

Conceptual Physics Final Exam Study Guide

Physics is designed to give readers conceptual insight and create active involvement in the learning process. Topics include vectors, forces, Newton's Laws of Motion, work and kinetic energy, potential energy, rotational dynamics, gravity, waves and sound, temperature and heat, Laws of Thermodynamics, and many more. For anyone interested in Algebra-based Physics.

Perspectives on Conceptual Change presents case study excerpts illustrating the influence on and processes of students' conceptual change, and analyses of these cases from multiple theoretical frameworks. Researchers in reading education have been investigating conceptual change and the effects of students' prior knowledge on their learning for more than a decade. During this time, this research had been changing from the general and cognitive--average effects of interventions on groups of students--to the specific and personal--individuals' reactions to and conceptual change with text structures. Studies in this area have begun to focus on the social, contextual, and affective influences on conceptual change. These studies have potential to be informed by other discourses. Hence, this book shows the results of sharing data--in the form of case study excerpts--with researchers representing varying perspectives of analyses. Instances of learning are examined from cross disciplinary views. Case study authors in turn respond to the case analyses. The result is a text that provides multiple insights into understanding the learning process and the conditions that impact learning.

A theoretical physicist describes the evolution of modern-day string theory, the flaws in the attempt to formulate a "theory of everything" to explain all the forces and particles of nature and the origins of the universe, and their repercussions for physics.

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High Yield GRE Physics Questions with Detailed Explanations

Assessing the Rubber Sheet Analogy in Undergraduate Conceptual Physics

Exploring an Emerging Trend in Science Education with a New Framework for Differentiating Classroom Interventions

Teaching and Learning in a Digital World

Learning and Understanding

Conceptual Physical Science, Explorations

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Thirty years ago, this best-selling text defined the conceptual approach to introductory physics. From the course-defining author Paul Hewitt, the Ninth Edition Media Update shows how a compelling text and innovative media can be integrated to bring physics to life for non-science majors. Hewitt's text engages students with analogies and imagery from real-world situations to build a strong conceptual understanding of physical principles ranging from classical mechanics to modern physics. With this strong foundation, students are better equipped to understand the equations and formulas of physics, and motivated to explore the thought-provoking exercises and fun projects in each chapter. Icons in the text direct students to The Physics Place website, which now features five new interactive and animated tutorials that help students visualize difficult topics, as well as video demonstrations, and hundreds of problems and activities to help students review the material. In addition to a Practicing Physics Workbook, each new copy of the Media Update also includes an Electronic Textbook CD-ROM, perfect for students who need to study on the go. A media grid at the front of the text shows how the media complements the text, giving students an easy-to-follow guide on how to use animated explanations and interactive exercises

to consolidate and test their understanding.

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MasteringPhysics - For Conceptual Physics

A multi-perspective comparison of teaching practices in primary and secondary schools

Sterling Test Prep AP Physics 1 Practice Questions: High Yield AP Physics 1 Practice Questions with Detailed Explanations Practical Guidance for Effective Instruction and Lab Work

Argumentation Skills and Conceptual Knowledge of Undergraduate Students in a Physics by Inquiry Class

The High School Physics Program

This book represents the emerging efforts of a growing international network of researchers and practitioners to promote the development and uptake of evidence-based pedagogies in higher education, at something a level approaching large-scale impact. By offering a communication venue that attracts and enhances much needed partnerships among practitioners and researchers in pedagogical innovation, we aim to change the conversation and focus on how we work and learn together – i.e. extending the implementation and knowledge of co–design methods. In this first edition of our Research Topic on Active Learning, we highlight two (of the three) types of publications we wish to promote. First are studies aimed at understanding the pedagogical designs developed by practitioners in their own practices by bringing to bear the theoretical lenses developed and tested in the education research community. These types of studies constitute the "practice pull" that we see as a necessary counterbalance to "knowledge push" in a more productive pedagogical innovation ecosystem based on research-practitioner partnerships. Second are studies empirically examining the implementations of evidence-based designs in naturalistic settings and under naturalistic conditions. Interestingly, the teams conducting these studies are already exemplars of partnerships between researchers and practitioners who are uniquely positioned as “ in-betweens ” straddling the two worlds. As a result, these publications represent both the rigours of research and the pragmatism of reflective practice. In forthcoming editions, we will add to this collection a third type of publication -- design profiles. These will present practitioner-developed pedagogical designs at varying levels of abstraction to be held to scrutiny amongst practitioners, instructional designers and researchers alike. We hope by bringing these types of studies together in an open access format that we may contribute to the development of new forms of practitioner-researcher interactions that promote co-design in pedagogical innovation.

This book takes a fresh look at programs for advanced studies for high school students in the United States, with a particular focus on the Advanced Placement and the International Baccalaureate programs, and asks how advanced studies can be significantly improved in general. It also examines two of the core issues surrounding these programs: they can have a profound impact on other components of the education system and participation in the programs has become key to admission at selective institutions of higher education. By looking at what could enhance the quality of high school advanced study programs as well as what precedes and comes after these programs, this report provides teachers, parents, curriculum developers, administrators, college science and mathematics faculty, and the educational research community with a detailed assessment that can be used to guide change within advanced study programs. Conceptual Physical Science, Fifth Edition, takes learning physical science to a new level by combining Hewitt's leading conceptual approach with a friendly writing style, strong integration of the sciences, more quantitative coverage, and a wealth of media resources to help professors in class, and students out of class. It provides a conceptual overview of basic, essential topics in physics, chemistry, earth science, and astronomy with optional quantitative coverage.

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Proceedings of the 20th International Conference on Interactive Collaborative Learning – Volume 2

Your Guide to Regents Physics Essentials

Building Technology Rich Learning Contexts that Work

Learning Science Through Computer Games and Simulations

Annual Catalogue

Physics

This book gathers the Proceedings of the 20th International Conference on Interactive Collaborative Learning (ICL2017), held in

Budapest, Hungary on 27-29 September 2017. The authors are currently witnessing a significant transformation in the development of education. The impact of globalisation on all areas of human life, the exponential acceleration of technological developments and global markets, and the need for flexibility and agility are essential and challenging elements of this process that have to be tackled in general, but especially in engineering education. To face these current real-world challenges, higher education has to find innovative ways to quickly respond to them. Since its inception in 1998, this conference has been devoted to new approaches in learning with a focus on collaborative learning. Today the ICL conferences offer a forum for exchange concerning relevant trends and research results, and for sharing practical experience gained while developing and testing elements of new technologies and pedagogies in the learning context.

With the increasing focus on science education, growing attention is being paid to how science is taught. Educators in science and science-related disciplines are recognizing that distance delivery opens up new opportunities for delivering information, providing interactivity, collaborative opportunities and feedback, as well as for increasing access for students. This book presents the guidance of expert science educators from the US and from around the globe. They describe key concepts, delivery modes and emerging technologies, and offer models of practice. The book places particular emphasis on experimentation, lab and field work as they are fundamentally part of the education in most scientific disciplines. Chapters include: * Discipline methodology and teaching strategies in the specific areas of physics, biology, chemistry and earth sciences. * An overview of the important and appropriate learning technologies (ICTs) for each major science. * Best practices for establishing and maintaining a successful course online. * Insights and tips for handling practical components like laboratories and field work. * Coverage of breaking topics, including MOOCs, learning analytics, open educational resources and m-learning. * Strategies for engaging your students online. A companion website presents videos of the contributors sharing additional guidance, virtual labs simulations and various additional resources.

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Recommended by teachers. Trusted by students. Higher score money back guarantee! High yield practice questions with detailed explanations to review all topics tested on AP Physics 1: - Kinematics & dynamics - Force, motion, gravitation - Equilibrium & momentum - Work & energy - Waves & periodic motion - Sound - DC circuits - Electrostatics This AP Physics 1 book provides 679 physics practice questions that test all topics on the AP Physics 1 exam. It contains three diagnostic tests (with three more available online) to help students identify the topics they are not well prepared for. It also contains eight sections of topical AP physics 1 practice questions, so a student can selectively work with an individual topic they need to study and master. In the second part of the book, there are answer keys and explanations for the problems in the diagnostic tests and topical practice questions. These explanations also make this study guide an excellent AP Physics 1 review book. The explanations provide step-by-step solutions for qualitative questions and detailed explanations for conceptual questions. The explanations include the foundations and important AP physics 1 essentials needed to answer related questions on the exam. By reading these explanations carefully and understanding how they apply to solving the question, students learn important physical concepts and the relationships between them. This prepares them for the exam and maximizes their score. All the questions in this book are prepared by physics instructors with years of experience in applied physics, as well as in academic settings. This team of physics experts analyzed the content of the test, released by the College Board, and designed practice questions that help build knowledge and develop the skills necessary for success on the exam. The questions were reviewed for quality and effectiveness by our science editors who possess extensive credentials, are educated in top colleges and universities, and have years of teaching and editorial experience.

Part 1: Chapters 1-17

Physics with Masteringphysics

Physics of Everyday Phenomena

University Physics

Artificial Intelligence in Education

Comparative Study Using Technology Vs Traditional Learning in High School Conceptual Physics

"The rubber sheet analogy for Einstein's General Relativity model of gravity is a popular way to visualize the effect mass has on the curvature of spacetime. My single group, quasi-experimental study with repeated measures was designed to assess the effectiveness of the rubber sheet analogy in teaching gravitational fields. I developed instructional materials, including a hands-on lab, to engage university students in thinking about gravity using the rubber sheet analogy. Previous research on students' ideas about gravity informed the development of the pre/post-test. My work is an important first step in establishing a standard assessment on gravity. Approximately 97 students in a university-level conceptual physics course participated. The results are promising. Normalized gains for students were about 30%. Post-test scores indicate improvement in student recognition of factors that do and do not influence gravity. There were significant differences in student performance for two demographic categories (sex and age)."--Boise State University ScholarWorks.

University Physics is designed for the two- or three-semester calculus-based physics course. The text has been developed to meet the scope and sequence of most university physics courses and provides a foundation for a career in mathematics, science, or engineering. The book provides an important opportunity for students to learn the core concepts of physics and understand how those concepts apply to their lives and to the world around them. Due to the comprehensive nature of the material, we are

offering the book in three volumes for flexibility and efficiency. Coverage and Scope Our University Physics textbook adheres to the scope and sequence of most two- and three-semester physics courses nationwide. We have worked to make physics interesting and accessible to students while maintaining the mathematical rigor inherent in the subject. With this objective in mind, the content of this textbook has been developed and arranged to provide a logical progression from fundamental to more advanced concepts, building upon what students have already learned and emphasizing connections between topics and between theory and applications. The goal of each section is to enable students not just to recognize concepts, but to work with them in ways that will be useful in later courses and future careers. The organization and pedagogical features were developed and vetted with feedback from science educators dedicated to the project. VOLUME I Unit 1: Mechanics Chapter 1: Units and Measurement Chapter 2: Vectors Chapter 3: Motion Along a Straight Line Chapter 4: Motion in Two and Three Dimensions Chapter 5: Newton's Laws of Motion Chapter 6: Applications of Newton's Laws Chapter 7: Work and Kinetic Energy Chapter 8: Potential Energy and Conservation of Energy Chapter 9: Linear Momentum and Collisions Chapter 10: Fixed-Axis Rotation Chapter 11: Angular Momentum Chapter 12: Static Equilibrium and Elasticity Chapter 13: Gravitation Chapter 14: Fluid Mechanics Unit 2: Waves and Acoustics Chapter 15: Oscillations Chapter 16: Waves Chapter 17: Sound

Concepts before computation is what this Hewitt text is all about. The text brings physics, chemistry, earth science, and astronomy together in a manner that captivates students' interest. This is serious science in a very readable and student-friendly format. With an emphasis on qualitative analysis, students get a gut feel for the science they're studying. Students will learn to appreciate and differentiate among major scientific ideas rather than reduce them to algebraic problem solving. This sets the foundation for more serious study of the life sciences in subsequent courses.

From Paul G. Hewitt, author of the market-leading Conceptual Physics, comes his eagerly awaited new, briefer, alternative text, Conceptual Physics Fundamentals. The text extends best-selling author Paul Hewitt's proven pedagogical approach, straight-forward learning features, approachable style, and rigorous coverage, while providing superior supplements and media. The book develops a solid conceptual understanding of physics, while building readers' self-confidence applying their understanding quantitatively. About Science, Equilibrium and Linear Motion, Newton's Laws of Motion, Momentum and Energy, Gravity, Projectiles, and Satellites, Fluid Mechanics, Temperature, Heat, and Thermodynamics, Heat Transfer and Change of Phase, Electrostatics and Electric Current, Magnetism and Electromagnetic Induction, Waves and Sound, Light waves, Properties of Light, Atoms, Quantum Theory, The Atomic Nucleus and Radioactivity. For all readers interested in conceptual physics.

Conceptual Physics

Active Learning: Theoretical Perspectives, Empirical Studies and Design Profiles

Building Learning Systems that Care: From Knowledge Representation to Affective Modelling

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The major purpose of research in the present study was to contribute to the clarification of physics-related learning conditions in the phase when students change from primary to secondary school stage. This purpose goes back to the divergent performance of German primary and secondary school students in the science part of international comparative studies which have placed teachers under considerable pressure to provide an effective working atmosphere in their classrooms including an appropriate use of time for engagement in physics-specific contents. There is a wide consensus that, in developing efficient classroom management strategies, teachers can guarantee a higher amount of academic learning time, which proves relevant not only for students' school performance, but also for fostering their motivation to learn (science). The present study firstly aimed at contributing to the demand of a theoretical conceptualization that regards classroom management in the overall structure of quality of instruction. Against this background, the study suggests a clear, detailed definition of classroom management with three subconstructs discipline, rules and rituals and prevention of disruption, but also addresses the desiderata in terms of subject-specific research on classroom management.

This guide provides simple, pre-class activities and experiments to complement instructors' courses. Instructions and answers to most of the laboratory questions are provided in the Instructor Manual.

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Tibell)Analysis of Factors Related to Career Choice in Science (J Yoon & S-J Pak)Conceptual Change:How Do Students Understand Environmental Issues in Relation to Physics? (I Tokuya et al.)Study of Students' Cognitive Process for Line Graphs (T Kim et al.)Development of Course on Practice of Cognitive Conflict Strategy for Physics Teachers (H Choi et al.)Development of Teaching Materials Focused on Sequential Concepts: Case of Electromotive Force and Voltage Drop (D Kim et al.)Media:Taking the Physics Classroom Into the World (C J Chiaverina)Teaching Physics and the Arts (T D Rossing)Measurement of Wavelength Using CCD Camera (H Lee et al.)Science Friction (A Kazachkov et al.)and other papers Readership: Graduate students, academics and researchers in education, physics and the history of science. Keywords:Physics Education;Cultural Context;Comparative Education;Conceptual Change;Educational Media;Students' Conception;Physics History'

Perspectives on Conceptual Change

Multiple Ways to Understand Knowing and Learning in a Complex World

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5 Practice Tests + Complete Content Review + Strategies and Techniques

Teaching Science Online

Improving Advanced Study of Mathematics and Science in U.S. High Schools

The Physics of Everyday Phenomena, Eighth Edition, introduces students to the basic concepts of physics using everyday occurrences in everyday life. Intended for use in a one-semester or two-semester course in conceptual physics, this text uses a narrative style, frequently using questions designed to draw the reader into a dialogue about the ideas of physics. This style allows the book to be used by anyone interested in exploring the nature of physics and explanations of everyday phenomena. Beginning students will benefit from the large number of student aids and the reduced math content. For more experienced students, they will appreciate the organization of the material and the wealth of pedagogical tools.

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Abstract: Teaching argumentation skills has been the focus of science education research which views argumentation as a way to improve scientific reasoning skills in science classrooms. Argumentation research has mostly focused on examining the quality of classroom discourse in science classes, scaffolding student argumentation process, and in-service science teacher development of pedagogical skills related to argumentation. Yet, there is paucity of studies exist in the literature which examine prospective science teacher development of argumentation skills. This study aims to reduce this gap in the argumentation research. This study investigated prospective science teacher development of argumentation skills and conceptual knowledge, and the relation between argumentation skills and conceptual knowledge, and the relation of argumentation and conceptual knowledge. The study examined prospective science teacher initial conceptual knowledge level in an undergraduate course where argumentation skills were incorporated to the science curriculum. Initially, data were collected from 125 students who were involved in an introductory physics course at a midwestern university. Argumentation skills for the concepts of balancing and sinking and floating were assessed by the use of argumentation tests which were constructed for this study and administered four times during the course. Written argumentation tests, argumentation discourse of one small group of students was audio-taped two times during the course. Physics conceptual knowledge was administered at the beginning and at the end of the instruction by a conceptual knowledge test constructed for this study. A total of 36 students who responded to all the data collection activities comprised the final sample. It was found that the prospective science teacher argumentation skills regarding balancing and sinking and floating concepts improved during the course. More specifically, their counter-argument and rebuttal evidence and justification scores developed significantly during the course. It was also found that improvement of counter-argument and rebuttal evidence scores was content independent, while improvement of counter-argument and rebuttal justification scores was content dependent. The results showed that prospective science teacher conceptual physics knowledge was improved from the beginning to the end of the instruction. Moreover, declarative and situational knowledge scores increased from the pretest to the posttest. The results also showed that prospective science teacher argumentation scores can be related to physics conceptual knowledge pretest and posttest scores. The study also found that argumentation gain scores were not related to prospective science teacher initial conceptual knowledge. Based on these findings, implications regarding prospective science teacher education and explicit teaching about argumentation are discussed.

The College Physics for AP(R) Courses text is designed to engage students in their exploration of physics and help them apply these concepts to the Advanced Placement(R) test. This book is Learning List-approved for AP(R) Physics courses. The text is available in this book are grayscale.

Conceptual Physics Fundamentals

Teaching and Learning of Physics in Cultural Contexts

Conceptual Physical Science

Nuclear Science Abstracts

Instructor's Manual, Conceptual Physics

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At a time when scientific and technological competence is vital to the nation's future, the weak performance of U.S. students in science reflects the uneven quality of current science education. Although young children come to school with innate curiosity and intuitive ideas about the world around them, science classes rarely tap this potential. Many experts have called for a new approach to science education, based on recent and ongoing research on teaching and learning. In this approach, simulations and games could play a significant role by addressing many goals and mechanisms for learning science: the motivation to learn science, conceptual understanding, science process skills, understanding of the nature of science, scientific discourse and argumentation, and identification with science and science learning. To explore this potential, *Learning Science: Computer Games, Simulations, and Education*, reviews the available research on learning science through interaction with digital simulations and games. It considers the potential of digital games and simulations to contribute to learning science in schools, in informal out-of-school settings, and everyday life. The book also identifies the areas in which more research and research-based development is needed to fully capitalize on this potential. *Learning Science* will guide academic researchers; developers, publishers, and entrepreneurs from the digital simulation and gaming community; and education practitioners and policy makers toward the formation of research and development partnerships that will facilitate rich intellectual collaboration. Industry, government agencies and foundations will play a significant role through start-up and ongoing support to ensure that digital games and simulations will not only excite and entertain, but also motivate and educate.

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President Obama recently launched the Educate to Innovate campaign with the intent to bolster the performance of US students in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM). This is in response to the US placing 21st out of 30 developed nations on the 2006 Program for International Student Assessment (PISA) comparison. Educate to Innovate is founded on the belief that if the US is going to be at the world's forefront of technology and innovation in the 21st century, its STEM education must improve relative to its international counterparts. Among the primary goals of Obama's program is the development of critical thinking skills and the expansion of STEM education to traditionally underrepresented groups in the sciences, which includes women. Clickers, which are wireless devices that encourage student participation through anonymous voting that can be tabulated and displayed in real time, have the potential to change the dynamics of science classrooms. Millions of college students have used clickers, prompting the National Resource Council (2000) to identify clickers as a promising new trend in education. In a review of 76 papers surrounding clicker use, MacArthur and Jones (2008) found that student collaboration has always been present in studies where statistically significant learning gains were detected. The pedagogy of Peer Instruction (Mazur, 1997) is a popular example of utilizing clickers to facilitate peer collaboration. During Peer Instruction (PI), students anonymously vote on multiple-choice, conceptually based questions with handheld clickers. PI incorporates clicker votes into a feedback loop where students are made privy to class-wide voting trends, asked to discuss their voting rationale with a peer, and then asked to re-vote on the same question with the overarching goal of reaching consensus. Evidence suggests this PI cycle is associated with statistically significant improvements in conceptual understanding over traditional lecture instruction (Crouch & Mazur, 2001; Fagen, Crouch, & Mazur, 2002). There is also evidence that classrooms utilizing the PI cycle can alleviate gender gaps that exist prior to instruction (Lorenzo, Crouch, & Mazur, 2006). Despite the successes of Peer Instruction at the postsecondary level, empirical assessments of clickers and PI in K-12 are almost nonexistent. In one of the few K-12 studies, Cummings and Roberts (2008) found strong and positive correlations between prior student ability and learning gains via exposure to PI -- higher achieving students seemed to thrive in PI environments while lower achieving students appeared to be left even further behind. If student preparation is a major factor in how much students benefit from pedagogy like PI, places like diverse urban high schools may require substantial modifications to PI if it is to help their students the way it is reported to help students at the postsecondary level. A deeper theoretical understanding behind the prior successes of PI can assist the adaption of PI to a younger and more diverse group of science learners. However, very little theoretical discussion is advanced for how Peer Instruction results have been achieved in prior studies. Developers of PI suggest that in between clicker votes on a conceptual question, students who know the correct answer essentially transmit their thinking to peers who originally answered incorrectly, thereby increasing the percentage of the class answering correctly upon re-vote (Crouch & Mazur, 2001; Mazur, 1997). In contrast, Smith et al. (2009) demonstrated that even when no member of a peer discussion group originally knows the right answer during PI, they are able to subsequently answer similar questions correctly at a rate that is statistically better than random guessing. Smith et al. interpret this finding to suggest "a more constructivist explanation ... students are arriving at conceptual understanding on their own, through the process of group discussion and debate" (p. 124). While constructivism posits that knowledge is subjectively created as opposed to objectively acquired, it does not provide an explicit framework by which to compare the relative effects of various learner-centered techniques. The constructive adjective -- in addition to adjectives such as active and interactive -- have been frequently attached to various activities in student-centered pedagogies like Peer Instruction, but much less frequently have these terms been explicitly defined and tested against each other (Chi, 2009). This study explores PI through a new theoretical framework that purports to make such comparisons amenable to empirical testing. Chi's (2009) passive-active-constructive-interactive (PACI) framework for learning activities overcomes the limitations of constructivism by permitting various learner-centered techniques to be both differentiated and adjudicated with empirical evidence. As Peer Instruction consists of multiple learning activities, the PACI framework provides both a classification scheme for each PI activity and testable hypotheses regarding the varying degrees of learning each PI activity can theoretically facilitate. Table 2.2 (Chapter 2) demonstrates how key stages of the PI cycle can be classified under the PACI framework and provides

a theoretical basis for these classifications. As few empirical projects can carefully test more than a subset of the theories from which they are based, this study focused on precisely the component of the Peer Instruction cycle that Smith et al. (2009) believe facilitates improved conceptual understanding -- the use of time spent between clicker votes. More specifically, PACI was used to classify various activities between clicker votes and make predictions as to which of these activities best promote conceptual learning. Rationale for selection of activities between clicker votes was based on pilot testing, which will be explained in the Method and Procedure (Chapter 3). PACI hypothesizes that as instruction moves from passive to active to constructive to interactive, theoretically there should be deeper learning outcomes as you move along this progression (Chi, 2009; Fonseca & Chi, 2010). These hypotheses are supported empirically by Chi's review of multiple studies that are applicable to the PACI classification scheme. This dissertation supplements these empirical results with extensive theoretical grounding for each PACI hypothesis. The predictions of PACI were put to the test in this study of Peer Instruction, namely by measuring conceptual learning gains for students assigned to PI activities with differing PACI classifications. As depicted in Figure 2.1 (Chapter 2), students exhibit variation in academic performance and demographics, and these variations were interpreted as the student input to the PI cycle. After being exposed to the various activities of PI, conceptual learning gains are intended to be the output of the PI cycle. Between input and output are multiple iterative cycles of PI in a conceptual physics classroom. How students spend time between clicker votes is where Smith et al. (2009) called for a more constructivist explanation to the successes of PI, and hence the time between clicker votes is where the following two research questions are situated: Research Question #1. How do differing interventions between clicker votes associate with conceptual learning gains in secondary physics classrooms? Research Question #2. Do the associations explored in the first research question have interactions with gender and/or socioeconomic status? Three years of research has been conducted with two physics instructors implementing Peer Instruction at a suburban high school in the San Francisco Bay Area. The study site was chosen as the school is both diverse (66% Latino/a; 51% Title 1) and its teachers have launched an initiative to incorporate educational technology. Multiple summers were spent with teachers co-developing conceptual questions to be used in the study. Called Braincandy, these questions are written to be sensitive to literacy levels commensurate with a diverse high school. Pilot testing of PI utilizing Braincandy questions indicated that some student discussions would rapidly digress, and hence both teachers attempted to improve time on task by having some students write in a journal to supplement peer discussion. This writing intervention is classified as a constructive activity under the PACI framework, while student discussion is classified as interactive. The presence of two different modalities between clicker votes naturally suggested a more controlled experiment testing the PACI prediction that interactive activity (i.e., talking) should yield deeper learning than constructive activity (i.e., writing). Furthermore, some instructors believe offering a clear explanation for a question is more efficient than asking students to reach voting consensus on their own (Smith et al., 2009). Hence a supplemental lecture intervention is explored as well. As lecture is classified as passive under PACI, the framework hypothesizes that both the written and verbal activities should yield deeper learning than lecture between votes. These combinations of passive, constructive, and interactive interventions between clicker votes comprised the four experimental conditions of this dissertation study -- their methodological description and hypotheses based on PACI classification are summarized in Table 3.1 (Chapter 3). To test the PACI hypotheses, four class periods received a semester of conceptual physics instruction from the same instructor. Each of these four conceptual physics classrooms were taught at the same level of difficulty to students ranging from grades 9-12 in each period. The physical classroom, assignments, quizzes, textbook, lesson plans, and Braincandy questions for each cycle of Peer Instruction were ...

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