

Forecasting Mathematical Creativity Scores: Mathematical Skills, Personality Traits and Beliefs in Creative Potential

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Abstract

Forecasting mathematical creativity scores involves investigating the predictive relationships between mathematical skills, personality traits, and beliefs in creative potential. Mathematical creativity, characterized by the generation of novel and insightful mathematical solutions, is influenced by cognitive abilities and creative thinking processes. This article synthesizes current research findings to explore how mathematical skills, such as problem-solving and logical reasoning, interact with personality traits and beliefs in creative potential to predict levels of mathematical creativity. Empirical evidence suggests that individuals with strong mathematical skills tend to exhibit higher levels of mathematical creativity, leveraging their ability to manipulate mathematical concepts effectively. Personality traits, particularly openness to experience, curiosity, and persistence, play a significant role in fostering creative thinking and innovative problem-solving approaches in mathematical contexts. Moreover, beliefs in one's creative potential, known as creative self-efficacy, emerge as a motivational driver influencing engagement in creative problem-solving tasks and contributing to higher mathematical creativity scores. The findings underscore the multifaceted nature of predictors contributing to mathematical creativity, highlighting the complex interplay between cognitive abilities, personality traits, and motivational factors. Insights from this research have implications for educational practices aimed at fostering creative thinking skills among students and professionals in mathematics-related fields. By understanding and leveraging these predictors, educators and practitioners can develop tailored interventions and strategies to nurture creativity and innovation in mathematical problem-solving contexts.

Keywords: Mathematical creativity; Mathematical skills; Personality traits; Creative potential; Predictive factors

Introduction

Understanding the factors that contribute to mathematical creativity is essential in educational and psychological research. This article explores the predictive relationships between mathematical skills, personality traits, and beliefs in creative potential on mathematical creativity scores. Mathematical creativity involves the generation of novel and insightful mathematical ideas or solutions, reflecting both cognitive abilities and creative thinking processes [1,2]. Mathematical creativity, characterized by the ability to generate novel and insightful solutions to mathematical problems, is a subject of growing interest in educational and psychological research. Understanding the predictors of mathematical creativity scores is crucial for identifying factors that contribute to innovative thinking in mathematical contexts [3]. This article explores the predictive relationships between mathematical skills, personality traits, and beliefs in creative potential in forecasting mathematical creativity scores. Mathematical creativity goes beyond mere problem-solving proficiency; it involves the capacity to approach mathematical challenges with originality and ingenuity [4]. Individuals who demonstrate high levels of mathematical creativity not only excel in traditional academic settings but also contribute to advancements in fields requiring innovative mathematical applications, such as engineering, technology, and scientific research. The foundation of mathematical creativity lies in robust mathematical skills, including proficiency in problem-solving, logical reasoning, and mathematical fluency. These cognitive abilities provide individuals with the tools to manipulate mathematical concepts effectively and explore unconventional solutions to complex problems [5,6]. However, mathematical creativity is not solely determined by cognitive abilities. Personality traits also play a significant role in shaping individuals' approach to creative problem-solving [7]. Traits such as openness to experience, curiosity, and persistence are associated with higher levels of creativity across various domains, including mathematics.

Individuals who are open to new ideas and experiences tend to explore alternative approaches and generate innovative solutions to mathematical challenges. Moreover, beliefs in creative potential often referred to as creative self-efficacy, influence individuals' motivation and persistence in creative endeavors [8]. Believing in one's ability to generate creative ideas fosters engagement in problem-solving tasks and contributes to higher levels of mathematical creativity. These beliefs are shaped by past experiences, feedback received, and cultural influences, highlighting their role in nurturing creative thinking in mathematical contexts [9,10].

Mathematical skills and creativity: Mathematical skills encompass various cognitive abilities such as problem-solving, logical reasoning, and mathematical fluency. Research indicates that individuals with strong mathematical skills often exhibit higher levels of mathematical creativity, as they can effectively manipulate mathematical concepts and structures to generate innovative solutions or insights.

Personality traits and mathematical creativity: Personality traits play a significant role in shaping individuals' approach to problem-solving and creative thinking. Traits such as openness to experience, curiosity, and persistence are associated with higher levels of creativity

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across domains, including mathematics. For instance, individuals high in openness tend to explore unconventional ideas and solutions, fostering creativity in mathematical contexts.

Beliefs in creative potential: Beliefs in one's creative potential, also known as creative self-efficacy, influence motivation and persistence in creative endeavors. Individuals who believe in their ability to generate creative ideas are more likely to engage in creative problem-solving and exhibit higher levels of mathematical creativity. These beliefs are shaped by past experiences, feedback received, and cultural influences, highlighting their role in fostering creative thinking in mathematics.

Research methodology: To investigate the predictors of mathematical creativity scores, a longitudinal study was conducted with a diverse sample of students and professionals in mathematics-related fields. Participants completed assessments measuring mathematical skills, personality traits (e.g., openness, conscientiousness), and beliefs in creative potential at multiple time points. Mathematical creativity scores were assessed using validated instruments designed to capture the novelty and usefulness of participants' mathematical solutions or ideas.

Implications for education and practice: Understanding the predictors of mathematical creativity can inform educational practices and interventions aimed at fostering creative thinking skills among students and professionals in mathematics-related fields. Educators can design curriculum and instructional strategies that emphasize both cognitive skill development and the cultivation of creative self-beliefs. Encouraging exploration of diverse mathematical problems and providing opportunities for collaborative problem-solving can nurture students' creativity and innovation.

Conclusion

Forecasting mathematical creativity scores involves examining the

interplay between mathematical skills, personality traits, and beliefs in creative potential. By understanding these predictors, researchers and practitioners can enhance strategies for promoting creative thinking and problem-solving in mathematics. Future research directions may explore additional factors influencing mathematical creativity and develop interventions to foster creativity across diverse populations and educational settings.

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