Abstract
Problem solving is considered as a key competency that students need to develop in the 21st century. While problem solving has been increasingly promoted in educational practice, formative assessment of problem solving remains a challenging task. Researchers have argued for the development of an enhanced assessment approach through joint effort from multiple disciplines. In this study, a three-stage, evidence-based framework is proposed to analyse students’ problem-solving behaviour, abilities, and performance in K-12 education. The approach has been applied to assess students’ problem-solving performance in an online environment by empirical studies with students in a primary school in Shanghai. The findings reveal student performance in four clusters with distinctive problem-solving behaviour, abilities, and task performance.

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