Systems for Adaptive Practice of Facts

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Systems for Practice

- learning vs. practice systems
- focus on atomic tasks (items)
 - facts vocabulary, location of countries, anatomy
 - simple mathematics tasks
 - estimates currency conversion
- adaptability in smart question construction

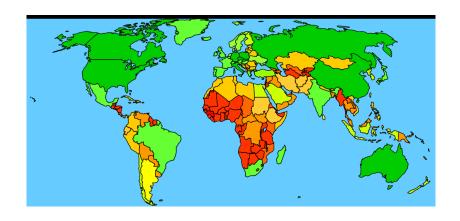


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- source of data for research
- almost 9 mil. answers
- almost 50 000 feedback records
- per month:
 - 1 mil. answers
 - 10 000 users
 - 10 000 feedback records



slepemapy.cz - main parts

- predictive model
 - estimation of prior knowledge (user) and difficulty (item)
 - estimation of current knowledge (user, item)
- question construction
 - item
 - (question type)
 - number of options
 - items in options

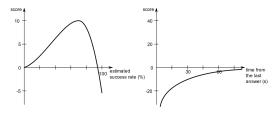


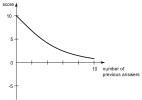
Predictive Model: Elo

- rating of chess players
- player 1 vs. player 2 \rightarrow student (θ) vs. item (d)
- update, $R \in \{0,1\}$, $E(R) \in [0,1]$
 - $\theta := \theta + K \cdot (R E(R))$
 - $d := d K \cdot (R E(R))$



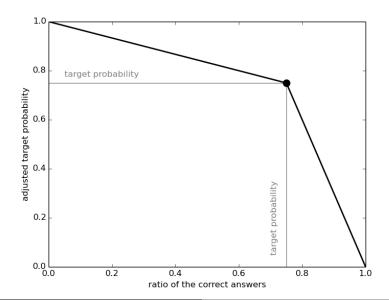
Question Construction: Item







Question Construction: Target Difficulty



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 - motivation vs. learning
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User's Motivation: Target Item and Options

Target item	Options	Answers
adaptive	adaptive	33.0
adaptive	random	20.0
random	adaptive	20.0
random	random	19.5

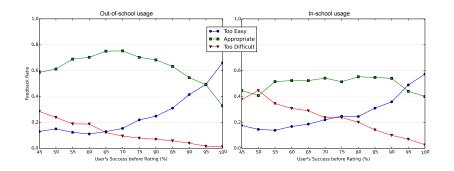


User's Motivation: Difficulty Adjustment

Adjustment	Answers
true	28.0
false	21.0

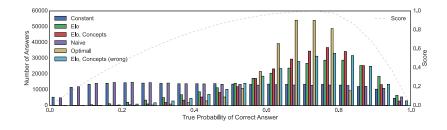


User's Motivation: Difficulty





Impact of Predictive Model on Student's Practice





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