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# The Application of Collaborative Learning Model to Improve Student's 4cs Skills

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The industrial revolution 4.0 make change in the educational paradigm that focuses on knowledge production and innovation applications of knowledge. One of the important elements that must be of concern to encourage economic growth and the nation's competitiveness in the era of the 4.0 industrial revolution is to prepare a more innovative learning system and increase the competence of graduates who have 21st century skills (Learning and Innovations Skills). In the form of the 4Cs"- critical thinking skills, communication skills, collaborative skills, and creative thinking skills. To reach these skills, the learning process must be carried out interactively, inspiring, fun, challenging, motivating students to actively participate, and providing sufficient space for initiative, creativity, and independence according to the talents, interests, and physical and psychological development of students. One learning model that can be applied to achieve student competence is the collaborative learning model. The purpose of this study is to improve the 4Cs skills of students through the application of a collaborative learning model for students of Mathematics Education Unismuh Makassar. This study used a one-group pretest-posttest experimental research design consisting of four stages, namely (1) preparation: conducting inductive studies of problems, studying literature and making research plans, compiling and validating research instruments; (2) Implementation: giving pre-test, treatment with treatment for 4 meetings, giving post-test, and collecting data; (3) Data analysis: data reduction and analysis through descriptive analysis and inferential one sample t test; (4) Conclusion: analysis and evaluation to get a valid picture in drawing the right conclusions. The results of this study conclude that the application of the collaborative learning model could improve the 4cs ability of students in applied statistics courses with the pre-test score in the medium category with an average score is 70.39, but after the application of the action, the increase in the 4cs ability of students with an average score is 83.04 and categorized in the high category with 26.09% students in the very high category.

Keywords: collaborative learning, thinking skills, communication skills, collaborative skills, creative thinking skills, experiment

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## **INTRODUCTION**

The industrial revolution 4.0 create in a change in the educational paradigm that focuses on knowledge production and innovation applications of knowledge. One of the important elements that must be of concern to encourage economic growth and the nation's competitiveness in the era of the industrial revolution 4.0 is to prepare a more innovative learning system and increase the competence of graduates who have 21st century skills (learning and innovations skills) (Zubaidah, 2018; Omiyefa, 2021)

In facing the industrial revolution 4.0 and global competition in the 21st century, the quality of education must continue to be improved. Trilling & Fadel, C states that the skills a person must have in the 21st century are: (1) Life and career skills, including flexibility and adaptability, initiative and self-regulation, social and cultural interactions, productivity and accountability, leadership, and responsibility; (2) Learning and innovation skills (learning and innovation skills) include communication, collaboration, critical thinking, and creativity skill "The 4Cs". And (3) Information, media, and technology skills (information, media, and technology skills) include information literacy, media literacy and ICT literacy. Meanwhile, the US-based Partnership for 21st Century Skills (P21) (Khasanah & Herina, 2019; Hediansah & Surjono, 2019).

To realize these skills in each student, the learning process in an educational unit must be carried out interactively, inspiring, fun, challenging, motivating students to actively participate, and providing sufficient space for initiative, creativity, and independence according to their talents, interests, and the physical and psychological development of students, as stated in the Ministerial Regulation Number 32 of 2013.

Applied statistics is one of the courses in the Mathematics Education Study Program (FKIP) Universitas Muhammadiyah Makassar and is a course that helps students understand various formulas, apply logical, critical, systematic, and innovative thinking in the context of developing or implementing science and technology related to statistics include data collection, data presentation, population determination and sampling, opportunity theory, correlation, regression, and hypothesis testing which is carried out systematically and leads to one goal, namely drawing conclusions and making the right decisions so as to solve a problem according to the content.

In this connection, applied statistics is a very important subject for students to provide them with problem-solving skills related to the world of work, especially 21st century skills. By implementing Government Rule No. 32 year 2013 which optimizes the ability of lecturers to provide space for students to participate more actively in learning which can provide opportunities for students to be creative in understanding the material being taught.

One of the learning models that can be applied to achieve student competence is the collaborative learning model as stated in (Ministry of Education Rule) Permendikbud Number 3 of 2020 which explains that collaborative learning is a learning model where graduate learning outcomes are achieved through a shared learning process that involves interaction between individual learners to create attitudes, knowledge, and skills with the characteristics of the learning process consisting of interactive, holistic, integrative, scientific, contextual, thematic, effective, collaborative, and student-centered characteristics (Puspitasari & Sastromiharjo, 2021; Enikanolaye & Akanmu, 2020).

According to Piaget and Vigotsky, collaborative learning is supported by three theories, namely: cognitive theory, social constructivism theory, motivation theory, those all three are applied in the structure of collaborative learning because learning provides a conducive environment for students to learn, increasing the courage of members to give opinions. and create a situation of mutual need for all members in the group. With collaborative learning, "active learning" will be created because students

will learn better if they think in groups because if a group is active the group will involve others to think together, so learning is more interesting (Smith et al., 2009).

Gunawan specifies more about the collaborative learning process. The process includes: how the teacher communicates with students in correlation with the information to be taught and what the assessment criteria are; how the student communicates with the teacher with the teacher and with other students; whether the communication in the classroom is one-way, two-way, or multi-way; and whether the communication is in the form of written, spoken, or haptics and demonstration (Marisda, 2019).

In the application of collaborative learning, there is a shift in the role of students, namely 1) from listeners, observers and note-takers to active problem solvers, providing input and like discussions; 2) from class preparation with low or moderate expectations to class preparation with high expectations; 3) from a private presence with little risk to a public presence with many risks and problems; 4) from personal choice to choice in accordance with the expectations of the community; 5) from peer-to-peer collaboration; 6) from responsibility and independent learning, to group responsibility and learning interdependence; and 7) previously teachers and texts as the main source of authority and sources of knowledge, now teachers and texts are not the only source of learning (Van Hecke et al., 2013).

The concept of collaborative learning, grouping, and predicting students to achieve academic goals, has been extensively researched and recommended throughout the professional literature. Collaborative learning refers to a teaching method in which students at various levels of ability work together in small groups towards common goals. Students are responsible for learning from each other. Thus, one student's success helps another student to be successful. Proponents of collaborative learning claim that active exchange of ideas in small groups not only increases interest among participants but also promotes critical thinking. According to Johnson and Johnson, there is persuasive evidence that group teams achieve higher levels of thinking and retain information longer than students who work quietly as individuals. Collaborative learning provides students with opportunities to engage in discussion, take responsibility for their own learning, and thus become critical thinkers (Totten et al., 1991).

By implementing a collaborative learning model, there is the possibility of creating new experiences for students in terms of knowledge, skills, and competencies for students themselves. This is supported by various research results which also state that collaborative learning can improve problem abuse skills and student learning outcomes including: Mendenhall & Johnson (2010) with research findings suggesting that learning by working in small collaborative groups can promote deeper thinking through peer interaction; Sipayung et al (2018) explained that the collaborative learning model is better than conventional studies to improve students' skills to learn 4C physics because the collaborative learning process can train students to learn to rearrange knowledge through reflection and joint analysis, reconstructed through collaborative action, and build shared knowledge through their experiences of learning and using various resources and implementing all strategies as well as their skills in acting during investigations; next is Ashby et al (2011) argued that students who studied face-to-face have unsatisfactory performance. Is the application of the collaborative learning model improve the students' 4cs skills?

## METHOD

This research is experimental research that aims to test and apply the theory of the collaborative learning model for solving real problems, developing, and producing products, and obtaining information for the basis of decision making, especially in improving students' 4Cs skills. Experimental research is used to find the influence of certain treatments on others under controlled

conditions or to determine the influence of the treatment variable (independent variable) on the impact variable (dependent variable) (Sugiyono, 2010).

This experimental research design is a one-group pretest-posttest design that is adopted from theory Sugiyono (2010) that the previous researcher gave a pre-test to the group to be treated, then did the treatment. After finishing the treatment, the researcher gave a post-test. The magnitude of the treatment influence can be determined more accurately by comparing the pre-test and post-test results. As shown in the image below:

O1 X O2

Information: O1: pretest value; O2: posttest value; X: Treatment

The sampling of this research was to choose one class randomly from 4 classes of the sixth semester students of Mathematics Education Study Program, Universitas Muhammadiyah Makassar in the 2020-2021 academic year.

#### FINDINGS

The research results obtained are divided into two parts, namely the results of quantitative descriptive analysis consisting of the results of the 4 cs student ability test before and after the application of the collaborative learning model, each of which is described as follows:

a. Description of Students' 4Cs Ability Before Action (Pre-test)

To provide an overview of the students '4cs ability test results, the students' ability test scores are presented as follows:

Table 1

Statistics Statistical Value
Statistical value
Sample Size 23
Ideal Score 100
Maximum Score 85
Minimum Score 60
Score Range 25
Average Score 70.21
Standard deviation 6.83

If the results of the students' initial ability test scores are classified into five ability categories, then the frequency and percentage scores are obtained as shown in table 4.2 below.

Classification of students initial ability					
Criteria	Category	Frequency	Percentage (%)		
0 - 59	Very low	0	0		
60 - 69	Low	9	39.13		
70 - 79	Moderate	10	43.48		
80 - 89	High	4	17.39		
90 - 100	Very high	0	0		
Amount		23	100		

Table 2

Based on the data obtained in Table 4.2, it can be concluded that in general the results of students' initial ability tests are categorized in the medium category with an average score of 70.39, Where there are no students with very low scores and no students with very high categories.

b. Description of Students' 4Cs Ability After Action (Pre-test)

After the application of the collaborative learning model, a posttest is given with an overview of the results of the 4cs ability test of students presented in the following table:

Table 3

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Statistical Value
23
100
100
75
25
83.04
6.69

If the students' posttest scores are grouped into five ability categories, then the frequency and percentage scores are obtained as shown in table 4 below.

Table 4						
Classification of student ability after action (Postest)						
Criteria	Category	Frequency	Percentage (%)			
0 - 59	Very low	0	0			
60 - 69	Low	6	26.09			
70 -79	Moderate	5	21.74			
80 - 89	High	6	26.09			
90 - 100	Very high	6	26.09			
Amount		23	100			

Based on the data obtained in Table 4.4, it can be concluded that in general the results of the 4cs ability test of students after being given treatment for the application of the collaborative learning model are categorized in the high category with an average value of 83.04, where there are no students with very low scores and there are 26.09 students with very high category.

c. Descriptive Normalized Gain or Improved Mathematics Learning Outcomes

The pre-test and post-test data of students are then calculated using the normalized gain formula. The aim is to find out how much improvement in student learning outcomes after the application of the collaborative learning model. The results of data processing that have been done show that the normalized gain results or the average normalized gain of students after being taught using the collaborative learning model is 0.85. This shows descriptively the minimum gain value in the high category.

To see the percentage increase in student learning outcomes can be seen in Table 5 below:

Table 5						
Proportion of errors						
Gain value	Category	Frequency	Percentage%			
g < 0.30	Low	3	13.04			
0.30 <g<0.70< td=""><td>Moderate</td><td>10</td><td>43.48</td></g<0.70<>	Moderate	10	43.48			
$g \ge 0.70$	High	10	43.48			
Amount		23	100			

d. Infrared Analysis

Inferential statistical analysis is used for hypothesis testing. Before testing the hypothesis, the normality test is conducted first as a prerequisite test. Based on the results of computer calculations with the help of the SPSS version 21 program, the following results are obtained:

1) Normality test

The normality test aims to determine whether the average score of student learning outcomes (pretestposttest) is normally distributed. The test criteria are:

If the value  $\geq \alpha = 0.05$ , then the distribution is normal.

If the value  $<\alpha = 0.05$ , then the distribution is not normal.

By using the Kolmogorov-Smirnov test, it is found that the probability value at pretest (p) = 0.111 and at posttest p = 0.171 with a significance level of  $\alpha = 0.05$ . This shows that  $p > \alpha$ , which means that the data on the 4cs ability score of students at the posttest comes from normally distributed data.

#### 2) Hypothesis test

Hypothesis testing is analyzed using the t-test to determine whether the collaborative learning model is effectively applied in learning. The average 4cs ability of students after the application of the collaborative learning model is calculated using the t-test one sample test which is formulated with the following hypothesis:

H0:  $\mu \le 74.9$  against H1:  $\mu > 74.9$ 

Information:

 $\mu$ 2 = The average 4cs ability of students after the application of collaborative learning

 $\mu 1$  = The average 4cs ability of students before using collaborative learning

Based on the results of the SPSS analysis, it was found that the p value was 0.000 < 0.05. This means that H0 is rejected and H1 is accepted, namely the average post-test learning outcomes of students after the application of collaborative learning is more than or equal with KKM (75) or 83.04, even based on the upper score, it can be predicted that students' 4cs ability can reach 85.94 and the lowest score is only up to 80.15 based on the lower score.

## DISCUSSION

Based on the results of the study, it is found that in general the results of the students' initial ability test are categorized in the medium category with an average score of 70.39, where there are no students with very low scores and no students with very high categories. However, after the application of the collaborative learning model, there is an increase in the 4cs ability of students based on the test results after being given the treatment of the application of the collaborative learning model in the high category with an average value of 83.04, where there are no students with very low scores and there are 26.09 students. with a very high category.

The results of this study are in line with several theories which explain that one of the learning models that can be applied to achieve student competence is a collaborative learning model as stated in Permendikbud Number 3 of 2020 which explains that collaborative learning is a learning model with graduate learning outcomes achieved through a joint learning process that involves interaction between individual learners to produce a capitalization of attitudes, knowledge, and skills with the characteristics of the learning process consisting of interactive, holistic, integrative, scientific, contextual, thematic, effective, collaborative, and student-centered characteristics.

Collaborative learning is a group learning process in which each member contributes information, experiences, ideas, attitudes, opinions, abilities, and skills, to jointly enhance the understanding of all members. Collaborative learning is based on the idea that learning activities should encourage and assist students in building knowledge to achieve deep understanding. Furthermore, Fall added that by

studying in groups, besides being able to increase student motivation and interest, it can also improve and develop creative thinking. This is related to increasing the responsibility of students in learning in groups so that they can create someone who thinks creatively (Jones, 2000a).

Collaborative learning is a situation where there are two or more people learning to learn something together (Jones, 2000b). Unlike learning alone, people who engage in collaborative learning make use of each other's resources and skills (request each other's information, evaluate one another's ideas, monitor each other's work (Chiu, 2000). More specifically, collaborative learning is based on a model in which knowledge can be created in a population where members actively interact by sharing experiences and taking an asymmetric role (Mitnik et al., 2009). In other words, collaborative learning refers to the environment and the activity methodology of students carrying out general tasks where everyone depends on and is responsible for one another. This includes face-to-face conversations and computer discussions (online forums, chat rooms, etc.) (Chen & Chiu, 2008).

The results of this study are reinforced by the theory According to Kemp in Hirschy (Hirschy & Braxton, 2004), collaborative learning includes social skills and learning abilities. It combines 3 concepts, namely individual accountability, group benefit, and equal achievement of success. The purpose of collaborative learning is to increase student interaction in understanding a task. This opinion is supported by (Nisar, 2008), which states that collaborative learning is a group learning process in which each member contributes information, experiences, ideas, attitudes, opinions, abilities, and skills, to jointly enhance the understanding of all members. Collaborative learning is based on the idea that learning activities should encourage and help students to be involved in building knowledge to achieve deep understanding. Fall added that by studying in groups, besides being able to increase the motivation and interest of students, it can also improve and develop creative thinking. This is related to increasing the responsibility of students in learning in groups so that they can create someone who thinks creatively (Marisda, 2019).

By implementing a collaborative learning model, there is the possibility of creating new experiences for students in terms of knowledge, skills, and competencies for students themselves. This is supported by various research results which also state that collaborative learning can improve skills and student learning outcomes including: Mendenhall & Johnson (2010) with research findings suggesting that learning by working in small collaborative groups can promote deeper thinking through peer interaction; Sipayung et al (2018) explained that the collaborative learning model is better than conventional studies to improve students' skills to learn 4C physics because the collaborative learning process can train students to learn to rearrange knowledge through reflection and joint analysis, reconstructed through collaborative action, and build shared knowledge through their experiences of learning and using various resources and implementing all strategies as well as their skills in acting during investigations; next is Ashby et al (2011) argued that students who studied face-to-face have unsatisfactory performance.

Furthermore, in terms of increasing creative thinking abilities, several studies that explain the effect of applying the collaborative learning model on increasing students' creative thinking include: Karami et al (2012) with the finding that there is a significant difference between the pre-test and post-test in critical thinking disposition and the creative component of students who are taught using a collaborative learning model. So, it is suggested the application of collaborative learning in the curriculum. Gokhale (1995) also concluded that collaborative learning encourages the development of critical thinking through discussion, clarification of ideas, and evaluation other people's ideas, if the aim of teaching is to improve critical thinking and problem-solving skills, then collaborative learning is more useful. For collaborative learning to be effective, teachers must view teaching as a process of developing and enhancing students' abilities to learn. The teacher's role is not to transmit information,

but to serve as a facilitator for learning. It involves creating and managing meaningful learning experiences and stimulating students' thinking through real-world problems.

Wu et al (2013) have identified that creative teaching is the most important educational activity; however, most existing education systems fail to engage students in effective creative tasks. To overcome this problem, it is proposed the application of a mind map-based collaborative learning approach to support creative learning activities and improve student innovative performance.

In terms of improving communication skills through collaborative learning, research results have also been supported, including Widjajanti (2013) that the problem-based collaborative lecture strategy is superior to conventional lecture strategies in terms of developing mathematical communication skills, other advantages can also be seen from the readiness, activeness, and enthusiasm of prospective mathematics teacher students who take lectures with problem-based collaborative strategies higher than those who take lectures with conventional strategies. Furthermore, the findings of Pattanpichet (2011) that the improvement of students' speaking performance and positive feedback from students on the implementation of collaborative learning. Other studies that are in line are Yang et al (2012) explained that the implementation of collaborative approaches to teamwork and prepare them for future performance-based practices.

### CONCLUSION AND SUGGESTIONS

Based on the results of research and discussion, it is concluded that the application of the collaborative learning model can improve the 4cs ability of students in applied statistics courses with the initial ability test results of students categorized in the medium category with an average value of 70.39, where there are no students with the score is very low and there are also no students with very high categories. However, after the application of the collaborative learning model, there increase in the 4cs ability of students based on the test results after being given the treatment of the application of the collaborative learning model in the high category with an average value of 83.04, where there are no students with very low scores and there are 26.09 students with a very high category.

Based on the conclusion, the suggestions are proposed that for the lecturers to apply varied learning models frequently which suitable with the characteristics of the courses and teaching materials that can improve students' critical thinking skills, communication skills, collaborative skills, and creative thinking skills.

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