

Does the Internet Accessibility Improve Student's Ability?

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Dependent Variables

| Variable Name | Description |
|---------------|----------------------------------|
| math | Mathematics mean score(2012) |
| reading | Reading mean score(2012) |
| ps | Problem Solving mean score(2012) |

Methodology

Indivendent Variables

| Variable Name | Description |
|---------------|---|
| GDPperc | GDP per Capita (current US\$) |
| expend | Government expenditure on education, total (% of GDP) |
| pop | Population, total |
| popd | Population density (people per sq. km of land area) |
| rteacher | Primary school pupil-teacher ratio |
| eyear | Compulsory education years in primary school |
| internet | Internet users (per 100 people). |
| mobile | Mobile cellular subscriptions (per 100 people) |

Methodology

Table: Summary statistics of the variables

| Statistic | N | Mean | St. Dev. | Min | Max |
|-----------|----|----------------|----------------|-----------|-------------|
| math | 63 | 469.743 | 52.225 | 368.103 | 573.468 |
| reading | 63 | 471.675 | 45.780 | 384.151 | 544.600 |
| ps | 42 | 485.544 | 44.181 | 399.166 | 562.421 |
| GDPperc | 63 | 32,608.030 | 29,376.850 | 1,754.548 | 149,160.800 |
| pop | 63 | 36,014,700.000 | 60,090,250.000 | 36,791 | 314,102,623 |
| popd | 63 | 635.244 | 2,625.005 | 2.959 | 18,654.280 |
| rteacher | 51 | 15.061 | 4.335 | 7.444 | 28.016 |
| eyear | 62 | 10.226 | 1.750 | 6 | 14 |
| expend | 39 | 4.897 | 1.270 | 2.922 | 7.656 |
| internet | 63 | 66.580 | 18.362 | 14.520 | 96.210 |
| mobile | 63 | 128.770 | 33.182 | 79.568 | 289.782 |

Figure 1: Descriptive Statistics

Analysis

Table: Determinants of Student's Ability

| | <i>Dependent variable:</i> | | | | | |
|-------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| | math | | reading | | ps | |
| | (1) | (2) | (3) | (4) | (5) | (6) |
| log(GDPperc) | 22.703** (9.524) | -7.883 (10.680) | 20.996** (7.897) | -2.677 (9.208) | 29.944*** (7.404) | 16.218* (8.606) |
| log(pop) | 7.587 (6.643) | 11.018** (5.264) | 7.920 (5.508) | 10.655** (4.538) | 10.372** (4.617) | 8.667* (4.288) |
| popd | 0.005 (0.003) | 0.003 (0.004) | 0.003 (0.002) | 0.002 (0.003) | 0.003 (0.002) | 0.003 (0.002) |
| rteacher | -4.035 (2.616) | -0.956 (2.173) | -2.788 (2.169) | -0.350 (1.873) | -3.424** (1.530) | -1.065 (1.667) |
| eyear | -8.544 (5.699) | -7.042 (4.473) | -7.206 (4.725) | -5.995 (3.857) | -16.169*** (4.192) | -11.386** (4.211) |
| expend | 11.785 (7.097) | -2.215 (6.412) | 13.659** (5.884) | 2.736 (5.528) | 4.506 (5.686) | -2.768 (5.851) |
| internet | | 2.522*** (0.602) | | 1.960*** (0.519) | | 1.561** (0.625) |
| mobile | | 0.452 (0.319) | | 0.383 (0.275) | | 0.125 (0.223) |
| (intercept) | 216.904 (156.559) | 240.336 (143.650) | 187.641 (129.802) | 198.843 (123.845) | 214.289* (101.400) | 201.180* (104.076) |
| Observations | 34 | 34 | 34 | 34 | 23 | 23 |
| R ² | 0.451 | 0.690 | 0.463 | 0.673 | 0.760 | 0.834 |
| Adjusted R ² | 0.328 | 0.591 | 0.343 | 0.568 | 0.670 | 0.740 |
| Residual Std. Error | 45.818 (df = 27) | 35.750 (df = 25) | 37.987 (df = 27) | 30.822 (df = 25) | 24.438 (df = 16) | 21.703 (df = 14) |
| F Statistic | 3.689*** (df = 6; 27) | 6.963*** (df = 8; 25) | 3.877*** (df = 6; 27) | 6.419*** (df = 8; 25) | 8.445*** (df = 6; 16) | 8.817*** (df = 8; 14) |

Note:

*p<0.1; **p<0.05; ***p<0.01

Figure 2: Result

Analysis

Variance Inflation Factors

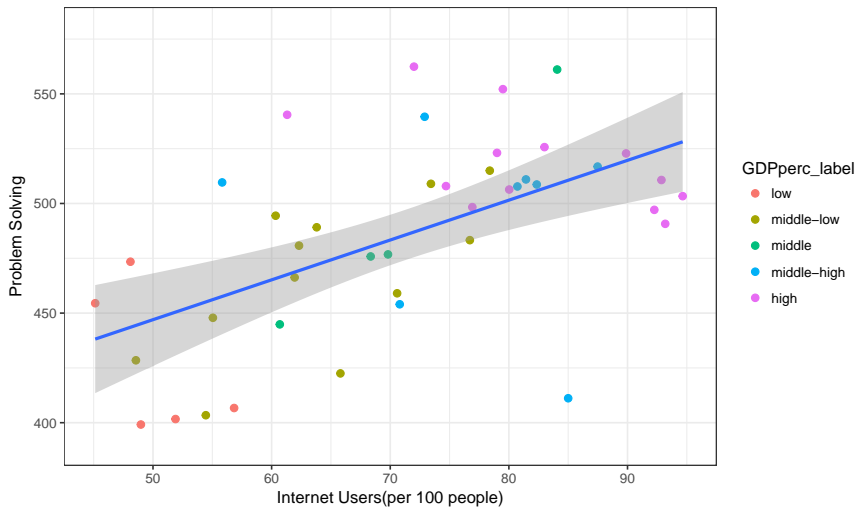
| log(GDPperc) | log(pop) | popd | rteacher | eyear | expend | internet | mobile |
|--------------|----------|-------|----------|-------|--------|----------|--------|
| 4.999 | 1.729 | 4.718 | 1.912 | 1.113 | 1.363 | 4.887 | 4.028 |

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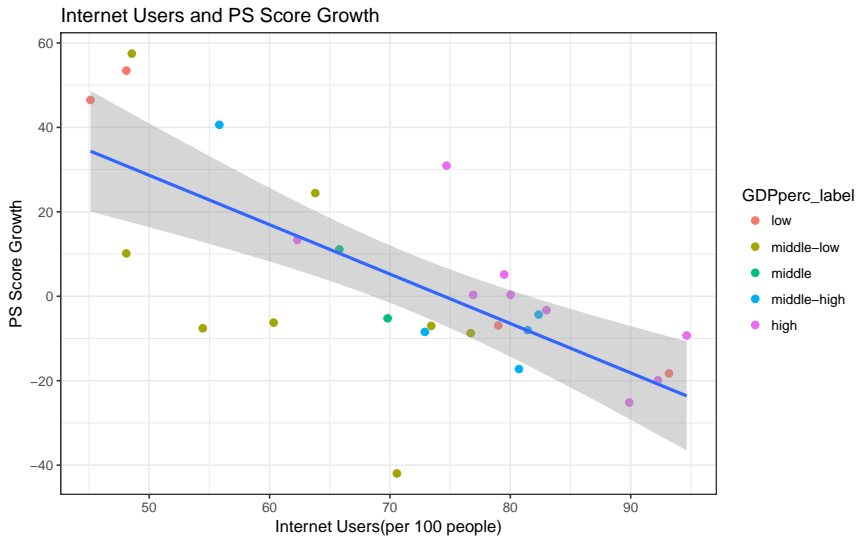
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| 7.523 | 2.222 | 8.105 | 1.938 | 1.536 | 2.043 | 6.617 | 4.625 |

Analysis of Problem Solving

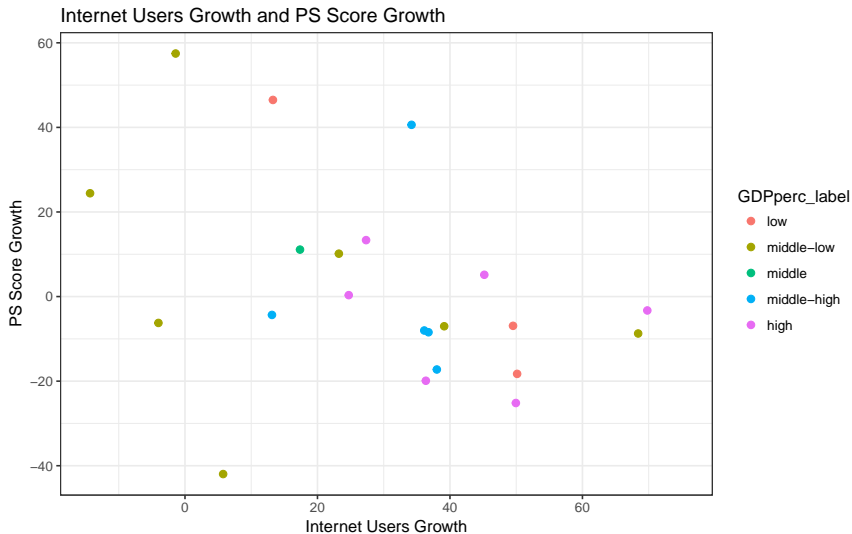
Internet Users and Problem Solving



Analysis of Score Growth



Analysis of Score Growth



Finding and Limitation

Finding

- Internet accessibility could have a strong impact on student's ability.
- However, the impact could be weaker on problem solving ability than academic ability.

Limitation

- Small sample size
- Available data limitation