

Teaching Approaches and Students' Conceptual Understanding in Geometry

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ABSTRACT: This study explores the relationship between Geometry teachers' teaching approaches and students' conceptual understanding in Geometry. It sought to determine the level of teaching approaches in terms of Guided Practice, Lecture-Based, and Collaborative Learning and how these relate to students' level of conceptual understanding. Employing a descriptive-correlational research design, the study was conducted among Grade 8 students from three private schools in Cagayan de Oro City. Stratified random sampling was used to select student respondents from Capitol University Basic Education Department, Pilgrim Christian College, and Southern de Oro Philippine College. The instruments used were a self-made survey checklist to identify observed teaching approaches and a researcher-made test to assess students' conceptual understanding. Data were analyzed using mean, standard deviation, and Pearson Product Moment Correlation Coefficient. Results revealed that Collaborative Learning was the most dominant teaching approach, while students demonstrated a less satisfactory level of conceptual understanding; significant positive relationships were also found between Guided Practice and Lecture-Based instruction with students' understanding. It was concluded that teaching strategies notably influence how well students grasp geometric concepts. It is recommended that teachers enhance the use of guided and lecture-based strategies while enriching collaborative learning practices to improve student outcomes in Geometry.

KEYWORDS: collaborative learning, conceptual understanding, guided practice, lecture-based instruction

I. INTRODUCTION

Mathematics education serves as the core foundation for enhancing mathematical problem solving, modelling, and creative thinking. Among the vast branches of mathematics, geometry presents a special dimension because of its use in many fields, such as engineering, architecture, and the natural sciences. However, learning a concept in this geometry area has become difficult for learners. Geometry is both abstract and cognitive, meaning a student must relate theoretical concepts with application. Thus, suggestions toward viable methods and strategies that may provide some solution to this need to pursue further checks in enhancing students through effective methodologies. Using the purpose of this research, three distinct teaching methods believed to help surface the conceptual understanding of selected geometry topics include guided practice, lecture-based instruction, and collaborative learning.

Conceptual understanding is central to mathematical proficiency, which means a deep understanding of the logic involved, the relationship-forming regularity, and the application of concepts learned in new areas. Thompson (2020) argues that constructivist approaches in mathematics education are directed at leveraging students' prior knowledge, which forms the foundation for a deep understanding. Still, many classrooms remain driven by traditional lecture-based approaches that may not suit all students' varied needs. Lee (2021) picks on one of these barriers: while active learning strategies do not favor anything compared to traditional methods, they regularly yield better student engagement and performance. Guided practices combine direct instruction and active participation and have shown promise in supporting students in understanding complex conceptual material by providing the necessary scaffolding and feedback. Collaborative learning immersed in peer interaction, as explored by Schwarz et al. (2021), enhances learning through collective problem-solving and modelling peer knowledge construction and concept construction in a very collaborative environment.

Since this research focused on the selected topic competencies, it found the most effective teaching approach to enhancing conceptual understanding in geometry. After the students completed the survey checklist, which highlighted the dominant teaching approach they perceived in their classrooms, student responses were recorded with the conceptual understanding test outcomes on five geometry topics. The integrations of the student's conceptual understanding seek to evaluate

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the effectiveness of the guided-practice, lecture-based instruction, and collaborative learning teaching approach. Charles (2020) suggests that inquiry-based and guided practice strategies significantly enhance students' conceptual understanding and achievement. However, very few comparative studies have been done to specifically examine the impact of guided practice, lecture-based instruction, and collaborative learning. This study thus contributes to the growing body of evidence in support of evidence-based practices of teaching mathematics. Moreover, Schwarz et al. (2021) suggest that teachers must monitor and track the progress of students' progress in collaborative learning classroom to work toward more fair, accessible, and effective outcomes.

The evidence from this study has overwhelmingly far-reaching implications, as its findings concern both classroom application and educational policy reform. Determining the teaching strategy that best contributes to conceptual understanding in geometry should guide teachers in designing their pedagogies to meet the students' differing needs. In addition, Lee (2021) claims that classroom-guided practice can transform mathematics education by supporting student-centered learning and fostering increased engagement in the studied content.

This study carried an inquiry into the effectiveness of guided practice, lecture-based instruction, and collaborative learning techniques toward discovering what works best at developing students' conceptual understanding across the content areas in geometry. Integration of the teaching strategies applied by students and the success they achieved thereby offers a holistic outlook on instructional efficacy.

This study's theoretical foundations relied on established educational theories on how students should be taught, acquire, process, and apply conceptual knowledge, especially in mathematics, focusing on geometry. Three broad theoretical frameworks guide this study: Cognitive Learning Theory, Activity Theory, and Constructivist Learning Theory. All three theories

These theories provide a unified lens through which the effectiveness of guided practice compared to lecture-based instruction or collaborative learning in enhancing students' conceptual understanding of geometry can be assessed.

Cognitive Learning Theory emphasizes the processes involved in skill acquisition, information processing, and the development of conditional knowledge. Aprilia (2024) and Oco (2024) states that learning occurs through the active engagement of cognitive structures, where students organize and integrate new information into pre-existing mental frameworks. The theory supports guided practice, which combines teacher-centered instruction with student participation to scaffold learning. By giving areas of discipline to practice drills and exercises, guided practice enables students to strengthen their conceptual understanding and transfer knowledge across contexts. The computational nature of this approach connects to cognitive processing, ensuring that students not only acquire procedural fluency but also develop more profound insights into the relationships among geometric concepts.

Activity Theory offers a sociocultural lens whereby its tools, activities, and social interactions provide a provision for understanding learning experiences. Nikou (2023) notes how motivation and engagement engender effective learning in developed activities. Meaningful learning arises from the midst of interactions among self-goals and collaborative processes. The framework gives a basis for studying collaborative learning as a formative approach. Through working on problem-based tasks oriented toward groups, collaborative learning promotes interpersonal interaction among learners, shared knowledge building, and their ability to transfer geometric concepts into real-life contexts. Activity Theory emphasizes the essence of context, collaboration, and tools in developing a conceptual understanding among students, hence in line with the focus of the study on multi-faceted pedagogies.

Constructivist Learning Theory proposes that learners construct knowledge through interactions with peers, teachers, and the environment. Angraini et al. (2024) imply that constructivist learning theory allows the students to experience computational thinking and reasoning. This theory corresponds to collaborative learning and guided practice, highlighting interactive participation and metacognition of meaning. Constructivist principles posited in the context of lecture-style instruction additionally assert that for meaningful learning to take place potentially, teaching must bridge theoretical responses with students' prior knowledge in creating a learning experience. Constructivist strategies give students a well-rounded grasp of geometric concepts since they locate students' learning experiences within authentic and pertinent contexts.

These theoretical perspectives thus come together to offer a comprehensive landscape of how methods of instruction affect students' notions of understanding in geometry. Cognitive Learning Theory focuses on internal processes, internal learning mechanisms, skill acquisition, and knowledge transfer. It is extended by Activity Theory, which situates learning as being collaborative in contextualized settings -ACT supports the learning process through social interactions. Constructivist Learning Theory bridges the two perspectives by advancing an agenda of active engagement and profitable learning. By combining these theories, this study seeks to explore how guided practice, lecture-based instruction, and collaborative learning influence complementarily converging towards students' conceptual development through selected topics in geometry.

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The study overview provides the base for probing how different teaching styles interact with students' progression in the context of geometry—drawing on these three theories in terms of their literature. The Cognitive Learning Theory, Activity Theory, and Constructivist Learning Theory are the interests of the greater debate about evidence-based instructional practices in mathematics education; the study hopes to support educators when running targeted educational strategies.

II. METHODOLOGY

The study, Teaching Approaches and Conceptual Understanding in Geometry, employed a descriptive correlational research design to examine the relationship between various teaching approaches and students' conceptual understanding in geometry. This design was appropriate as it allows the researcher to describe the existing teaching methods, such as guided practice, lecture-based instruction, and collaborative learning, while simultaneously determining whether these approaches are significantly related to students' academic performance in geometry.

This study adopted a descriptive approach to illustrate how each teaching method is applied in real classroom settings. At the same time, a correlational analysis was used to explore potential links between instructional strategies and students' performance on a geometry test. It's important to recognize that while correlations can point to potential connections between variables, they should not be interpreted as evidence of direct causation.

III. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Problem 1. What is the level of Geometry teachers' teaching approach in terms of:

- 1.1 guided practice;
- 1.2 lecture – based instruction;
- 1.3 collaborative learning?

Table 1: Summary Table for Teaching Approaches

Variables	Mean	SD	Description	Interpretation
Guided Practice	3.38	0.64	Strongly Agree	Highly Observed
Lecture-based Instruction	3.33	0.67	Strongly Agree	Highly Observed
Collaborative Learning	3.45	0.63	Strongly Agree	Highly Observed
Overall Mean	3.39	0.65	Strongly Agree	Highly Observed

Note: 3.26-4.00 - Highly Observed 2.51-3.25 – Observed 1.76-2.50 - Less Observed 1.00-1.75 - Least Observed
Highly Observed.

Table 1 displays the overall summary for teaching approaches. It has an overall Mean of 3.39 with SD = 0.65, described as Strongly Agree and interpreted. This means that the teacher implements differentiated instruction in a classroom setting. This implies that the Geometry teachers employed varied teaching approaches that will catch the attention and interest of their students. This finding also suggests that the students consistently recognized and engaged with these teaching approaches, reinforcing their effectiveness in facilitating learning. The relatively similar mean values across the three approaches: guided practice (M = 3.38), lecture-based instruction (M = 3.33), and collaborative learning (M = 3.45), imply that each method holds significant value in shaping students' conceptual understanding. The standard deviations of 0.63-0.67 reveal that the students had relatively uniform awareness of the strategies used in the instruction. Such findings are corroborated by Deslauriers et al. (2019), which emphasizes the importance of active participation in learning environments and shows how different approaches of instruction used work towards augmenting meaningful learning experiences.

Of the three instructional strategies that were under study, collaborative learning scored the highest with the mean of 3.45 with SD = 0.63 described as Strongly Agree and interpreted as Highly Observed. This indicates that students rated this approach very highly as exceptionally useful and interesting. The collaborative learning has impacted the students to engage actively in groups and share their ideas among their peers. It becomes a student-friendly approach to the high school learners in teaching-learning process. This is also a pointer to the significance of interactive learning settings in facilitating deeper learning and active engagement. Collaborative learning encourages student-centered learning, teamwork, and critical thinking, which allow learners to co-construct knowledge rather than receive information passively (Hwang et al., 2022). The validity of such an approach is also ensured by Palisbo et al. (2025), who authenticated that the implementation of collaborative strategies in teaching geometry has a powerful impact on learners' motivation as well as their problem-solving potential.

Additionally, Ruipérez-Valiente and Kim (2020) emphasized that students who engage in collaborative problem-solving tend to demonstrate higher retention rates and better conceptual understanding compared to those learning in isolation. These

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findings suggest that when students work together, they are more likely to develop a deeper grasp of mathematical concepts, as they actively communicate from their peers.

On the other hand, lecture-based instruction received the lowest score with a mean score of 3.33 with SD = 0.67 described as Strongly Agree and Highly Observed. Due to its convenient teaching style, the teacher can conceptualize properly the topic through open discussion and verbal exchange of ideas. Although conventional lectures are still a significant component of instruction delivery, their marginal drop in perceived effectiveness could imply that students may perceive this method as less interactive than participatory instruction. Traditional lecture-based teaching, when not supplemented with interactive strategies, often leads to passive learning, where students may struggle to retain information effectively (Active Learning Strategies, 2024). However, empirical evidence suggests that lecture-based instruction techniques can work if they are integrated with active learning strategies such as instructor follow-up, questioning, and application (Machaba & Mangwiro, 2024). The integration of these factors by instructors in lectures increases the chances of learner engagement and builds a better grasp of the topic.

The study highlights that despite the effectiveness of all three learning approaches, the most highly respected approach was found to be collaborative learning. Such a result agrees with the recent body of work indicating student-oriented teaching methodologies stressing engagement, interaction, and deeper learning experiences (Oco, 2022; Uygun, 2020; Gillies, 2019). While lecture-centered instruction still prevails in structured content delivery, the implementation of collaborative and guided practice models proves to be a more powerful process in the realization of deeper learning experiences, as in mathematics, in this research. The result indicates that these teaching methods, in combination as interdependent practice, must address multiple learning preferences and optimize student conceptual understanding. In the coming years, educators must consider the cultivation of more collaborative learning environments alongside selective use of lectures and guided practice to enhance complete student growth.

Problem 2. What is the level of students' conceptual understanding in Geometry?

Table 2: Conceptual Understanding in Geometry

Competencies	Mean	SD	Interpretation
1. Describes a mathematical system	3.08	1.82	Understood
2. Illustrates the need for an axiomatic structure of mathematical concepts, in general.	2.61	1.71	Less Understood
3. Illustrates triangle congruence	3.26	1.80	Understood
4. Illustrates SAS, ASA, and SSS congruence postulate	2.41	1.68	Less Understood
5. Solves corresponding parts of congruent triangles	2.18	1.56	Less Understood
Overall Mean	2.71	1.76	Less Understood

Note: .4.6 – 6.0 - Well Understood 3.1 – 4.5 – Understood 1.6 – 3.0 - Less Understood 0 – 1.5 - Least Understood

Table 2 reveals the Level of Conceptual Understanding in Geometry. It has an overall mean of 2.71 with SD = 1.76 interpreted as Less Understood. This implies that while some learners may grasp specific topics, there remains a significant gap in fully internalizing essential geometric concepts. In other words, the students are having some difficulty in absorbing conceptual knowledge and geometric facts upon learning. As Hershkowitz (2020) emphasized, geometry is a foundation for building spatial reasoning and logical structures, but when students lack robust engagement and scaffolded instruction, comprehension may become fragmented and stagnant. Similarly, Donlan (2021) highlights that a learner's ability to link procedural skills with conceptual frameworks is often hindered without meaningful application and consistent feedback. These findings suggest the need for more learner-centered strategies that support long-term conceptual development.

Furthermore, the competency, *Illustrate triangle congruence*, received the highest mean rank. It has an overall mean of 3.26 with SD = 1.80 interpreted as Understood. This reflects students' stronger grasp of visual and procedural tasks that involve identifying congruent shapes—possibly due to frequent use of diagrams and visual models in instruction. This also indicates that learning has been maximized because this competency requires figures and visual representation which makes the concepts easy to understand. Dugay and Pasia (2023) affirm that open-ended and visual tasks in geometry tend to foster better retention and engagement among learners. Additionally, Patac et al. (2022) noted that when students are provided opportunities to pose and solve geometric problems related to congruence, their conceptual clarity improves. The researcher interprets this outcome as a

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sign that students benefit from tangible, relatable topics—especially those linked with real-world symmetry and shape comparisons.

Additionally, the competency 5, *Solves corresponding parts of congruent triangles*, received the lowest mean rank. It has an overall mean of 2.18 with SD = 1.56 interpreted as Less Understood. This means that the learners are showing some intricacy in problem-solving and higher order thinking skills. This indicates that students struggle with applying theoretical knowledge to solve problems requiring multi-step reasoning or abstract connection of properties. According to Luzano (2023), a weak foundation in problem-solving competencies and conceptual connections can inhibit students' ability to move from recognition to deduction in geometry. Kania and Juandi (2023) further argue that low self-concept and insufficient scaffolding may result in students disengaging from cognitively demanding tasks. Thus, the researcher recognizes a critical need for interventions that reinforce these complex applications through guided practice, collaborative discussion, and repeated exposure to congruence-based proofs in meaningful contexts.

Problem 3. Is there a significant relationship between the level of Geometry teachers' teaching approaches and students' conceptual understanding in Geometry?

Table 3 presents a correlation analysis between different teaching approaches—Guided Practice, Lecture-Based, and Collaborative Learning—and students' overall Conceptual Understanding Score in mathematics. All three instructional methods demonstrated statistically significant relationships, with p-values of 0.000. Among them, Collaborative Learning ($r = 0.346$) and Guided Practice ($r = 0.322$) revealed moderate positive correlations, whereas Lecture-Based teaching ($r = 0.276$) yielded a low positive correlation. The consistent rejection of the null hypothesis across all variables suggests that each teaching method has a significant relationship with conceptual understanding, albeit to varying degrees of strength. These findings highlight that while all approaches contribute, certain strategies may be more effective in enhancing conceptual depth among learners.

Collaborative Learning emerged as the teaching approach with the strongest correlation to students' conceptual understanding. The moderate positive relationship suggests that peer-based and interactive environments are conducive to deeper learning. This supports the findings of Mutaqin et al. (2021), who asserted that collaborative strategies grounded in Realistic Mathematics Education (RME) help bridge abstract concepts with real-world contexts, thereby enriching students' conceptual grasp. Likewise, Jablonski and Ludwig (2023) emphasized the current shift toward learner-centered geometry instruction, where collaborative learning promotes discourse, reasoning, and flexible thinking—key elements of conceptual understanding. The significant association found here reinforces the pedagogical value of involving students actively in knowledge construction through interaction and shared problem-solving.

Table 3: Summary of Correlation of Teaching Approaches and Overall Conceptual Understanding Score

Independent Variables	r-value	p-value	Description	Decision on Ho	Interpretation
Guided Practice	0.322*	0.000	Moderate Positive	Reject	Significant
Lecture-based	0.276	0.000	Low Positive	Reject	Significant
Collaborative Learning	0.346*	0.000	Moderate Positive	Reject	Significant

**. Correlation is significant at the 0.01 level (2-tailed).

Guided Practice followed closely with a moderately positive correlation to conceptual understanding, suggesting that scaffolded instruction is also an effective strategy. This approach allows for structured learning pathways where students are gradually supported toward independent conceptual mastery. According to Wu and Wang (2022), instructional approaches that combine teacher guidance with student engagement often yield strong results in mathematics performance, particularly in geometry and algebra. Furthermore, Mutawah et al. (2019) identified that blending procedural practice with conceptual framing enhances learners' ability to transfer knowledge to new problems—indicating that guided instruction, when properly implemented, strengthens conceptual foundations while reinforcing skills.

Although statistically significant, Lecture-Based instruction had the weakest correlation among the three methods, marked as a low positive relationship. This suggests that while traditional teaching methods can still contribute to conceptual understanding, they may not be as impactful as more interactive approaches. Lumbre et al. (2023) pointed out that teachers' Van Hiele levels—a framework for understanding geometric thought—play a crucial role in shaping how effectively they can convey

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conceptual material through lectures. Additionally, Sunzuma and Maharaj (2020) found that reliance on one-way transmission of knowledge often limits opportunities for conceptual engagement, particularly in culturally diverse settings. Therefore, while lectures remain a staple in mathematics education, their influence on conceptual depth may be limited without complementary, student-centered strategies.

IV. CONCLUSIONS

Based on the findings, the following conclusions are drawn:

1. The geometry teachers practiced differentiated instruction in a classroom setting since all of the teaching approaches were highly observed.
2. The students' retention to geometric concepts is low which leads to poor conceptual understanding.
3. Geometry teachers find collaborative learning effective and interactive in improving students' conceptual understanding.

V. RECOMMENDATIONS

Based on the findings and conclusions, the following recommendations are formulated:

1. Geometry teachers should continue to apply the aforementioned teaching approaches in teaching and integrate new trends in education and pedagogy in the teaching-learning process.
2. The school should implement after-school tutorials, differentiated instruction, and diagnostic assessment to address the learning gap in geometry.
3. Teachers should enhance the use of guided and lecture-based strategies while enriching collaborative learning practices to improve student outcomes in Geometry and explore different teaching approaches for further studies.

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