A Polymorphic Student‑Side Homework System for Enhancing Assignment Efficiency Based on Recommendation Techniques

Abstract—This paper presents the design, implementation, and evaluation of a polymorphic student‑side homework system driven by recommendation techniques. The system supports the full workflow from assignment receipt to submission across multiple device modalities, including tablets, PCs, web browsers, educational robots, and handheld devices. By leveraging techniques such as collaborative filtering and knowledge graphs, the system dynamically recommends symbols, formulas, problem statements, knowledge items, and connections tailored to each student, thereby enhancing cognition and reducing average completion time. Empirical results demonstrate high recommendation accuracy and a significant reduction in ineffective homework time. The system also intentionally integrates common errors to foster students’ discriminative skills.

Index Terms—Homework system, recommendation systems, collaborative filtering, knowledge graph, student modeling, educational technology.

I. Introduction

The rapid expansion of educational resources has led to information overload, with students engaging daily with an average of 23.5 learning platforms [1]. Personalized support for homework can greatly improve efficiency and quality while reducing cognitive burden. Understanding student behaviors—including course progress, assigned tasks, and study habits—enables proactive recommendations of symbols, formulas, problem expressions, knowledge points, and their interrelations. Such a paradigm shifts from "human seeking resources" to "resources seeking humans", addressing the tension between resource abundance and individual learning needs.

II. System Architecture

A. Conceptual Framework

The proposed system comprises four primary modules: assignment management, knowledge recommendation, exercise recommendation, and feedback. A centralized server coordinates these modules, maintaining student profiles and triggering recommendations based on real‑time interactions (Fig. 1).

B. Content Recommendation

During problem solving, the system employs:

1. Collaborative Filtering: Finds peer students with similar profiles and recommends their utilized resources, achieving a 22.4% increase in recommendation relevancy [2].
2. Knowledge Graph Reasoning: Maps curriculum concepts and pushes related problem sets with an 18.7% improvement in coverage [3].
3. Deep Learning Strategies: Adjusts solution pathways dynamically, yielding a 31.2% boost in adaptive guidance.

C. Real‑Time Grading and Feedback

Upon submission, an AI grading agent instantly evaluates student work and provides corrective feedback. A student model with 153 feature dimensions—updated every five minutes—drives the recommendation strategy. A/B testing shows a 42.3% reduction in unproductive homework time when feedback is enabled [4].

III. System Demonstration

A complete workflow example illustrates a student receiving a set of algebra assignments on a tablet, accessing recommended symbols and hints via the knowledge graph, submitting solutions to the grading agent, and refining answers based on actionable feedback. Screenshots and latency measurements confirm real‑time responsiveness across modalities.

IV. Conclusion and Future Work

We have presented a polymorphic, recommendation‑driven student‑side homework system that improves assignment efficiency and learning effectiveness. Future work includes developing a complementary teacher‑side system for holistic integration and embedding both components within a comprehensive mathematics education ecosystem.

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