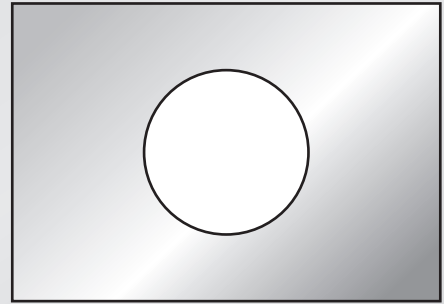


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When the plate is uniformly heated, the diameter of the hole

1. increases.
2. stays the same.
3. decreases.

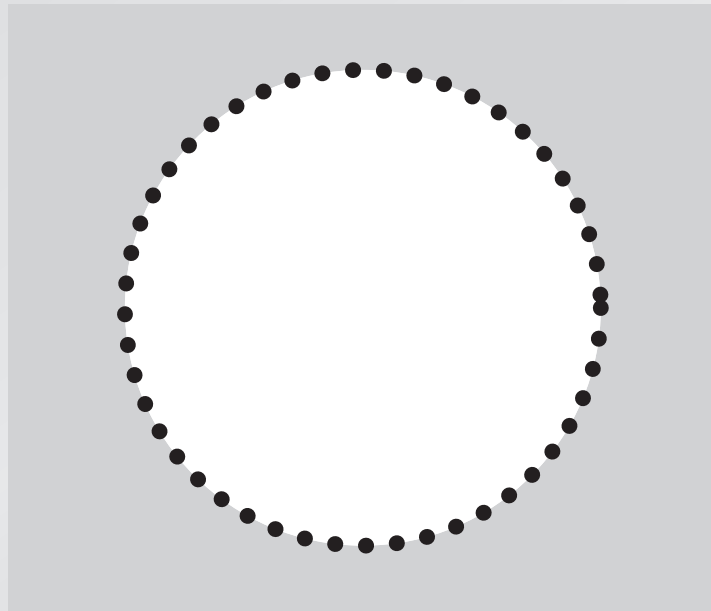


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It's easy to fire up the audience!

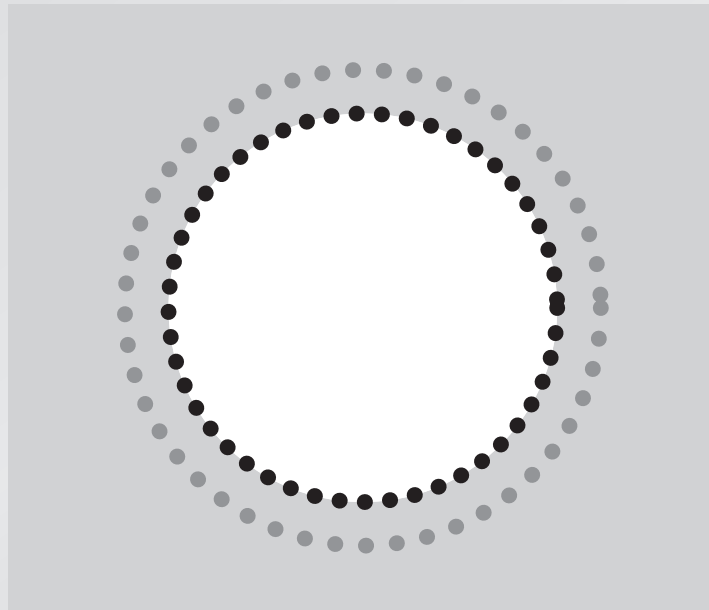
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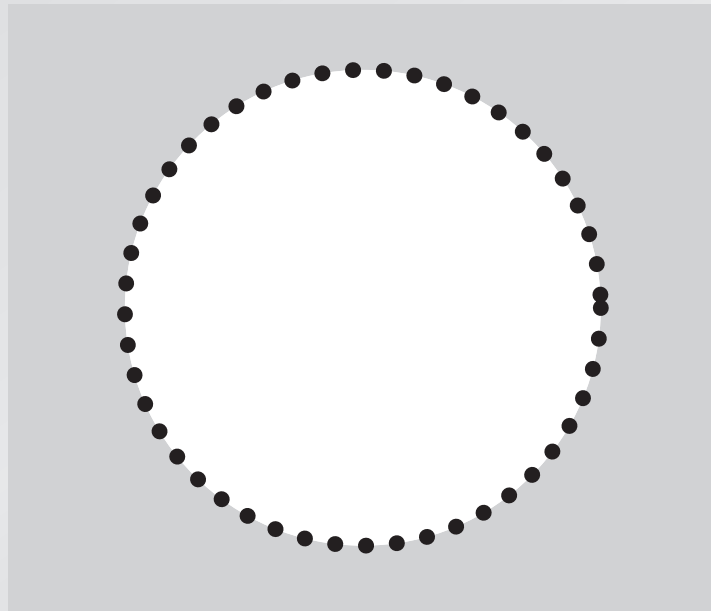
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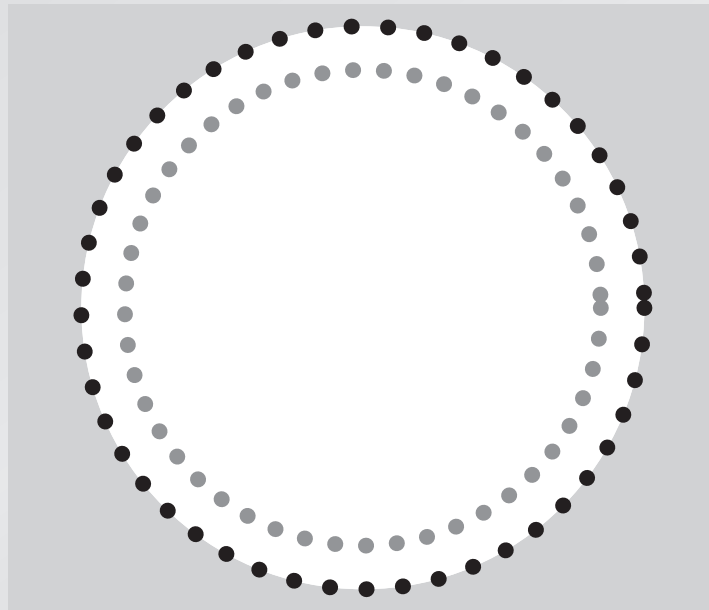
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Suppose the rope is cut and 1 m of rope is inserted between the cut ends. If the rope were to maintain a circular shape, how far off the surface of the Earth would it float?



1. the width of a few atoms
2. the width of a few hairs
3. the height of a curb
4. exactly 1 m
5. more than 1 m

Let's try it!

circumference at equator:

$$2\pi R_E$$

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radius of circle with new circumference:

$$2\pi R = 2\pi R_E + 1 \text{ m}, \quad \text{and so} \quad R = R_E + \frac{1 \text{ m}}{2\pi}.$$

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model

circumference

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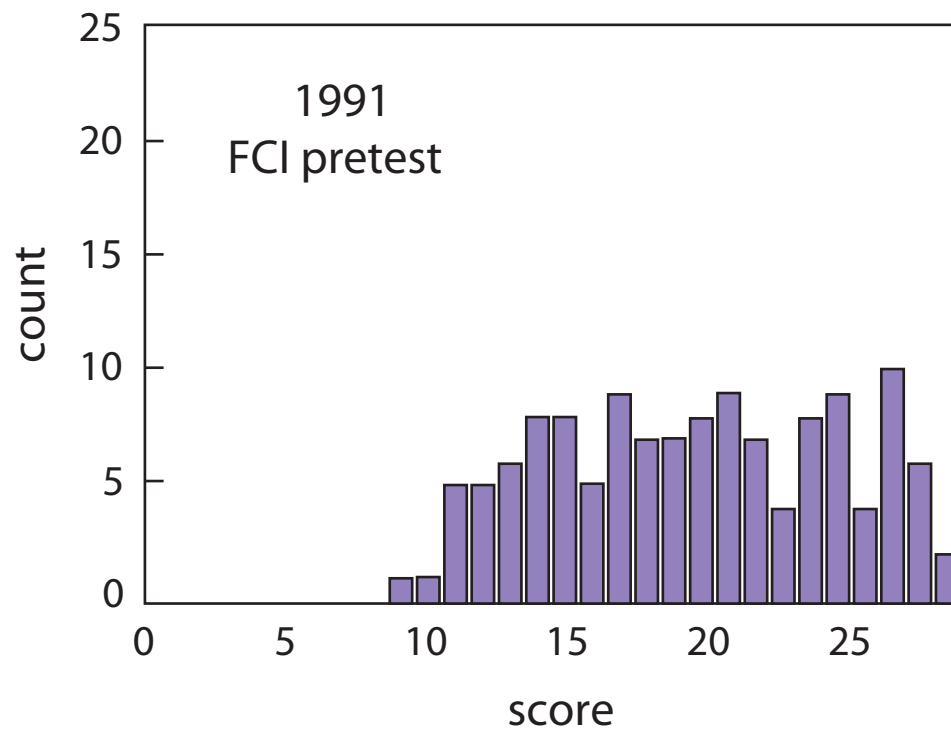
need to test mental model!

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is it any good?

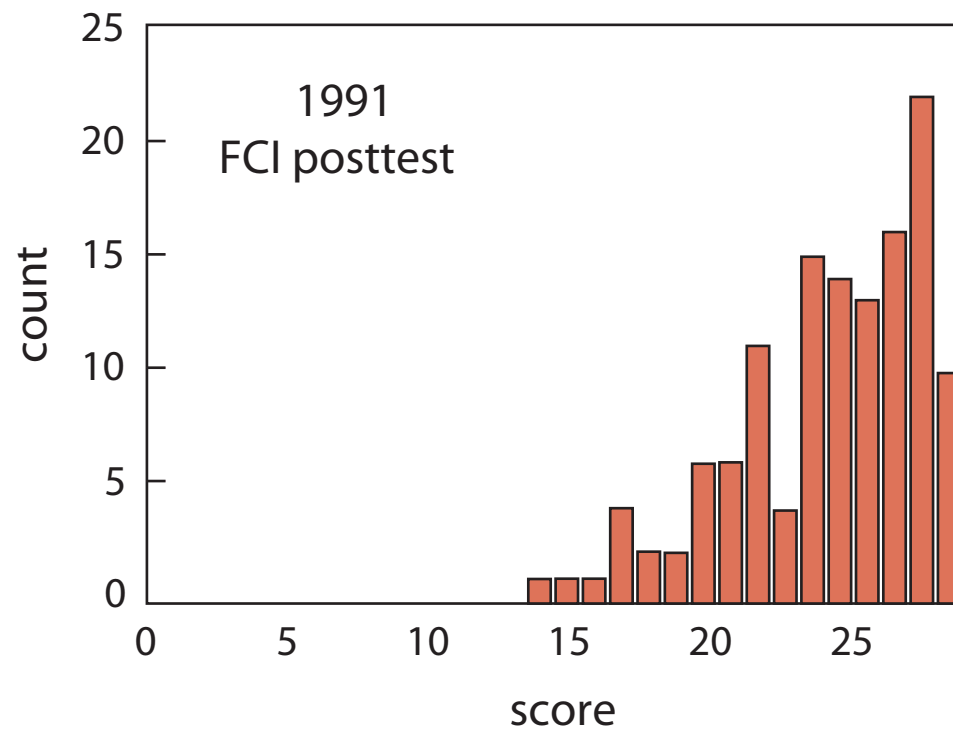
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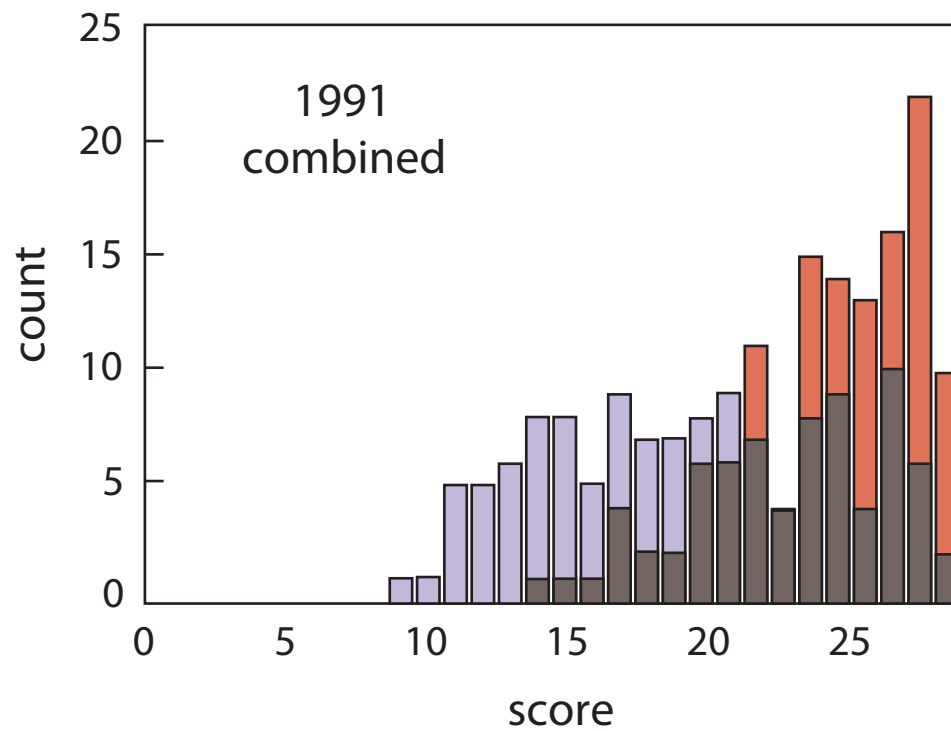
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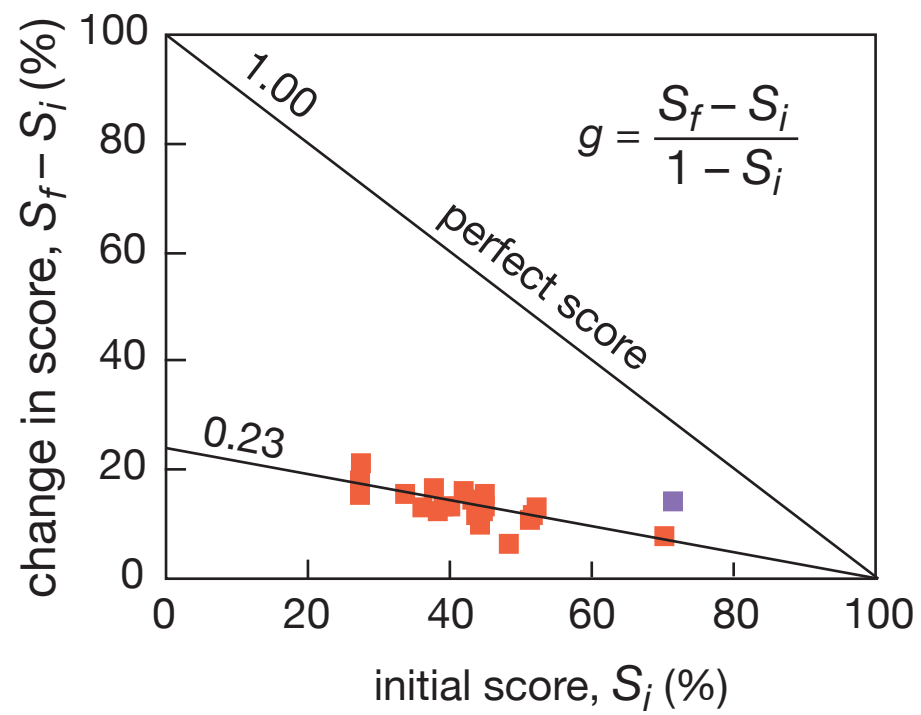


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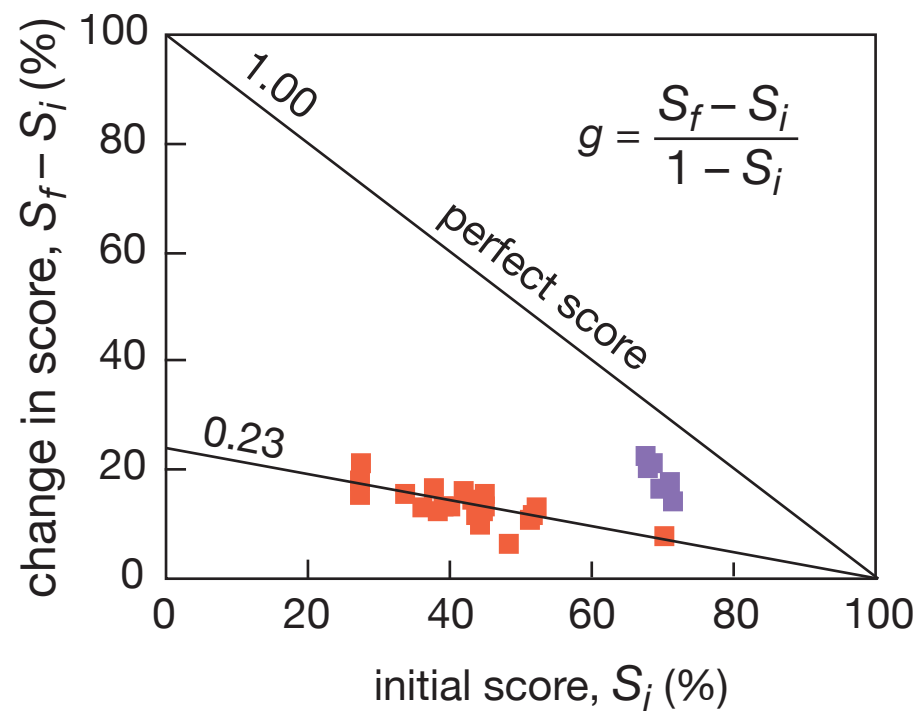
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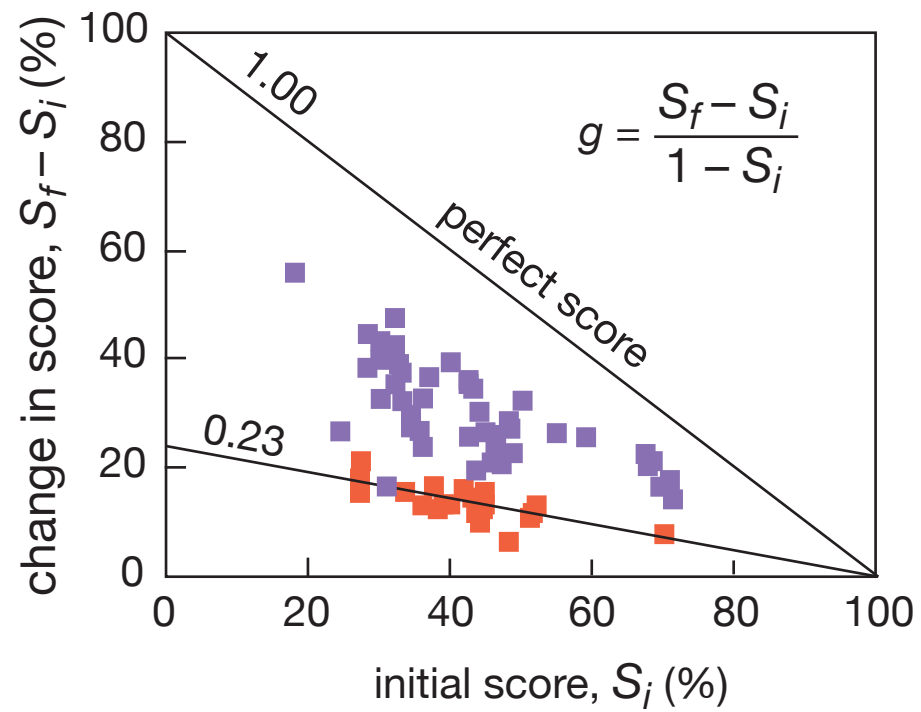
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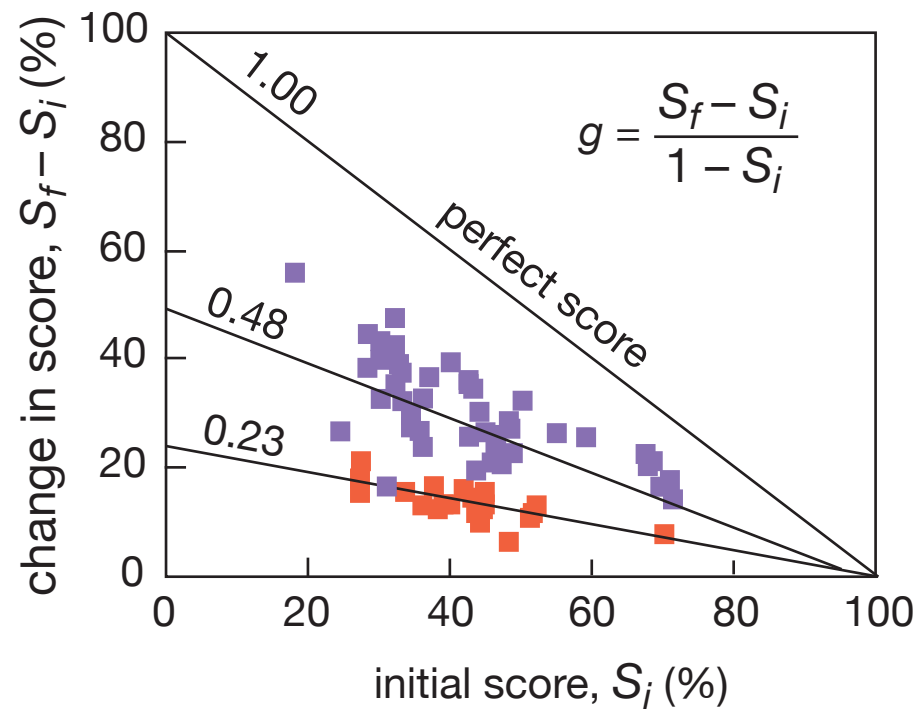
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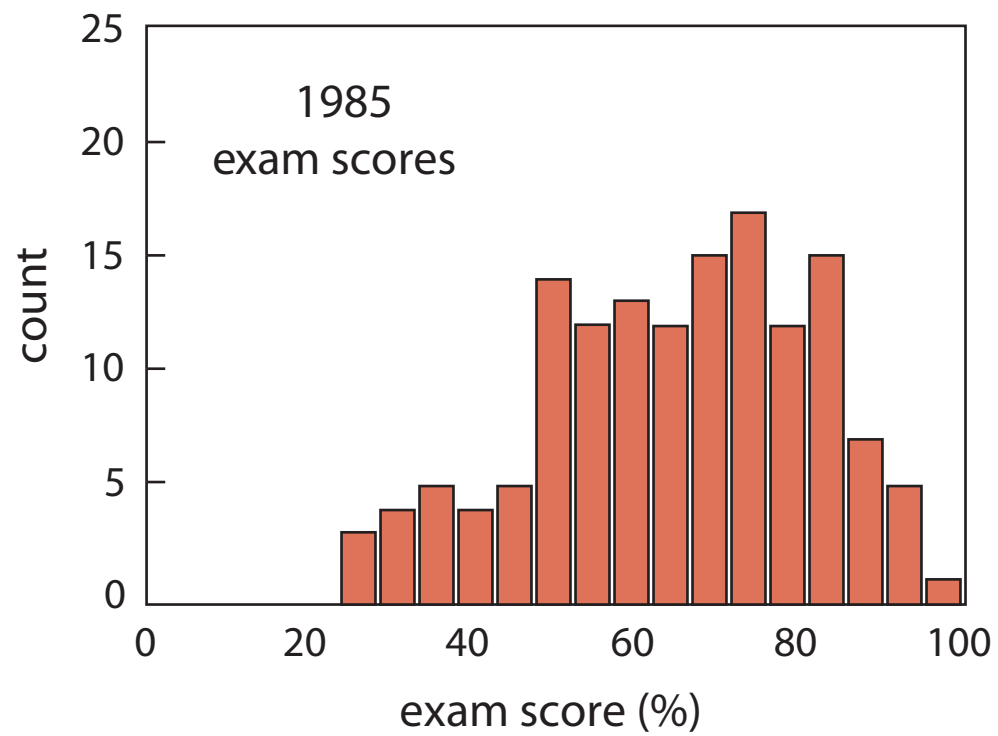
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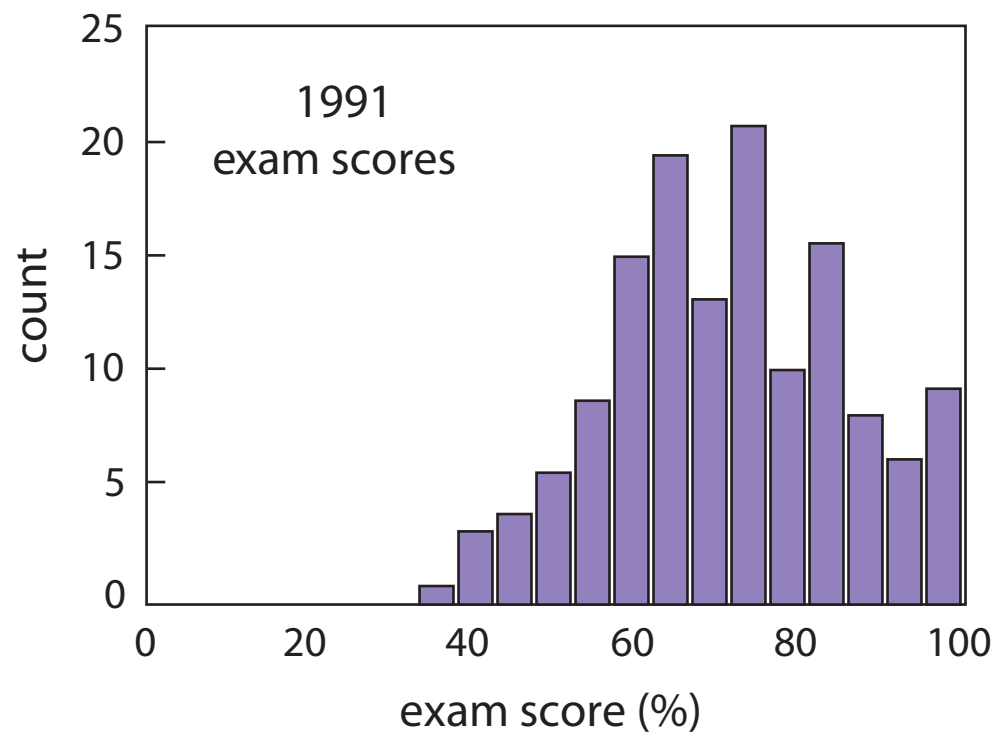
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what about problem solving?

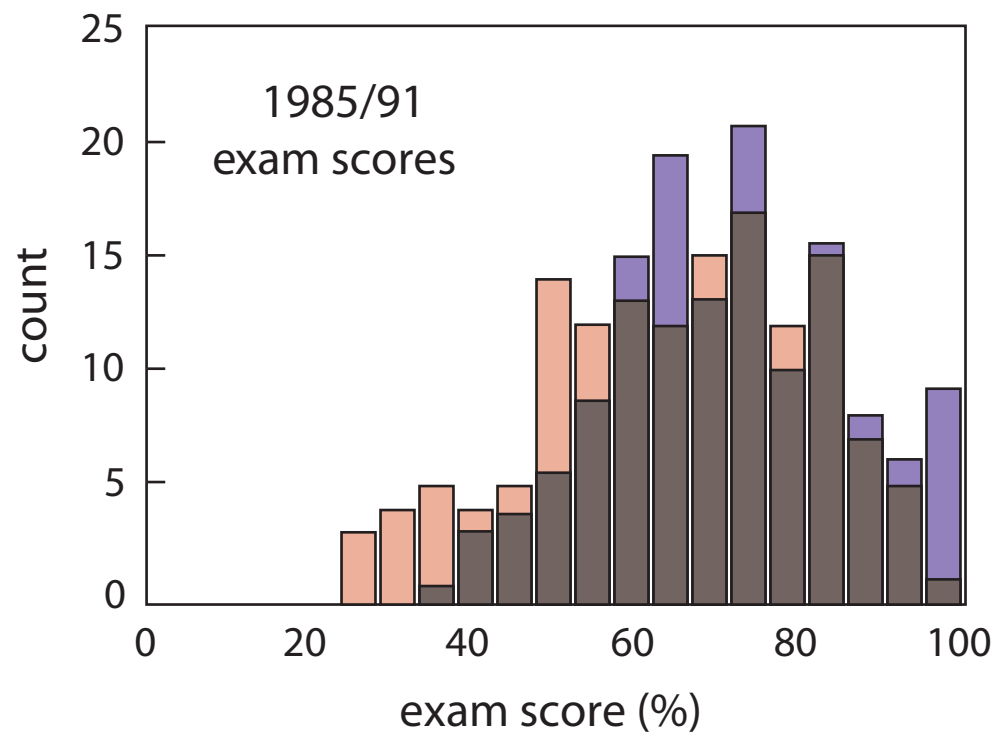
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Summary

**So better understanding leads to better
problem solving!**

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(but “good” problem solving doesn’t always indicate understanding!)

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