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# An Analysis of Mathematical Critical-Thinking Ability: The Impact of DCT (Dialogue Critical Thinking) and Learning Motivation

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## ABSTRACT

The mathematical critical thinking ability is part of a very important mathematical curriculum. The purpose in this study was to analyze the influence of Deep DCT Learning and the motivation to learn from the mathematical critical thinking ability. Research in is a quantitative study with the type of Quasy experimental Design by using post-test only control. Sampling techniques are performed by means of Random Sampling. Data retrieval is done by giving post-Test and poll. The analysis test used is a two way variances analysis (ANAVA). Based on the research results analyzed that: There is an influence between Deep DCT Learning to the mathematical critical thinking ability, there is a high, moderate and low motivation influence on mathematical critical thinking Skills, There is no interaction between Deep DCT Learning and the motivation to learn the ability of critical thinking mathematically.

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## INTRODUCTION

The 4.0 era development demands a lot of transformation in the world of education, one of which is the mathematical knowledge that must be learned (Thahir et al., 2019). Changes are considered important because mathematical reasoning is important in solving problems, making decisions, providing confidence, analyzing, assuming, and conducting mathematical scientific research (Rosmayadi, 2017). also, critical-thinking ability helps

students to express their opinions, develop their ideas (Fakhriyah, 2014; Rodiyana, 2015), analyze a problem, and conclude a decision from a problem (Sari, 2015; Sihotang, 2014). Several factors are thought to influence mathematical critical-thinking ability, including subject matter, indicators, learning model, and learning media (Jumaisyaroh et al., 2015; Nadiya et al., 2016).

One of the learning models for critical thinking skills is Deep DCT which prioritizes the ability to have a deep

dialogue with one another (Alimni, 2017; Sakban, 2015). It relies on the critical-thinking ability to analyze problems so the right decisions could be made (Permatasari & Setyowati, 2016; Sani, 2019). Other factors affect the process of learning activities called learning motivation. It is said that motivation is characterized by the emergence of feelings (Cleopatra, 2015; Wenty, 2020). In this case, motivation is relevant to psychological, affection, and emotional issues that can determine human behavior (Mayliana & Sofyan, 2013; Suardana & Simarmata, 2013). The function of motivation is to encourage humans to act, determine the direction of action, achieve goals, and select which actions to do (Cahyani et al., 2017; Suprihatin, 2015; Tasrim & Elihami, 2020).

Deep DCT provides reinforcement of learning that is centered on students (Kurniawan, 2019). The advantages of Deep DCT Learning (Noviandari & Fratiwi, 2018; Untari et al., 2016) includes training the critical-thinking, analyzing several facts, emphasizing on attitude or effective assessment, assessing the personality, emotional, and spiritual, and gaining knowledge and experience.

The Deep DCT learning model on the mathematical critical-thinking ability and the learning motivation can influence the process of learning mathematics to solve problems. This is also supported by several studies on learning motivation (Amiryousefi & Dastjerdi, 2011). DCT learning influences learning (A'yuni & Budiwibowo, 2014; Anggreni et al., 2013).

## METHOD

This research was conducted at SMP Negeri 31 Bandar Lampung. The subjects of this research were the tenth-grade students SMP Negeri 31 Bandar Lampung. This research employed the posttest only control group design of quasi-experimental. This study involved two classes, namely the experimental class that applied the Deep DCT learning and the control class that applied conventional learning. After getting the treatment, a posttest was carried out (final test).

The sampling technique used was the cluster random sampling. The data was collected through interviews, documentation, tests, and questionnaires. The instrument used in this research was a written test in the form of essay questions.

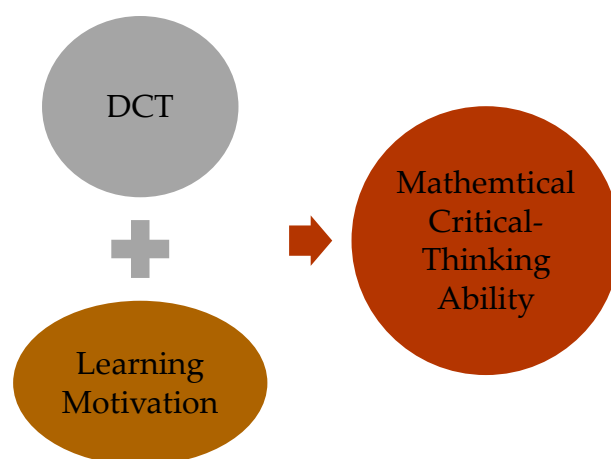


Figure 1. Research Design

The test was used to evaluate Deep DCT learning and the questionnaire was used to measure the learning motivation. The test research instrument trial had met

the criteria for validity, reliability, difficulty level, and discrimination index. In this study, the data analysis technique used was the two-way ANOVA.

**RESULTS AND DISCUSSION**

Based on Table 1, more students were taught using the Deep DCT learning model than students who were taught

using the conventional learning model. The following is the summary of the posttest data of mathematical critical-thinking ability:

Table 1. Data Description of Mathematical Critical-Thinking Ability

Classes	$X_{Max}$	$X_{Min}$	Central Tendency			Group Variance	
			$\bar{X}$	$M_e$	$M_o$	$R$	$S$
Experimental	100	25	66.5	67.5	64	75	38.69
Control	100	20	48.5	40	21	50	91.45

Based on Table 1, the highest score in the experimental class was 100 and the lowest score was 25. The following is the

calculation of two-way ANOVA with unequal cells.

Table 2. The Summary of Two-Way ANOVA with Unequal Cells

Sources	JK	dK	RK	Fobs	F $\alpha$
Learning Method (A)	965,973	1,000	965,973	4,393	4,020
Learning Motivation (B)	21215,374	2	10607,787	48.24	4,020
Interaction (AB)	161,836	2	80,918	0.368	3,168
Error	11873,754	54	219,884	-	-
Total	34217,137	59	-	-	-

Based on the data analysis, it was obtained that  $F_a = 4,061 > F_{(0,05;1;54)}$ . It can be concluded that there were influence differences between students who are taught using the conventional learning model and students' mathematical critical-thinking ability. Also, it was obtained that  $F_b = 101,676 > F_{critical}$ . It can be concluded that there

were influence differences between students' motivation level and their mathematical critical-thinking ability. It was also obtained that  $F_c = 0,368 > F_{tabel}$  which indicated that there was no interaction between the Deep DCT learning model in terms of learning motivation and mathematical critical-thinking ability.

Table 3. Mean and Marginal Mean

Model	Mathematics Learning Motivation			Mean
	High	Moderate	Low	Marginal
DDCT	85,231	59,583	34,400	59,738
Conventional	76,375	47,091	30,364	51,277
Marginal Mean	80,803	53,337	32,382	

Based on the marginal mean, it can be concluded that the Deep DCT learning model was better than the conventional

learning model. The result of the multiple comparison test can be seen in Table 4.

Table 4. Multiple Comparison Test Results

Interaction	$F_{observed}$	$F_{critical}$	Description
$\mu_1$ vs $\mu_2$	41,16	4,019	$H_0$ was rejected
$\mu_1$ vs $\mu_3$	13,31	4,019	$H_0$ was rejected
$\mu_2$ vs $\mu_3$	79,97	3,175	$H_0$ was rejected

Based on the multiple comparison test between  $\mu_1$  vs  $\mu_2$ , there were differences between students with high learning motivation and students with moderate learning motivation on mathematical critical-thinking ability. Between  $\mu_2$  vs  $\mu_3$ , it was found that there were differences between students with moderate learning motivation and

students with low learning motivation on mathematical critical-thinking ability. Between  $\mu_1$  vs  $\mu_3$ , it was found that there were differences between students with high learning motivation and students with low learning motivation on mathematical critical-thinking ability. The steps of the Deep DCT Learning Model consists of:

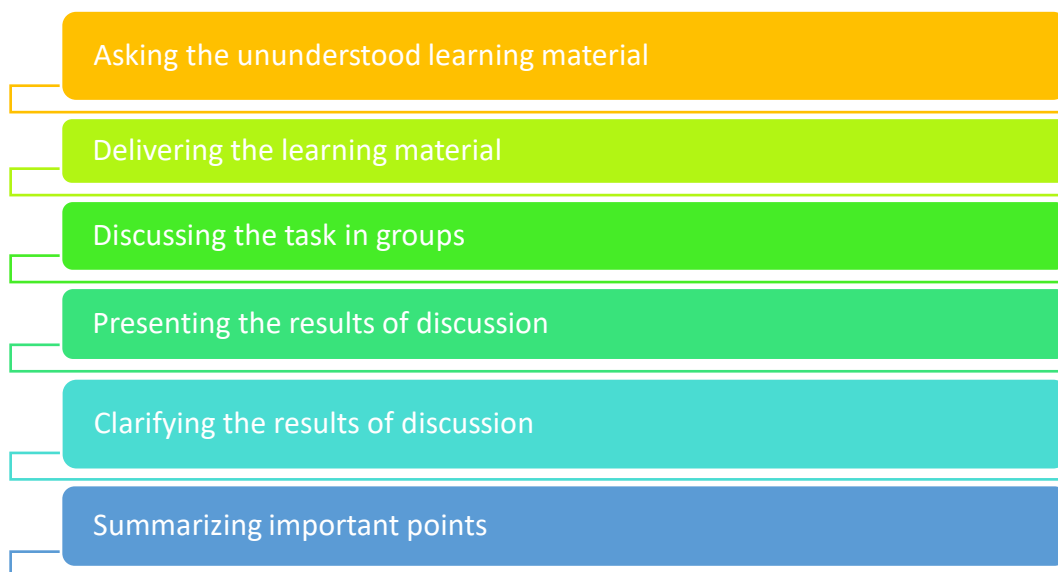


Figure 2. The steps of the Deep DCT Learning Model

The mathematical critical-thinking ability of students who were taught using the Deep DCT learning model was better than the students who were taught using the conventional learning model. Based on the previous theory, it is said that the Deep DCT learning model is one that emphasizes deep dialogue and critical-thinking. Besides, Deep DCT learning can make students have a better critical-thinking ability because they are trained to solve problems related to everyday life. So that they can be more active in the learning process.

The results of the analysis discovered that students with high learning motivation had a better mathematical critical-thinking ability compared to the students with moderate learning motivation. Students with moderate learning motivation had a better mathematical critical-thinking ability

compared to students with low learning motivation. There was no interaction between the learning model and learning motivation on mathematical critical-thinking ability.

Based on the results of the two-way ANOVA, it was found that there was no interaction between learning models and learning motivation on students' mathematical critical-thinking ability. This indicated that any learning models applied to the students with high, moderate, or low learning motivation do not have a significant effect on students' mathematical critical-thinking ability. Even though different learning models are applied in each class, the goal remains the same, namely to improve students' mathematical critical-thinking ability.

It is the same as previous research which stated that DCT is quite effective to use. The previous research also analyzed

that there was a significant influence on Indonesian subject learning outcomes between students who were taught using DCT/critical thinking and students who were taught using conventional learning. The results showed that  $t_{\text{observed}}$  was greater than  $t_{\text{critical}}$  ( $7,897 > 2,000$ ). It was also supported by the difference in the mean score obtained between students who were taught using the Deep DCT learning model (83.32) and students who were taught using conventional learning (77.42). Therefore, the alternative hypothesis was accepted which stated that there was a significant effect of Indonesian learning outcomes between students who are taught using the Deep DCT learning model and students who were taught using conventional learning at the fifth-grade of SD No. 1 Tuban, Kuta District. The previous research had the same results as this research which states that the Deep DCT was effectively used by students to remember the material in a better and more meaningful way. It increased the absorption rate of the learning material and the students' learning outcomes (A'yuni & Budiwibowo, 2014; Amiryousefi & Dastjerdi, 2011; Anggreni et al., 2013).

### CONCLUSIONS AND SUGGESTIONS

Based on the results of the analysis and discussion, the mathematical critical-thinking ability of students who were taught using the Deep DCT learning model was better than students who were taught using the conventional learning model. The mathematical critical-thinking ability of students who had moderate mathematics learning motivation was better than students who had low mathematics learning motivation. There was no interaction between learning models and students' motivation for mathematical critical-thinking ability.

Based on the results of the research, it is suggested to use a learning model that makes students more active. Teachers must always develop learning motivation

because motivation is an important factor in improving mathematical critical thinking skills. It is hoped for the further researcher to develop this research with other materials and models. Finally, this research is expected to be used as a reference for further research.

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