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Faculty of Mathematics and Natural Science Semarang State University or more popularly known as FMIPA Unnes has 6 departments and 11 study programs of Mathematics and Natural Sciences education backgrounds and non education backgrounds. FMIPA Unnes has the mission of being an excellent and meaningful faculty by improving human resources through scientific activity.

One of efforts to result excellent and meaningful human resources through scientific activity is by performing discussion and knowledge sharing. To widen discussion of science and research development in mathematics and science educations scopes in national and international level, ICMSE 2016 was initiated as the medium of that discussion. I believe that ICMSE 2016 as the first international conference held by FMIPA Unnes can facilitate the knowledge sharing in mathematics and science educations area in order to establish a global cooperation among experts and researchers.

With the hope that this conference will be the medium to optimize the role of Mathematics, Science and Education in global cooperation, I am proud to welcome all of you and I wish you a pleasant sharing and discussion in this conference and enjoyable stay in Semarang, Indonesia.

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We welcome you to the Third International Conference of Mathematics, Science, and Education (ICMSE) 2016 on 3-4 September 2016 in Semarang Indonesia. ICMSE 2016 is the third conference organized by Faculty of Mathematics and Natural Science, Universitras Negeri Semarang. ICMSE 2016 provides a platform to the research institutes, and industries to meet and share cutting-edge progress in the fields of mathematics and natural science as reflected in this year's theme "Contribution of Mathematics and Science Research for Sustainable Life in Facing Global Challenge".

This conference provides an opportunity to enhance understanding of the relationships between knowledge and research related to mathematics and science. The conference accepted 234 papers from 7 countries, 8 region and from 35 universities. The conference program represents the efforts of many people. We want to express our gratitude to the members of the Program Committee, and the reviewers for their hard work in reviewing submissions. We also thank to keynote speakers Prof. Intan Ahmad, Ph.D., Mr. Robby Gunawan, Prof. Takeshi Sakurai, Prof. Roberta Hunter, Dr. Anuradha Mathrani, Dr. Arramel, and Prof. St. Budi Waluya, also the invited speaker all the participant. Finally, the conference would not be possible without the excellent papers contributed by authors. We thank all the authors for their contributions and their participation in ICMSE 2016. We hope that this program will further stimulate research in Mathematics and Science Education, share research interests and information, create a forum of collaboration and build trust relationship. We feel honored and privileged to serve the best recent developments in the field of Mathematics and Science Education to you through this exciting program.

Wish you have great memorable event and enjoyable stay in Semarang.

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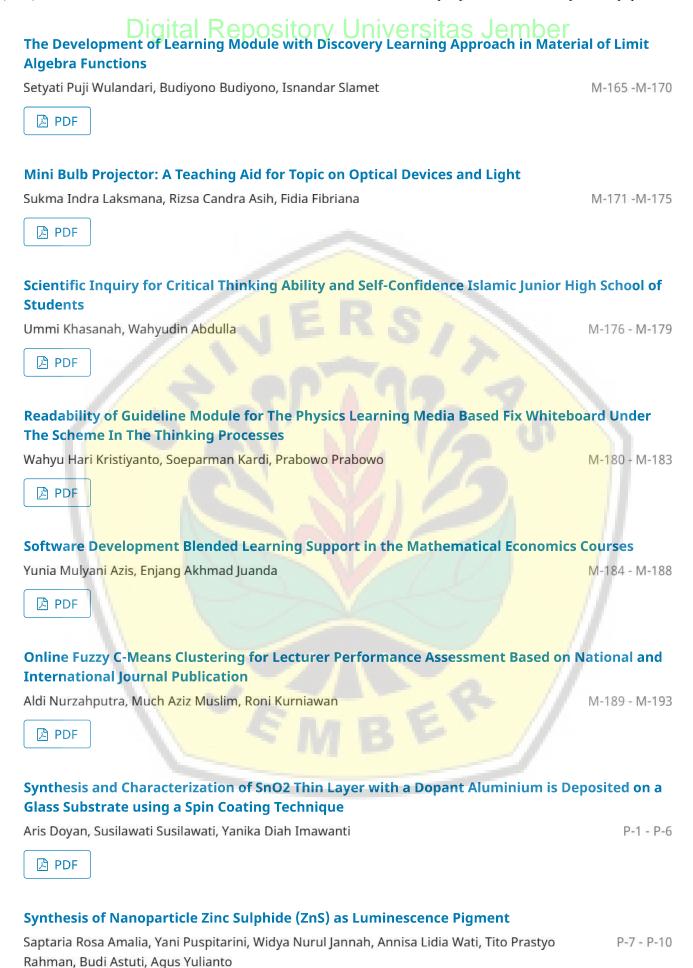
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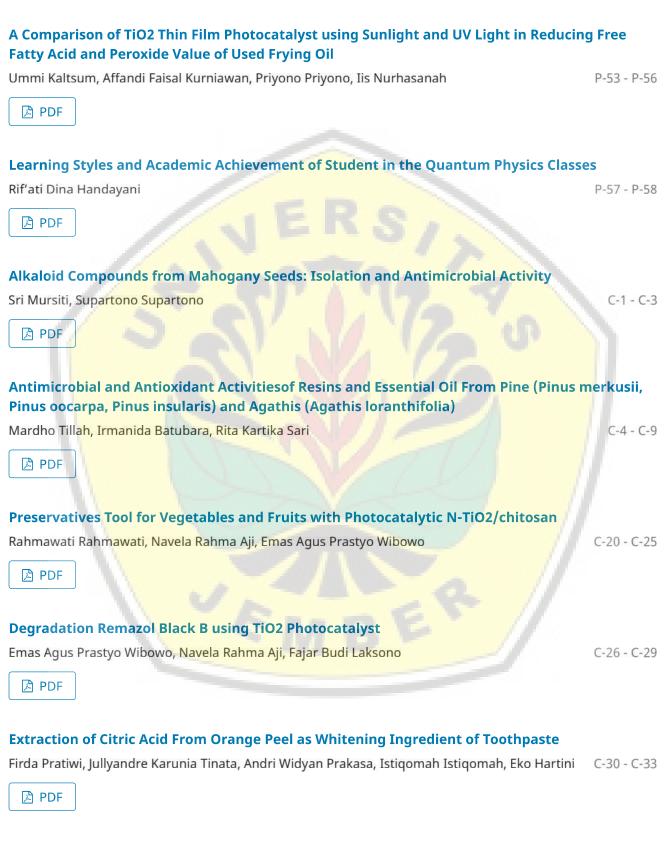
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The Linkage of Problem Solving Between Geometry and Algebra: What Is Their Correlation?

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ABSTRACT

This research aims to determine the students' geometry ability through algebra, and to find out algebra ability in solving geometry problems. Students are required to work on the geometry questions and solve those using algebra. In vice versa, students are given the algebra questions in the nuance of geometry to be completed. Then, the students' answers are traced with interviews to determine the ability of students in answering the question of algebraic geometry, and vice versa. There are two subjects of research from junior high school students in grade

9th. The study was conducted in four weeks. The solving problems used think a loud method and interviews which were conducted three times. After the interviews, it is found out that there is a correlation between the students' ability of geometry and students' ability of algebra. This statement againsts the (Atiyah,

2001; Charbonneau, 1996; Kvasz, 2005) opinion which said that is not easy to connect geometry and algebra. In the solving problems, it was found that the subjects were using algebra and geometry modeling. Algebra and geometry has a very strong relationship. Students who have the ability to better geometry will have good algebraic ability as well, and vice versa.

Keywords: Geometry, algebra, correlation

INTRODUCTION

Mason, et.al (2010) stated that thinking mathematically related to the mathematical processes and it is not the branch of Mathematics. Thinking that Mathematics could be used in constructing the concept. Constructing the concept is viewing an object as a result of symbolic action (Gray& Tall, 2001). (Gray& Tall, 2001) also stated that in learning, it is started from observing the concepts that will be used as object. Brodie (2010) dan Van De Walle (2010) said that in constructing an idea, a student could communicate and connect between idea and any other concepts. Stacey (2006) suggested that the process of thinking mathematically is a way to think Mathematics. There are four components of thinking mathematically, those are spesialising, generalizing, conjecturing and convincing. Stenberg (2009) revealed that the process of thinking consists of understanding, building the opinion, and drawing a conclusion. To gain an understanding, students must analyse the characters of some objects then compare those. Some unnecessary characters should be removed. Building the opinion is necessary in order to place the relationship between two terms. Drawing a conclusion is the end of thinking process. This research included geometry and algebra discussion.

Regarding the process of thinking, some researchs about thinking geometric has been studied by some experts (Ekanayake, 2003; Patsiomitou, 2008; Meng, 2009; Pittalis, M., Mousalides, N., & Christon, C. 2009). Hollerands (2003) stated that there are three prominent reasons in learning geometry, those are giving opportunities for students to think about the important concepts in Mathematics, providing contexts in order to students could see mathematics as interrelated science, and giving opportunities for students to get involve in high level of thinking activity by using some representation. So as, Guven (2012) said that studying geometry takes a lot of exercises and use facilities which engaging students to solve the problems. Van de Walle (2001) also stated that the importance of studying geometry are; it is related to our

daily life, develops the ability of problem solving, plays prominent roles to learn another branch of mathematics, can be used in daily activities, and learning geometry is pleasant. Clements and Battista (1992) suggested that students' geometric way of thinking develops through the usage of measurement and transformation of an object. Dindyal (2007) said that students' thinking of geometry also needs algebra as facility. According to him, algebra has strong connection with geometry. Algebra is the beginning of studying Mathematics (Kriegler, 2008). Panaora da Gagatsis (2009) said that educators must understand how students build their geometric knowledge. It seems uneasy relationship between geometry and algebra (Atiyah,

1996; Kvasz, 2001; Charbonneau, 2005). NCTM (2000) said that geometric mastery which has to be owned by students are; (a) analysing geometric characters of two and three dimensions and develop the Mathematical argument about geometric connection; (b) determining the position and figure the spatial connection by using geometric coordinate and the other representation system; (c) applying transformation and the usage of symetric to analyse mathematical situation; (d) visualization which being used, spatial reasoning, and geometric modelling to solve the problems. Process of thinking algebra has been studied by many experts, among them are; Raquel, et.al (2004), Hallagan (2004), Lee & Frieman (2004), Francisco & Hahkioniemi (2006), Windson (2009), and Patton & Estella (2012). Entering the high school, a scholar must be proficient in algebra which contains of generalization of arithmetic with the usage of symbols, mathematical modeling, reasoning, and problem solving (Dooren, 2002). According to Windson (2009), thinking in the framework of algebra is very important in Mathematics. Likewise, according to Hallgan (2004), algebraic thinking process essentials to develop the students' thinking skill, and also can be used to trace errors that have been made. Usiskin (1999) stated that there are some conceptions regarding algebra; (1) algebra as arithmetic formulation, (2) algebra as a study of procedure to solve problems, (3) algebra as study of relationship among quantities, (4) algebra as study of numbers. NCTM (2000) wrote that algebra is more than just moving the symbols. Students are required to understand the concepts, structures which affecting the manipulation of symbols, and how those are used. Algebra involves generalisation more than study experience with numbers and calculation. This research studies the linkage between geometry and algebra.

METHODS

Time and Research Subject

The reseach was conducted on October 30th, 2015 until November 21st, 2015. Research subject is Junior High School students, grade 9th. Instrument of research are questions adopted from Pisa (2009) and questions created by the researcher himself. Subject of research are being asked to answer some questions using think a loud method. It aims to gain a clear illustration of how subjects answer the geometry and algebra questions.

Figure 1. is the picture of three towers which have different heights and constructed in two dimensions; hexagonal and rectangle.

What is the height of the shortest tower?

The second question is algebraic geometry shades. It is stated as follows:

Mr. Johan has a square land. It is planned for a garden. The size of the land is as twice as the size of the garden added to 880 as four times of the sides measurement. You are required to help him to calculate the size of garden!

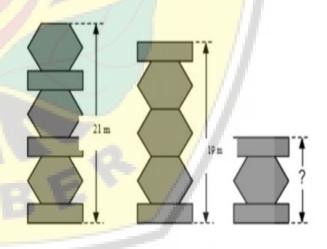
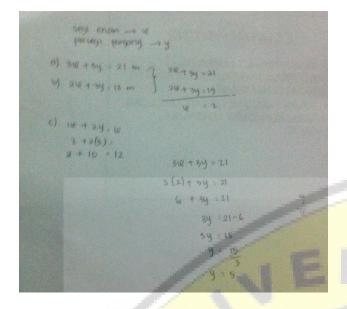


Figure 1. Questions for students



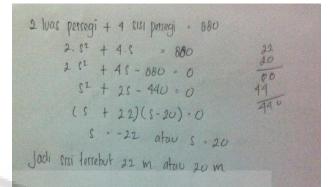


Figure 5. Result of Subject II on question II

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Figure 2. Result of subject I. Question 1

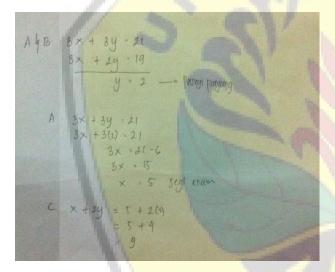


Figure 3. Working Result of Subject II on question I

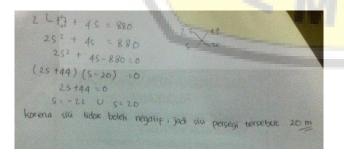


Figure 4. Result of Subject I on question II

Figure 2. is the result of subject (I). Result of subject (I): Before student were working on the question, he illustrated hexagonal tower as X and rectangle as Y. When researcher questioned the subject's reason to his decision of making illustration, he said that the question related to linear equation from two variables that could be solved by substitution and elimination. And then, after subject (I) found the value of X and Y, he could determined the value of the shortest tower. There was a problem. Subject (I) made mistake in written in the variables. He wrote, supposed to be. So, the rest of question completion were incorrect. Below is the interview conducted by researcher to subject I:

P : Why did you illustrated hexagonal tower as X and rectangle as Y? S1: It would made me easier to solve the question.

P: Is it ok for me to change the x and y to another letters? S1: It's ok.

From the above conversation, it is shown that subject I has been done the algebraic thinking activity. It is reflected from his worksheet that contain of symbols in answer the question. Subject I made a plan to do the strategy of working on symbols in order to get the value of x and y. Strategy used was substitution and elimination method. **Figure 3**. is the subject II's answer:

In solving the above question, first, subject II gave signs to the picture by writing A, B, and C. Next, he changed the recognised structures into two variables equation and solved it in elimination method. The value of y has been defined. It was substituted into the first equation and obtained value of x. So, the value of x and y could be used to determine the height of tower.

Figure 3. is the subject II's result in answering question 2: Result obtained from the subject I's completion was that he wrote the question into Mathematics sentence. Previously, he worked on geometric model. Since the land is in the form of square, subject I wrote the area as side x side. Next, he gave symbol to side as *s*. Furthermore, the subject completed the form quadratic equations in order to obtain two results. On the subject I's worksheet occurred error in the drawn conclusions. Subject I did not notice that the length of a land size cannot be in negative form. But, the answer given is 22 cm or 20 m. He immediately eliminated the negative sign at number 22 by writing that 22 is the answer as well without any reasons. Here is the interview that conducted by researcher to subject I.

P: What did you write for the first time?

S1: First, I wrote the mathematical sentence to be easily understood. P: And after that? S1: I symbolized the sides of a square with an "s".

P: For what?

S1: To be easily solved.

From the conversation, it is shown that S1 has good geometry capabilities. It can be seen from S1's ability in formulating square wide. In addition, S1 also has good ability in algebra. It can be seen from his ability in completing a form of algebraic equations. S1 can solve quadratic equations well.

Similar to subject I, subject II's worksheet is an analog. At the beginning of his work, subject II already symbolizes mathematical sentence from the recognised question. Here, subject II is able to finish the worksheet well and also be able to choose which answer is correct. Subject II has already known that the size of the land cannot be negative.

Based on the answer to Figure 4. two subjects, it can be seen that the objects can complete algebra in geometry nuanced questions and geometry questions that can be solved by algebra. Geometry and algebra has a very strong relationship in accordance with the opinion of Dindyal (2007). Geometry questions can be solved algebraically and algebra questions mixed with geometry can be solved by analogy by illustrating one side length of a square with the letter s.

Following **Figure 5.** is a diagram which illustrating the subjects' way of thinking in solving the above problems:

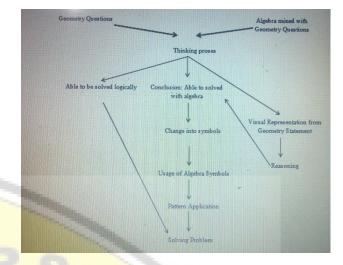


Figure 5. Diagram of Subjects' Thinking Process In Solving Problems

CONCLUSION

In geometry, students solve problems by using algebraic; this is in accordance with the opinion of Dooren (2002) and Usiskin (1999). Geometry modeling can also be done to solve the problems, which matches with the NCTM (2000), it can be seen from the second question that the research subject can solve the problem by using these methods. This statement againsts the (Atiyah, 2001; Charbonneau, 1996; Kvasz, 2005) opinion which said that is not easy to connect geometry and algebra. Subjects are using algebraic thinking to solve geometry problems. Geometry is a branch of mathematics that can be used to study other mathematical material, as well as algebra. Algebra is used in almost every study of mathematics. Geometry problems can be solved algebraically, so as to facilitate the students in solving these problems. Similarly with algebra questions which mixed with geometry, it involves thinking geometry to solve the problems. The linkage between the problems of algebra and geometry problems lies in the problems solved algebraically and both have a very strong relationship.

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